Annual Report for FY24-25
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Executive summary

This should be a short paragraph that summarizes the key information, details, data, goals, etc. from your annual report. This executive summary will be included in the NAGT annual report to the membership at the end of the year.

In addition to all Executive Committee meetings, my service as an NAGT Councilor-at-Large this year has focused on two roles: service on the very active Finance Committee, and on the ad-hoc committee to appoint our new ITT Editor. The Finance Committee meets monthly, but more often in winter, and is charged primarily with helping the Executive Director prepare the annual budget. Looking forward, I am excited to continue promoting the Rendezvous as it enters its second decade(!!). I also have a goal to work with our Sections Liaison to explore how we might reinvigorate the North Central Section. There is a lot of great geoscience teaching done in this section, and I hope we can get these regional members re-excited about NAGT.

Detailed report
Goals for NAGT work over the past year

Describe the goals you defined in your mid-year report or any new ones that you've developed since then.

Item from mid-year report: re-invigorating the North Central Section. I had thought we identified people willing to serve as officers, but I tried to make contact with a couple of them and had no success. So, I'll push this into the "goals" section below with the desire to keep trying to work on this in FY25-26.

Item in mid-year report still worth celebrating: our creation of a finance committee helped streamline the annual budget discussion. It still wasn't easy, but it was a lot easier than the first one I was a part of. I'm hopeful that the Secretary-Treasurer officer split, if approved, will further empower the finance committee to be a stronger part of our governance moving forward.

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

Describe permanent and ad hoc committees you've served on and your role on those committees, participation and/or leadership in the professional development program, liaison work with external organizations, and any other work that you have done in your role as an officer to advance NAGT's mission and goals. A combination of bullets and narrative style would be appropriate here; consider what the membership should know about your work.

My primary service has been in two roles:

Member of the Finance Committee. We met approximately once per month this year, twice during winter, with our primary goal to assist Anne and Amy in the preparation of the annual budget. We also spent considerable time discussing ideas for how to handle our large donation (and are still working on prat of this).

Ad-hoc committee to appoint the ITT Editor. I'm so excited to have Cheryl officially in this role – I think she'll be a huge win for the association. I served on this committee which worked mostly by email to develop our list of questions, except for our Zoom interview with her.

Progress towards goals: Other achievements and work relevant to NAGT
Describe any other work that is relevant to your role in NAGT.

Goals for NAGT work in the next year
Describe the goals you would like to work towards in the coming year, highlighting their alignment with NAGT's mission and goals, and making connections to the membership or subsets of the NAGT membership as appropriate.

I would like to spend my last year on ExComm with two goals in mind. First, obviously supporting and promoting EER, our flagship event, in any way that I can. And second (as mentioned above), looking carefully into how to "revive" the North Central section. I know we have OEST candidates (worthy of being winners!) here in Indiana. We just need a section to support them. I'll make it a goal to work with our Section Liaison to see what we need to do to make this happen, acknowledging that it may be a slow process (given how so many of us are leery of taking on extra service right now).