

Hi, NAGT-TED members!

You made it through the summer – there's a lot to do this fall and I'm looking forward to another exciting year with you!

### TED's annual business meeting will be Th 22 Oct at 12:30pm PT/3:30pm ET

- Web link and call-in info will be provided closer to the date.
- At this meeting, TED priorities for 2020-2021 will be set, new officers will begin work, and your participation is more valuable than ever. Tell us what you want this Division to do for you and with you!

NAGT has a great webinar series: <a href="https://nagt.org/nagt/profdev/webinars/index.html">https://nagt.org/nagt/profdev/webinars/index.html</a>

- Check it out and consider contributing your own ideas.

Congrats to those whose abstracts have been accepted and scheduled for GSA in October!

- Geological Society of America 2020 is fully virtual during 25-28 Oct: https://community.geosociety.org/gsa2020/home
- Early registration ends 21 Sept: https://community.geosociety.org/gsa2020/registration
- NAGT-sponsored topical sessions: <a href="https://nagt.org/nagt/profdev/GSA/2020.html">https://nagt.org/nagt/profdev/GSA/2020.html</a>



During the 5 August TED ExComm meeting, **updates to the TED By-Laws** were proposed to take effect on 1 Nov.

- The full text of the By-Laws updates are below, after my signature block. If you have comments or questions, please contact me at suzanne.metlay@wgu.edu

TED Newsletter during 2020 is taking the form of these short monthly updates - Please get me your news, photos, etc.

- Post time-critical info on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/NAGTTED/

Eager to learn your good news, Suzanne

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NAGT-TED By-Laws: Proposed Revisions to take effect on 1 November 2020

TED By-Laws: https://nagt.org/nagt/divisions/ted/ted\_bylaws.html

#### **Article III: Governance**

D. In the event that an officer must step down before then end of her or his term, the executive board may appoint a current member of TED to fulfill the remainder of the vacated term.

E. Any officer unable to attend more than two consecutive meetings of the Executive Board, or incapable of participation in Executive Board activities for 3 or more consecutive months, may be asked by the Past President to step down for the remainder of the fiscal year. Any officer asked to step down may run again for election to the Executive Board after one fiscal year has passed.

F. A quorum of the Executive Board may bar a candidate from running for election if just cause is brought forward. Serious or continued violation of these By-Laws may be considered just cause.

# **Article IV: Officers and Responsibilities**

A. Responsibilities of the President [Note – The numbering of the sections below should be re-ordered properly.]

- 3. Meetings
  - 1. Prepare and distribute agendas, and preside at meetings of the Division and Executive Board; if unable to attend, then with sufficient advance notice, designate the Vice-President or Past President to provide agendas and meeting facilitation
  - 2. Ensure that minutes of previous meetings are distributed by the Secretary/Treasurer within one (1) month after each meeting
- 3. Attend all meetings of the NAGT Council or, if unable to attend, designate an alternate to represent the Division C. Responsibilities of the Past President
  - 1. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, preside at meetings of the Division and the Executive Board
  - 2. Assume the duties of the President or Vice-President for the remainder of his or her term, should she or he the officer resign, become incapacitated or otherwise be unable to fulfill her or his assigned responsibilities.

## E. Responsibilities of the Media Director

- 1. Oversee communications and publicity for the Division, including
  - 1. Develop and maintain a Division website
  - 2. Maintain and oversee a Division listsery or equivalent mailing list of current membership
  - 3. Develop and maintain a Division presence on appropriate social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.)
  - 4. Prepare and produce regular communications to members (e.g., electronic newsletter or other postings) as directed by the Executive Board

No changes recommended to Article X but you should be aware of the protocol already in place:

#### **Article X: Amending the Bylaws**

The Executive Board shall establish such amendments to the Bylaws as may be needed to accomplish the mission set forth in Article I. Members shall be notified at least sixty (60) days in advance of a proposed amendment to the Bylaws, and notified within thirty (30) days after an amendment has been adopted by the Executive Board. At least two thirds of the Board members must approve an amendment before it is adopted. An amendment to the Bylaws shall go into effect ninety (90) days after adoption unless the President receives written objections from a quorum of twenty (20) percent of the voting membership of the Division. If a quorum objects in writing to an amendment, then that amendment shall be held in abeyance until the next annual election of officers, at which time a majority vote of the eligible members shall be required for its adoption and for it to become immediately operational.