

NAGT Annual Report
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I was appointed to the Executive Committee in July 2021, to complete the term that was vacated by the resignation of Aida Awad. I have been honored to serve in this position, and have really enjoyed my time working with the other officers and councilors in the Executive Committee. Since my appointment I have attended and participated in Ex Comm meetings regularly throughout 2021 and 2022.

NAGT Committee work

Prior to my appointment to the Ex Comm, I was active in the Traveling Workshop Program (TWP), and continue to be active when I can. I have served on the TWP Management Committee since summer 2020. In spring 2021, I facilitated the first international virtual TWP workshop with a geoscience department at a university in Ecuador. My colleagues, Diane Doser and Antonio Arribas (both from UTEP), and I developed a series of four 3-hour virtual workshops conducted over a period of two months. This involved considerable modification of materials for conducting the program in Spanish. I believe these types of workshops offer some great opportunities for NAGT to expand its reach beyond North America.

I also participated in TWP URGE (Unlearning Racism in the Geosciences) discussions in 2021, and I continue to be interested in considering ways we might view TWP programming and materials through an equity lens and address issues of inclusivity and equity in our materials and in our work with departments and programs.

Ongoing work towards future NAGT contributions

I am presently on sabbatical from my home institution and decided not to seek re-election for my seat on Ex Comm this year, as it would be too difficult to continue while completing my sabbatical work. I have been very interested in extending the reach of NAGT internationally throughout my time on Ex Comm. In the coming year, I will be working with educators in Vietnam to develop new climate change curricular materials, and I hope I can bring new materials and new colleagues to NAGT through my work.

I truly have enjoyed working with the members of Ex Comm and hope to seek election for another seat as a Councilor-at-large when I feel I can contribute more fully. I feel that one year in this role is really too short of time to commit to work that I would ultimately like to do with NAGT.