

NAGT Annual Report
Fall 2020
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Councilor at Large, March – October 2020
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NAGT Executive Committee work:

I was appointed to the Executive Committee in March 2020 to complete the term of office vacated by Joshua Villalobos' resignation. I have attended all of the Executive Committee and Council meetings since my appointment.

NAGT Council work:

I attended the Council meetings in May and October 2020.

NAGT Committee work:

I served as a member of the Professional Development Committee (PDC). I started this role in 2016 as a result of my position as Chair of the Traveling Workshops Program (TWP) Management Team. I have regularly attended the meetings of the PDC.

My major service role was for the TWP and the TWP Management Team in particular. Like almost every other aspect of life, the activities of the TWP changed dramatically with Corona virus pandemic. The last in-person workshop was held in February 2020. When the shut down began in March, the TWP has 12 workshops accepted and scheduled, all of which were either postponed or cancelled. As it slowly became clear that life would not return to normal any time in the foreseeable future, the Management Team began making plans to take the workshops online. A working group within the Management Team was organized to plan and direct the rewriting of every workshop activity for delivery online. The activism resulting from George Floyd's murder was a key in starting discussions of antiracism, justice, equity, and diversity across the nation. Several TWP facilitators took the initiative to bring suggestions for actions to the Management Team. At the quarterly meeting of the Management Team in June an ad hoc group was appointed to begin planning for how to incorporate DEI issues into all Traveling Workshops. My term on the Management Team ended on July 31, 2020 and the responsibilities were passed to the co-chair Catherine Riihimaki.

Upcoming Activities

I have registered for the GSA Connects Online virtual meeting in October 2020. I will attend the meeting and present a paper on "The Role of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) Traveling Workshops Program in Supporting the Success of All Students" which I co-authored with Sarah Fortner.