



Annual Report

2022

Ad-Hoc Sections Committee

- Charge and tasks and connections to the NAGT mission and goals

Background: Regional sections allow members to interact with Earth educators in their region and can be a hub for sharing and facilitating place-based geoscience education. Regional and place-based know-how can be particularly valuable to K-12 and 2YC members. Sections run the Outstanding Earth Science Teacher award programs and provide leadership opportunities. Currently, some sections have been inactive for several years, others are struggling to maintain leadership, and a few are thriving. Yet sections are the primary interaction that many members have with the organization.

Charge: to re-envision and strengthen our framework for sections.

Tasks:

1. Review section leader questionnaire
2. Recommend the overall number and geographic areas for sections
3. Determine ways to better coordinate/communicate between sections and the national organization
4. Streamline/develop consistency of basic operations amongst sections
5. Suggest additional opportunities for regional connections, such as state- and campus-level representatives, student, chapters, K-12 recruitment, etc.

- Committee membership

Margaret Crowder, current chair, current president of NAGT

Brendan Hanger, Pacific Northwest section

Susan Meabh Kelly, President New England section

Craig Nichol, Vice President Pacific Northwest section

(need a replacement) SERC (ex officio)

Sean Tvelia, Past President Geo2YC

Christy Visaggi, OEST Coordinator, Southeastern section, GER, TED

Emily Ward, Past President GER

- Activities and progress towards goals

A map of changes has been created and feedback has been obtained over several months from the Council, Ex Comm, and attendees at the EER. The committee is nearing time to draft a Bylaws change to make this revision official.



A revision the liaison setup has been proposed and approved. Recommended guidelines for the new co-liaisons have been drafted and are still being finalized.

A shared workspace for section leaders has been developed and is online. Materials for this workspace may include such things as:

- ✓ Documents for recruitment, member drives
- ✓ Bylaws, when present
- ✓ Financial report support
- ✓ Section set-up guidelines and help for such things as banking
- ✓ Names/contacts of liaisons, all section leaders, OEST chairs
- ✓ Lists of past leaders

The goal for this space is a clearinghouse for sections materials and a space for communication and sharing of ideas between sections.

- Timeline for future work

The sections committee will work with the executive office to determine a timeline for things such as officer transitions, etc. for the changeover to the new sections organization/proposed bylaws changes. Alongside this work, the committee will continue to work on liaison guidelines and recommendations, materials for the shared workspace, and a calendar of events/timeline for sections to share on annual needs for the section and for various officer positions.

- Committee membership, including upcoming needs for new members/chairs

The committee needs a replacement from the executive office to replace Ian Taylor who was the original ex officio member in this capacity.