



## Annual Report of the Geo2yc Division for FY25

Submitted by Sean Tvelia, President Geo2YC

### Division leaders:

- President: Sean Tvelia, Suffolk County Community College, Long Island, NY (2024- 2025)
- Vice President: Beth Johnson, University of Wisconsin, WI (2024- 2025)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Angela Daneshmand, Santiago Canyon College, Orange, CA (2022- 2025) • Newsletter Editor: Karen Layou, Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA (2023- 2026)
- Webmaster: Karen Layou, Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA (2023-2026)
- Archivist: Pete Bergquist, Virginia Peninsula Community College, Williamsburg, VA (2023-2026)
- Past President: Cheryl Resnick, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL (2024-2025)

### Executive summary

Throughout the year the Geo2YC Division has been actively working to grow connections between members and attract new faculty to the division. Since the pandemic, like other institutions, 2YCs have seen a decrease in the number of full-time geoscience faculty and programs. As a result, current Geo2YC faculty are becoming more isolated within their own institutions. To keep faculty engaged we have continued our regular fire side chats and tried to strategically offer timely topics that directly impact pedagogy at 2YCs and at times when most can join. In our most recent fireside chat faculty discussed program closure and strategies departments can use to attract majors and increase success and retention including the resources available through NAGT.

### Detailed report

#### Division membership

As of September 2025, the Geo2YC Division has 225 active members and 27 lapsed members. Membership is consistently a focus of our officer meetings. This year we also began discussing strategies to develop potential leaders within the membership. Paying close attention to participation in our virtual fireside chats has been very helpful.

#### Progress towards goals

Establish Geo2YC Long Term Planning Committee.	This committee has struggled to start for numerous years now. However, not because it isn't needed. Long term planning is often a point of discussion in all officer meetings which for several years has included the members named to the Long-Term Planning Committee.
Recruiting and retaining Geo2YC Division members.	Becca Walker, Past President, continues to serve as the 2YC representative on the NAGT Membership Committee. Sean Tvelia, President, has sent personalized emails to lapsed



	members. To encourage new membership, we also encouraged Fireside chat participants to share future chat links with colleagues to spread the word about NAGT Geo2YC Division membership benefits.

#### Other Division activities

- *The Geo2YC Division held new officer elections in summer 2025. Effective October 2024, we welcome Vice President Christopher Berg to our leadership team.*
- *We published issues of Foundations, the Geo2YC Division Newsletter, in fall 2024, winter 2025, spring 2025, and summer 2025.*
- *The Geo2YC Division supported the NSF funded Collaborative Research: Virtual Workshops to Support Two-Year College Geoscience Faculty to Engage in Funded STEM Education Research and Improvement Initiatives.*
- *The Geo2YC Division endorsed several sessions for this year's section and annual meetings of the GSA, including 2YC and 4YC Geoscience Student Research Exhibition (student posters).*

#### Goals for future Division work

The division will continue to focus on membership and leadership development. In the next year, we will continue with membership recruitment and retention strategies, reaching out to lapsed members via e-mail, continue with the monthly Fireside Chats as a recruitment tool, reach out to active members and ask them to tell a colleague or two about the benefits of Division membership, and have a volunteer presence at the NAGT booths at regional and national meetings when possible.