

NAGT Annual Report
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I was appointed to the Executive Committee in July 2021, to complete the term that was vacated by the resignation of Aida Awad. I am honored to serve in this position, and excited to get to know the other officers and councilors in the Executive Committee. Since my appointment I have attended two meetings, in July and September 2021. During this time, I have also offered feedback on the NAGT on Teaching Climate Change position statement and on a survey for section leadership.

NAGT Committee work

Prior to my appointment to the Ex Comm, through the past couple of years, I have been active in the Traveling Workshop Program (TWP). I have served on the TWP Management Committee since summer of 2020. I also served on an ad hoc TWP committee in Fall 2020 to create strategies and materials for virtual workshops. In spring 2021, I facilitated the first international virtual TWP workshop with a geoscience department at a university in Ecuador. My colleagues, Diane Doser and Antonia Arribas (both from UTEP), and I developed a series of four 3-hour virtual workshops conducted over a period of two months. This involved considerable modification of materials for conducting the program in Spanish.

I also participated in the TWP URGE (Unlearning Racism in the Geosciences) pod. Our pod discussions gave us an opportunity to consider TWP programming and materials through an equity lens and begin to address issues of inclusivity and equity in our materials and strategies for working not only with departments and programs, but also with new TWP facilitators.

Ongoing work

I am very interested in extending the reach of NAGT internationally. While online workshops and programs pose challenges, they also offer us opportunities to build connections with universities abroad. My colleagues and I are working on an ITT article about the TWP workshop with the geoscience program in Ecuador. During my tenure as an Ex Comm councilor, I hope to find some new ways that we might continue to broaden the reach of NAGT.