



Annual Report for FY25

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Executive summary

This has been my first year as a councilor-at-large on the executive committee, so it has largely been a year of learning my role and how the organization works in far greater detail than I previously understood. After this year I feel that I have achieved this goal and I am getting ready to expand my role further, particularly as the liaison between ExComm and the regional sections. Additionally I have been active as a member of the Professional Development Committee and helping the team organize the Career Preparation Workshop.

Detailed report

Goals for NAGT work over the past year

My main goal in my first year as a member of the Executive Committee have been to learn how the organization functions and what my role is as a Councilor-at-Large. Additionally, I was hoping to help some of reorganized sections (e.g. Rocky Mountain & South-Central) begin to grow and develop as they establish themselves.

Progress towards goals: Participation and achievements as an officer of NAGT

This year I have been an active of the Professional Development Committee and a leader in maintaining the Preparing for an Academic Career in the Geosciences Workshop as it transitioned from in-person (at EER) to an online offering.

Over summer 2025 I also stepped into the role of sections liaison, connecting the sections to the Executive Committee. Whilst this role is just beginning it was great to see some attendance at the recent onboarding meeting for new section leaders, and I hope to see more connections in future. This builds upon my previous role on the sections ad-hoc committee that helped redefine the section boundaries and think about how better to help section leadership.

Overall, this year has been one of learning that has helped me to learn more about how NAGT operates, its budget and how my role fits within ExComm and the broader organization

Progress towards goals: Other achievements and work relevant to NAGT

Within the Career Prep team I acted as a coordinator and liaison to the PD Committee whilst the team that delivered the workshop was identified and getting organized, though I was not a leader at the actual workshop. We also worked to start thinking more about graduate student and post-doctoral researcher programming within NAGT and at EER.

Goals for NAGT work in the next year

My goals for the next year are to become more involved in ExComm as I now feel like I understand my role more and how I can help the organization grow and support its members. This will include



working with the section leadership to help them grow their sections and plan for leadership succession as well as growing programming, especially in the sections that have recently been re-established. I am also looking forward to the return of EER in 2026 and participating as a co-leader for a mini workshop on the benefits and opportunities of NAGT Leadership. It will also be my final year on the PD Committee and I look to helping implement the planning process we developed this year and ensuring that the Career Prep workshop continues to be successful and brings in new leadership as needed.