

NAGT Annual report

Fall 2020

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Councilor At Large (2019-2022)

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NAGT Executive Committee Work:

I attended all Executive Committee and Council meetings since my appointment.

NAGT Council Work:

I reported on activities of the New England section from fall 2019 to summer 2020.

NAGT Committee Work:

I serve as the liaison with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. I have attended fortnightly meetings since mid-May 2020. This is an energetic, creative, thoughtful, and productive group led by Laura Rademacher. Almost immediately they considered an evening Town Hall at the EER 2020. I assisted in compiling a list of potential panelists and we discussed possible formats. Ultimately, we decided we needed more time to plan the event and also to find ways to compensate the speakers (some are not NAGT members). This prepared the group to submit a 2-day workshop for EER 2021 titled "Developing Inclusive Teaching Practices". Participants would bring syllabi and lessons to work collaborative to decolonize their teaching. Leah Courtland, Danielle Sumy, and Laura Rademacher plan to write blog posts about their experiences on geoscience. These will be shared on a NAGT website where readers can comment and other scientists can post their stories. A major task was to update data on NAGT members. Most existing data was from 2013 and was incomplete. The committee has completed a draft of the survey that is under IRB review and should be released to members soon. I compiled a list of DEI Resources that serves as a starting point for a range of topics. Committee members reviewed the document and added additional resources. It should be available soon. We have begun our outreach to other organizations. The wonderful team at SERC built an informative page to share with participants at the 2020 National Association of Black Geoscientists conference. Amy Weislogel and I spent one hour in the exhibition hall. There were technical difficulties during my session but Amy reported success the following day and we think this is time well invested. We have started looking at NAGT awards and I have forwarded some suggestions to Laura. We did smaller, important tasks, such as reviewing Anne Egger's NAGT response to support a call to action for a Robust Anti-Racism Plan for The Geosciences. This is a great group and I'm happy to help.