

Southeastern Section of NAGT
2024 Annual Report
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I. Leadership Updates

Hannah Riegel stepped down as Vice President of the section before the Annual Business Meeting in April 2024, so the office remained vacant for the remainder of the year. Meghan Cook will be ending her long-standing term as Awards Coordinator to take a position with the National NAGT Board. Christy Visaggi has been in touch with a couple of members who might be interested in serving as officers. Current members of the leadership team are:

President: Mary I. Abercrombie (extended term ending)

Vice President: Hannah Riegel (stepping down)

Awards Coordinator: Meghan Cook (stepping into a position with National NAGT)

Communications Director: Scott Harris

Treasurer: Adam Skarke

Executive Committee Liaisons: Lynsey LeMay and Mitchell Bender-Awalt

Past President: Melissa Hage

State Representatives:

Alabama: Ann Arnold and Rylleigh Harstad

Florida: Mark Peebles

Georgia: Vic Ricchezza and Hannah Eisla

Kentucky: Vacant

Mississippi: Renee Clary and Christa Haney

North Carolina: Megan Plenge and Marta Toran

South Carolina: Emily Scribner

Tennessee: Vacant

Puerto Rico: Vacant

II. Joint Southeastern & Northeastern Section GSA Meeting in Reston, Virginia

The annual business meeting of the Southeastern Section was held at the Meeting of the Southeastern Section of GSA in Asheville, North Carolina, on April 16, 2024. Our meeting was held over lunch from 12:00 to 1:30 pm in the Writer's Bistro, with virtual participation available via Zoom. Fifteen members were in attendance with two virtual participants, including Treasurer Adam Skarke. A plea was made for anyone willing to serve as a section officer for the coming year as the section will be without a President, Vice President, and Awards Coordinator. Pam Gore nominated Eric Pyle; unfortunately, he would be in the Eastern Section since he's in Virginia. We also have no state representatives from Tennessee and Kentucky, and only one state representative from South Carolina and Florida.

At this year's SE Section GSA Meeting, Christy Visaggi and Katherine Ryker co-presented Short Course 501: Classrooms, Careers & Communities: Maximizing Your TA Experience on Sunday, April 14, and Steven Mittwede and Katayoun Mobasher co-chaired D5. Geoscience Education session on April 15. Unfortunately, there were only five talks.

Adam Skarke provided a brief update on the financial status of the SE Section, which is in excellent shape.

Awards Coordinator Meghan Cooke was commended for the excellent work she has done in organizing participation in the SE Section for OEST Awards over the years. She noted that many state representatives do a great job of nominating deserving candidates, and she encouraged everyone to consider nominating candidates for the OEST as well as for other NAGT awards.

III. OEST Awards

This year's winners were:

Alabama: **Cinthia Moore**

Florida: **Alicia Pressel**

Georgia: **Christine Wallace**

North Carolina: **Josh Roberts**

South Carolina: **Jimmy Woods**

This year's section winner: **Alicia Pressel**