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Report to the NAGT Executive Committee from the Geo2YC Division

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Current Division Officers

President: Jacquelyn Hams, Los Angeles Valley College
Past President: Joy Branlund, Southwestern Illinois Community College
Vice President (& President-Elect): Sean Tvelia, Suffolk County Community College
Secretary/Treasurer: Gretchen Miller, Wake Tech Community College
Newsletter Editor: Suki Smaglik, Yakima Valley Community College
Webmaster: Bridget James, De Anza College
Archivist: Peter Berquist, Thomas Nelson Community College

Geo2YC is in its ninth year as a division of NAGT. We currently have 269 members in the division and lost 43 to attrition. Our account balance is \$9,475.86, currently residing with NAGT HQ.

Below is a summary of activities completed and/or in progress:

1. The Executive Board met (via teleconference) five times between November 2019 and October 2020 (19 November 2019, 16 December 2019, 19 May 2020, 13 August 2020, 22 October 2020).
2. The Long-Range Planning Committee is working to ensure continuity in the Division. For example, they are planning to re-execute a survey of Geo2yc faculty that was completed years ago and investigate changes relevant to our members. The committee is composed of Geo2YC past presidents and the Vice-President is Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee
3. The Geo2YC Division now awards a Faculty Development grant to help community college faculty pursue professional development. Mini grants up to \$500 are available to support an activity, workshop, or field trip from multiple institutions. Travel grants of \$100 are available to help an individual attend a professional development activity. These opportunities were announced in the newsletter and published on the NAGT Geo2YC webpage. The initial deadline was March 1, 2020 but pushed to July 1, 2020 due to the lack of applications which is most likely due to the outbreak of the Covid-19

virus. The deadline will be extended to the spring 2021 with more aggressive advertising to the 2YC community.

4. We publish a quarterly newsletter, *Foundations*, which is distributed digitally through the Geo2YC website and the Geo2YC listserv. The newsletters include a variety of content, including field tips, reports from recent workshops, contributions of teaching pedagogies for 2YC faculty, photographs of our distinctive “scale pencil” in the field, and incorporation of geoscience educational resources in the classroom, just to name a few. This year, our newsletter editor has experimented with different modes of production to streamline her job. The Division is currently looking for a new newsletter editor.
5. We awarded an Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award (OAFa) to three quarterly winners and one annual awardee. Each awardee is showcased in newsletters and awarded a membership to both NAGT and the division, and the annual awardee is also awarded \$750 of professional development funds provided by Pearson publishing.
6. The Executive Board formalized a sponsorship policy with NAGT. The request for Geo2YC sponsorship of an event or session can be accessed from the NAGT main session sponsorship page by selecting the box to request Geo2YC sponsorship. The contact person for the form is incoming President Sean Tvelia. Our sponsorship of workshops and technical sessions at professional conferences also helps promote the Geo2YC division and its mission.
7. The Earth Educator Rendezvous (EER) was a virtual event in July 2020 due to the Covid-19 virus restrictions but was well attended including the happy hour social hosted in various breakout rooms. Attendance (and good conversation) was strong at this event. The EER will be held online next year from July 12-16, 2021.
8. GSA was held online in October 2020 due to the Covid-19 restrictions.
 - a. The ninth business meeting of the Division was held online on Thursday October 22, 2020 11:00 am Pacific time.
 - b. Geo2YC participated in NAGT’s Virtual GSA Booth. President Jackie Hams posted a video advertising the Geo2YC Division and benefits of membership.
 - c. We will continue to promote the Division with the use of Geo2YC brochures and newsletters and our distinctive scale pencil, co-sponsored with NAGT national.
9. We continue to work with members to serve as NAGT and GSA Sectional liaisons to help us identify members and promote the division at sectional, regional, and local events. We are always working to recruit liaisons.
10. Our website is continually updated. We have worked to store more of our records on password-protected places of our website but need to work to make the publicly accessible website more robust. In addition, we explore ways to solidify our presence in social media, given that current officers may not readily post in Facebook (Geo2YC) or Twitter (@geo2YC).

11. We have elected
 - a. An incoming Vice-President, Karen Layou, from Reynolds Community College, who will serve subsequent one-year terms as President and Past-President.
 - b. An Archivist, Dave Mrotka from Mt. San Antonio Community College.

12. Sean Tvelia of Suffolk County Community College will assume duties as President of the division (and Jackie Hams will transition to Past-President) at our division business meeting at GSA in October.

Respectfully submitted,

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Geo2YC Division President