

## **President's Message**

School is out and we have lots of work to do for the next school year for our gifted children.

Heather Tomicich and the Conference Planning Committee continue to work on the 2010 GAM Conference at our new location. It is an exciting time to see this change with our conference. Mark your calendars for October 17-19 in Columbia at Holiday Inn Executive Center. You will not want to miss Rick Wormeli as our keynote speaker on differentiation.

Becky Smith and I attended the National Association for Gifted Children's State Affiliate Conference in Washington DC. We met with our senators and representatives or their education legislative assistants on Capitol Hill to encourage more funding for gifted education at the federal level.

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Carolyn Cooper and Sue Winter who rallied the troops and published a much-awaited GAMbit for the organization. We eagerly await each new issue!

Many school board members have changed after the recent elections. Please get to know them and make them aware of the gifted programs in your district. Invite them into your classrooms. It is your responsibility to educate them on gifted education.

*Ellen Wright*