



Annual Report of the Southeastern Section for FY2025

Submitted by Annie Klyce, President of the Southeastern Section and Brittany Price, Vice President of the Southeastern Section

Section leaders:

Section Officers

President: Annie Klyce

Vice President: Ashley Manning-Berg (stepped down after relocating), Brittany Price

Awards Coordinator: Rebekah Stanton

Communications Director: Scott Harris

Treasurer: Adam Skarke

Past President: Mary Abercrombie

State Representatives

North Carolina: Megan Plenge and Marta Toran

South Carolina: Emily Scribner

Tennessee: Currently Open

Georgia: Hannah Eisla and Vic Ricchezza

Alabama: Rylleigh Harstad and Ann Arnold

Mississippi: Renee Clary and Christa Haney

Florida: Mark Peebles

Puerto Rico: Currently Open

Kentucky: Currently Open

Executive summary

The section experienced a challenging year with leadership changes but is entering the new fiscal year with collaboratively developed goals to strengthen community and connection. With plans to host meetings and events at the Triple Joint GSA Section Meeting (Southeastern, South-Central, and North-Central) in Memphis, TN, as well as at the Earth Educators' Rendezvous in our region, the coming year offers rich opportunities to represent our section and support both local and national networking.

Detailed report

Section membership

The Southeast section is currently composed of 161 active members and 36 individuals whose membership has lapsed.



Progress towards goals

No particular goals were outlined in the previous annual report, so no significant updates are due. Goals for this upcoming year are outlined below.

Other Section activities

Katherine Ryker and Megan Plenge continued the work of hosting a TA training workshop at the 2025 Southeastern Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America and we had five OEST awardees. Now that all officer positions within the section are filled, a collaborative effort has begun to create more community building opportunities.

Goals for future Section work

The Southeastern Section plans to host our annual business meeting during the Triple Joint (Southeastern, South Central, North Central) GSA Section meeting in Memphis, TN, running from March 8-11, 2026. The Southeastern sectional leadership is also currently in contact with Earth Educators' Rendezvous liaison John Knox and Contributed Program Chair Annie Klyce to discuss promotion of EER within our sectional membership, as the meeting is being hosted in our district and within driving distance of many, as well as what presence we will have at the meeting (Ex, exhibition booth). It is a goal of the section leadership to increase the number of active members. We plan to target this by attending select association meetings, such as the Tennessee Science Teachers Association. We would also like to recruit state representatives for our three unfilled positions (KY, TN, PR). Finally, we aim to provide a number of virtual/in-person events throughout the year, where our members can come together.