

TO: NAGT Executive Committee
FROM: David Voorhees
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RE: Dottie Stout Professional Development Grants

I am sorry to have to tell you that there are only 2 current members of the Dottie Stout Committee, and there is no chair. I am happy to submit my name to be considered Chair of the Committee, if that is desired. I am not sure of the nomination procedure. If selected as Chair, I will contact the former Chair, Ben Wolfe, for any documents or resources he has.

The last year has been very challenging for the Dottie Stout Grant. There was only 1 legitimate proposal, and that person was awarded a grant. There are obviously significant and immediate needs for this grant going forward. First and foremost is to nominate a Chair and to increase membership on the Committee. Should I become the next Chair, I would start with placing a notice in the Geo2YC newsletter, asking for new committee members. I will also make an announcement at the next Geo2YC meeting at the Geological Society of America meeting, Friday, 7 October, that this committee is in need of new membership, and a Chair. As I remember, there has historically been 3 to 4 members, including the Chair, is that the prescribed number? Is there a limit?

Over the last several years that I have been on this committee, there has been significant discussion on increasing the quality of the submitted proposals. If selected as Chair, I would like to continue these discussions, hopefully with new members. These discussions would also include methods to increase the number of submissions.

In the short term, I know that many of these kinds of grants have deadlines long before any submission deadline, such as advertising and web site changes. Should I be selected as Chair, it would be helpful to know of these upcoming deadlines to ensure successful continuation of this important and significant grant.

Please feel free to contact me for questions or comments

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