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**NAGT Year-end Report, Fall 2022**  
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**Goals from last report:**

My goals from the last reporting period included transitioning to the role of Past President; supporting the work of the President, serve on committees as member *ex officio* and helping to facilitate our first in-person EER in summer 2022. I also plan to continue as a member of the TTE committee.

**NAGT Executive Committee work:**

In the last year, I attended 7 Executive Committee meetings and will attend the virtual meeting that would normally take place at GSA. At Executive Committee meetings, I have participated in discussions and decisions about a number of activities.

In the past year, the Executive Committee formed two ad hoc committees (sections and K-12) based on the strategic planning discussed at last year's Face-Face meeting. Several new advocacy policies have been drafted and are at various stages of completion. We have voted to sponsor several new projects. At the Face-to-Face Meeting, the Executive Committee continued to work on strategic planning and brainstormed new ways to raise funds. Although the Executive Committee established a Development Committee to accomplish fundraising work in January 2021, little has been accomplished on that front – new leadership of that committee was established this year to (hopefully) jump start the work.

Additionally, the Executive Committee decided to hold the EER as an in-person conference in 2022. This was met with some strong opinions about the ability for folks to attend in person particularly with concerns that the COVID pandemic was not over. Nonetheless, the in-person venue went forward in Minneapolis, MN, with a much smaller cohort of attendees than in the past. The Executive Committee also continues to support other professional development activities, such as the Early Career Workshop and the Traveling Workshop Program.

The Executive Committee successfully renewed the contract with the Executive Office (housed at SERC) as well as the contract of the Executive Director (Anne Egger) for another 5 years.

**NAGT Presidential Line work:**

I attended 9 presidential line meetings where we planned and outlined agendas for Executive Committee and Council meetings. Meetings were presided over by NAGT President, Margaret Crowder and NAGT Executive Director, Anne Egger, when planning Executive Committee Meetings; and by NAGT First VP, Christy Visaggi and NAGT Executive Director, Anne Egger, when planning Council Meetings.

Because Margaret Crowder will not be at GSA in person, I have been asked (and I plan) to preside over the Awards Luncheon at GSA.

**NAGT Council work:**

I attended two Council meeting (January and June) since GSA 2021. Meetings focused on reports from sections and divisions, updates from programs and committees, discussion of

the newly formed section committee (to redraw the boundaries of the current sections) and EER planning.

#### **NAGT Committee work:**

##### ***Teach the Earth Website committee***

The TTE Website committee met once since last GSA and I attended that meeting. We discussed some new projects, the installation of folks from UNAVCO as editors of some sites, the progress of the COMPASS project, and a partnership with EOS. We also talked about implementing a new vocabulary for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI).

##### ***Executive Director Evaluation committee***

A committee was formed to review and evaluate the Executive Director's performance and to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee for the Executive Director's contract renewal. I was informed that I would be leading this effort. There were no materials that outlined the process of evaluating the Executive Director. As a result, I reached out to Gene Pearson to ask whether he had any materials. As he was on the previous two evaluation committees, he provided the evaluations and some information about what the committee had done. The Past President, the President, and the secretary/Treasurer made up prior committees and solicited feedback from a variety of leadership roles in the organization. Thus, November of 2021, a timeline was developed, and the evaluation committee was formed.

The committee was made up of Past President (me), President (Margaret Crowder) and Secretary/Treasurer (Mike Phillips). We met virtually twice to discuss and develop the process for evaluation. The process consisted of soliciting a self-evaluation from the Executive Director, developing a survey that was aligned with the current Executive Director contract, distributing the survey to stakeholders, and collecting evaluation data. The stakeholders included the members of NAGT Executive Committee, Editors of ITT and JGE, Past-Presidents and past councilors-at-large during Executive Director's current term, NAGT standing committee chairs, and NAGT Ex Office Staff. Once the feedback was collected, the committee drafted a summary evaluation.

During the July 28, 2022, Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee went into executive session and discussed the summary evaluation. The Executive Committee recommended renewal of the Executive Director contract for a 5-year period with regular feedback for the Executive Director from the Executive committee. Feedback collected during the executive session was included as an addendum to the original summary evaluation and distributed to the Executive Director and members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee approved the renewal of the Executive Director contract for five years and the Executive Office and the Executive Director have executed the contract.

##### ***Nominations Committee***

As chair of the 2022 Nominations Committee, I presided over one virtual meeting of the committee where we determined the slate of officers to stand for election. Prior to that meeting, I collected the nomination forms for officers (1 for 2VP and 4 for Councilor) and distributed them to the committee for review. We needed to nominate three councilors-at-large (2 three-year terms, and 1 one-year term) and second VP. The Nominations committee

determined our desired candidates and I contacted each of them to make sure they were willing to serve. Once I received an affirmative answer, the slate was set.

After election was certified, I sent a letter/email to the new officers, congratulating them and inviting them to sit in on the September Executive Committee meeting to get a feel for what the meetings are like.

The new officers, duly elected, are: Rory McFadden (Second VP), Lynsey LeMay (Councilor-at Large, 2022-2025), Michael Hubenthal (Councilor-at Large, 2022-2025), and Ryan Hollister (Councilor-at Large, 2022-2023). Their terms begin at the luncheon at GSA.

#### ***Neil Miner award committee***

The Neil Miner award committee did not meet this year. The chair (Margaret Crowder) did not call a meeting because there were no nominees.

#### **Liaison activity:**

##### ***Council for Undergraduate Research (Geosciences Division)***

No business meeting at GSA this year.

##### ***Central Section***

There has been little activity with respect to the [Central Section](#) over the course of the year. The section is not particularly active and have not kept up their webpage.

#### **Conference/meeting participation:**

I attended the Annual meeting of GSA in October of 2021, virtually. I also recorded several videos for the virtual NAGT/GSA Geoscience Education/GeoCUR awards ceremony.

I attended the Fall Meeting of AGU in New Orleans, LA in December 2021.

I attended EER in person in Minneapolis, MN, during mid-July 2022.

I attended the Geoscience Alliance Conference in Minneapolis, MN, in late July 2022.

#### **Other activities relevant to NAGT:**

I continue to work with Julie Sexton (University of Colorado) and Molly Jameson (University of Northern Colorado) to build and incorporate lessons related to affective domain and its relationship to science and mathematical learning. We recently published a paper: Sexton, J.; London, D.; Jameson, M.M.; Wenner, J.M. Thriving, Persisting, or Agonizing: Integrated Math Anxiety Experiences of University Students in Introductory Geoscience Classes. *Educ. Sci.* **2022**, *12*, 577. <https://doi.org/10.3390/educsci12090577>

I was one of the NSF Program Officers who welcomed and talked one-on-one with NAGT Early Career Workshop participants during the virtual visit to NSF. I provided insight into EAR Disciplinary programs and Education programs across the agency.

#### **Upcoming Activities**

I plan to attend GSA Connects 2022. I will also attend virtual NAGT Executive Committee and Council meetings associated with GSA and work to transition from the role of President to the role of Past President.

I plan to attend AGU 2022 Fall Meeting in Chicago and will help with NAGT booth.