

NAGT Pacific Northwest Section

2024 - 2025 Annual Report

Executive Summary

The section leadership remained relatively unchanged for 2025. Membership was steady from past years. We hosted a successful 2025 annual conference in Portland Oregon in parallel to the Cascadia Region Earthquake Science Center annual stakeholder meeting. Our goals for the next year include a 2026 conference in Des Moines Washington. We also look forward to hosting several online presentations in fall and spring, working towards improving shared teaching resources in the PNW region, helping connect K-12 teachers with college and university experts, and updating our bylaws.

Leadership (as of June 2024 onwards):

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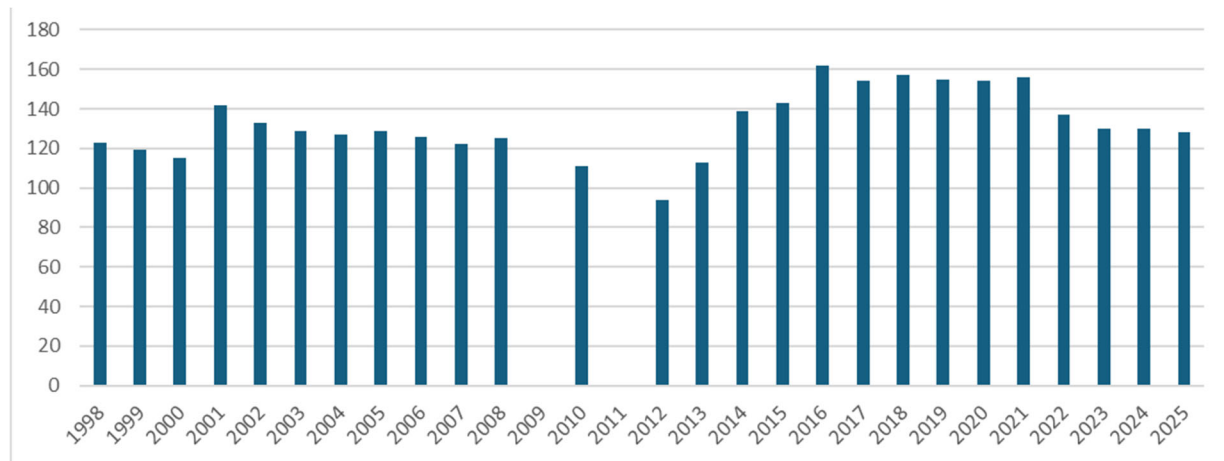
Washington: Vacant

Yukon: Vacant (no members)

This year, Crystal Huscroft (former 1st VP) stepped aside from the section leadership to take up a Department Chair position. Jacob Selendar stepped from 2nd VP to VP. In keeping with the recent suggested bylaw changes, we have eliminated the 2nd VP position to have 1 president and 1VP.

Membership

Membership has remained steady from 2024 to 2025. We reached out to past members to encourage re-enrollment, and to survey them to determine why their membership lapsed and if there was anything that we could offer them.



Total membership (Sept 2024): 128

United States	Alaska: 10	California: 1	Idaho: 19	Maine: 1
Massachusetts: 2	Montana: 1	New York 1:		
North Carolina: 1	Oregon: 27	Virginia: 1	Washington: 43	
Canada	British Columbia: 18	Mexico: 1		

Goals of the previous year and progress towards them:

We aimed to reach out to members to find out how we could better serve them. We were able to survey members to get feedback on what things to offer.

We had planned to have at least two talks per term in a virtual platform. We were able to book four talks between Sept 2024 and Aug 2025.

Other section/division activities:

OEST Awards

Section winner: Emily Carson (ecarson@osd.wednet.edu)

Oregon State winner: Amy Umbarger (aumbarger@pendletonsd.org)

Washington state winner: Kyuana Turner (kturner@columbia206.net)

Newsletters:

The section published a newsletter in Oct 2024, Feb 2025 and May 2025.

<https://nagt.org/nagt/organization/northwest/news.html>).

2025 Annual Meeting:

We are excited to report the success of our June 26-28, 2025 meeting in Portland Oregon at the University Oregon Concordia Northeast Campus. The meeting was hosted by Daina Hardisty of Mount Hood Community College and by the University of Oregon. The meeting was held alongside the Cascadia Region Earthquake Science Center (CRESCENT) annual stakeholder meetings at the University of Oregon.

The meeting began with a Thursday morning field trip to the Columbia River Gorge for NAGT members led by Jacob Selandar from Highline College. Thursday afternoon started the talks portion with presentations and an overview talk about the Crescent program. Thursday evening has a joint social and poster event with Crescent participants. Friday had more NAGT talks, and a joint workshop with CRESCENT stakeholders in order to brainstorm on future training and educational needs in the area of Earthquake science and response. Friday afternoon had two field trips to areas of critical infrastructure in the Portland area joint with CRESCENT (Port, Airport). The OMSI museum offered a third trip related to teaching earthquake science. These were led by a mix of NAGT and CRESCENT trip leaders.

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Saturday was an all-day field NAGT field trip to the Oregon Coast.

Goals for future work in 2025 / 2026

2026 Annual Meeting: The 2026 annual meeting will be hosted in June 2026 by Jacob Selander from Highline College in Des Moines Washington. We will aim to avoid the FIFA world cup matches.

Councilors: We plan to review the membership list and reach out to new councilors for those areas without active councilors.

Virtual events: We want to try to continue host two online events in the fall, and two in the spring to keep membership connected to each other. Our plan is to use two of those meetings to highlight emerging educators in the Pacific Northwest and across NAGT.

Sharing resources: We want to develop a way for members of the PNW section to share resources such as lecture materials, lab materials or field trip notes.

Experts list for K-12: We will try to collect a list of members from 2YC or 4YC who are willing to act as “experts on call” for K-12 teachers in the Pacific Northwest. This list will be published in the section newsletter.

Update Bylaws: The section bylaws have not been altered since around 2001. The executive hopes to work with National to work on a new set of bylaws for the section.

Section Grants: We plan to explore ways to see if our accumulated reserve funds could be used to offer grants to section members to help members advance their professional development, or to help fund new teaching initiatives that benefit the PNW membership.

Section Travel Grants: The section will explore having funding to help members attend the annual section meeting.

Financial Report, NAGT Pacific Northwest Section

The section financial report for the past year has been submitted separately online.