

Friends of the gifted:

Although it finally is winter outside, lots of exciting things are happening. In February we are accepting summer scholarship applications through our new, improved online application process. Also on the horizon is our spring conference filled with helpful information and networking opportunities. And looking even further ahead, in the spring MAGC members will get to vote for a new Board of Directors, our first with our new name, articles and bylaws.

It is not too soon to let me know if you, or someone you know, would make a valuable addition to our board next year. We are a working board, and members with widely varied talents and experience each provide a vital piece to build a good board. We welcome volunteers of every age, and from every corner of the state.

Among the talents we know we will need are parents or educators with experience advocating for gifted kids in their schools. We also need some people who like to work with numbers to help with membership, bill payment and other financial tasks. Our effort to reach a wider audience would benefit from anyone who has experience with marketing, desktop publishing, or online list management.

With our new name and framework we have to rewrite a lot of things, so having some who write, edit or proofread would be much appreciated. We would love to apply for grants if only we had someone who knew how to help us do that. We get requests to speak, especially in the Lansing area, but do not have enough volunteers to respond to all the good opportunities. And I know I am forgetting many essential sections of work that keeps MAGC available to children, parents and teachers across Michigan.

Not ready to take on a seat at the board table? We depend on a wide base of volunteers to keep us viable and provide services to those who care about gifted kids in Michigan. Offer to help us succeed in our mission, and I will find a way to fit your schedule and interests. Please feel free to call me at 810.229.2113, or send a email to president@migiftedchild.org.

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