

Procedure for Endorsement of non-NAGT Position Statements

1. Any member of NAGT may propose that the Council consider endorsing the position statement of another organization on behalf of NAGT.
 - The proposal for endorsement shall include a copy of the said organization's existing position statement with evidence of in-effect status, as well a brief justification and rationale for endorsement that provides the context for the statement, an explanation as to how this statement aligns with NAGT's mission, and explanation of why the topic warrants endorsement of an existing position statement. The proposal may include a short list of potential panel members to evaluate the statement, including very brief bios on each to demonstrate there is capacity to evaluate the statement.
 - Such a proposal may be submitted via any officer of NAGT or any member of the NAGT Advocacy Committee, via the Advocacy Committee chair.
2. The NAGT Advocacy Committee will determine by a majority vote (either via email or at an Advocacy Committee meeting) that the Executive Committee consider such an endorsement.
3. The NAGT Executive Committee will determine by a majority vote (either via email or at an Executive Committee meeting) that the Council consider such an endorsement.
 - An email vote suffices only if no member of the Executive Committee objects. Should there be an objection, the Executive Committee will discuss and vote at the next Executive Committee meeting.
 - If deemed necessary, the President may appoint a review committee, consisting of at least three members in good standing of NAGT of which one member will be a member of Council, to review the statement prior to the next meeting of the NAGT Council.
4. If supported by a majority of the Executive Committee, the proposal for endorsement (consisting of the statement, brief justification, and rationale) will be sent to members via the next NAGT Newsletter for a four-week comment period. The proposal may also be posted on the NAGT website.
5. All NAGT members will have an opportunity to comment on the proposal for endorsement via email to the Executive Director. After comments are closed, they will be shared with the members of the NAGT Council.
6. NAGT Council will consider the proposal for endorsement and member comments and may approved by (1) a 2/3 vote of those attending the Council meeting or (2) a 2/3 electronic vote by all members of the Council.
7. If approved, NAGT members will be so informed via the Newsletter and the endorsed position statement will be posted on the NAGT website. The

Council may recommend to the Executive Committee additional modes of distribution.

Process for Periodic Review of Endorsed Position Statements

8. Each endorsed statement shall be reviewed by the Advocacy Committee at least every five years to determine if endorsement should continue. Among other factors, the review should take into consideration the timeliness of new scientific data supporting the position, emergence of relevant ethical or cultural concern, and the expected pace of policy change related to the topic. The NAGT Advocacy Committee recommendation will be submitted to the Executive Committee which may approve or deny the recommendation by majority vote.
9. If updated by the sponsoring organization, an endorsed statement shall be examined by the Advocacy Committee to determine if it has been substantially changed. If so, continued endorsement will require a 2/3 vote of NAGT Council.

Approved by NAGT Executive Committee on January 7, 2022