

**NAGT Year-End Report
Fall 2020
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NAGT Executive Committee work:

Since becoming Past-President at last September's NAGT meeting held during GSA, I have attended ten Executive Committee meetings, four presidential line committee meetings, and several Council meetings.

Nominations Committee Work:

As Past-President, my principal role this year was to manage the tasks of the nominating committee to identify nominations to be sent to the membership for colleagues to fill open leadership positions. The nominations committee is composed of the last five past-presidents with the most recent serving as chair. This year we were seeking to fill positions for two Executive Committee councilors and a 2nd Vice President. NAGT has open nomination process that is designed to foster broad participation in our leadership from all across our membership. We held virtual meetings in March and April to discuss the nominations and select potential candidates. Subsequently, I contacted the identified individuals to confirm that they were interested in filling the positions. Each candidate was encouraged to review the new NAGT Officer Guidelines document which describes the roles and responsibilities of elected officers. All three candidates agreed to run for election and subsequently appeared on the ballot and were elected to serve beginning in October 2020.

Liaison activity:

I do not serve as liaison to any section or division or outside group.

Conference/meeting participation:

Last Fall's GSA annual meeting was the last conference I attended. I am a member of the Geosciences Vision & Change writing group and participated in a meeting, Austin, TX, March 9-11, 2020.

Other activities relevant to NAGT:

I accepted a position on the AAAS IUSE Advisory Board and have participated in two meetings regarding expanding participation and opportunities associated with the IUSE program. I continue to manage a geoscience education research group that has three PhD students and a post-doc. We have recently had a literature review paper on self-regulated learning accepted for publication in JGE and other articles are currently in submission. Since "The Covid" I have been teaching exclusively online and have uploaded an additional three videos to our Geoscience Videos YouTube channel to help others teaching introductory geology courses. We have plans to share online lab resources in the future also.