

**CAPITOL REGION GATE CONSORTIUM
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2009 MEETING
9:00 AM**

[Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue in Sacramento](#)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Dr. Barbara Branch, Chairperson. Nancy Craig (Consultant), Randi Heinrich (LUSD), Terry and Glenda Thomas (CSUS), Linda Fisher (Lodi USD), Stephanie Shaughnessy (SCUSD), Gabriela Prado (Union Hill School District, Grass Valley), Michelle Seijas (Woodland JUSD), Sandy DelPorto (Stockton USD), Ginny Bateman (Folsom-Cordova USD) and Maureen Olsen (Galt ESD, Consultant)

2. Business Meeting

a. Treasurer's Report

Our treasurer was not present but we have about \$13,000.

b. Reports

1) CAG Board – Stephanie Shaughnessy asked us to encourage participation in Art via Technology for the CAG conference. We can get the forms online, and encourage schools to participate or to at least get the information out to interested students.

The CAG Board is meeting less often this year because of the budget situation.

2) CAG PAC – No new information.

3. Continuing Business and Announcements

a. Differentiation Certificate – Nancy Craig. Nancy shared updated information about the new Differentiation Certificate offered through CRGC and Fresno-Pacific University. Most of the classes have been approved so districts can contract for the classes. Contact Nancy Craig for more information.

b. Make-up Sessions – We will continue to look for a location that will host GATE Certificate Instructors, so that we can offer our classes to individuals who need to make up a class. Barbara will check into county Offices of Education.

c. CRGC Speaker – Steven Kahl. There are no developments.

- d. Academic Talent Search – Terry Thomas. Terry thanked us for last year’s donation of \$3000 for their financial aid program. The 4th-5th grade expansion is continuing and Terry asks our help in recruiting about 20 teachers. Contact Terry if you have suggestions.

We will discuss our donation for summer 2010 early in the year.

4. New Business

- a. CAG Conference – Please encourage attendance. CRGC is offering an incentive for 15 districts – if they register two individuals, CRGC will pay for a third registration. Our limit is 15 registrations, so this incentive is first come first served.

5. Discussion Topic

- a. Supporting Parents. Our discussion centered on the idea of using the existing regional e-newsletter as a parent letter, or developing an additional newsletter for parents. This could include anecdotes, suggestions for activities, links to websites with good information on gifted children, short articles, etc. If you have a suggestion, please contact Stephanie Shaughnessy or Maureen Olsen.

5. Adjourn

Our next meeting will be on Thursday Dec. 3 at 9 am at the same location.

Minutes recorded by Maureen Olsen