Navigating life as a GER Student (or interested in becoming one): Getting involved and networking in the community.

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Overview

- Who are we?
- Requirements of each of our positions
- Pros of being in this position
- Timeline for positions (recruitment, decisions, start dates)
- Breakout Group Time
Who are you?

- Using the participants box:
  - Click YES if you are already a GER graduate student.
  - Click NO if you are interested in becoming a GER graduate student
  - If you are here to learn more about GER in general, do not select anything
Zo Kreager

- Ph.D. Candidate at Northern Illinois University
  - M.S. from University of Nebraska- Lincoln
  - B.S. from Marietta College in Ohio
- Research on spatial thinking and misconceptions relating to sedimentology and stratigraphy concepts.
- National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) Division of Geoscience Education Research-Graduate Student Liason
  - Other divisions: Two-Year College and Teacher Education
  - Student membership price: $35
What does the student liaison do at NAGT?

- Attend monthly meetings. (1 hour in length)
- Plan two events or meetings for the NAGT graduate student community per year!
  - This is one of those!
- Assist with planning for Division gatherings at The Earth Educators Rendezvous.
- Find 1 graduate student per semester for the Division Spotlight.
- Attend NAGT Division meeting at GSA
- Other responsibilities as needed:
  - I made the EER social media bingo card
  - I worked with another member to create the Graduate Student Emergency Fund
- Time commitment: 1-3 hours a month.
Pros to being the NAGT Student Liaison

- Get to work closely with a variety of community members.
- You get to have a say in what things happen in the community and the direction of the community itself.
- Fights imposter syndrome.
- Looks good on a CV or resume.
- It’s fun!
Larry Collins

- PhD Candidate at Washington State University
  - M.S. from Mississippi State University
  - B.S.E. from Mansfield University in Pennsylvania
- Research on design and implementation of argumentative writing as a formative assessment tool.
- Graduate Student Representative-GSA Geoscience Education Division, Education Committee
  - Many other divisions
  - Student Membership price: $40
    - Includes one geographic section (i.e. Cordilleran) and Division (i.e. Geoscience Education Division).
What does a student representative do in GSA?

- Attend the GSA Annual Meeting (Travel stipends are available if you are a presenter!)
- Serve on GSA's larger Student Advisory Council. (Meets twice a year)
- Voice student needs and concerns to the Division Management Board.
- Serve on the committee for selection of annual Totten Research Award.
- Attend Division Board meetings (average of 3 per year).
- Mentored your first year by the other student representative.
Pros to being in GSA as a student rep

- Network with others who are equally interested in promoting Geoscience Education.
- Excellent opportunity to list under service on your CV!
- Allows you to learn more about the variety of careers and various pathways people have taken to their careers in Geoscience Education.
- Improves self-confidence
- Not a huge time commitment.
- You meet so many new people and our community is fantastic!
Timeline for getting involved in either position

- **NAGT 2 year position (1 position available)**
  - Call for nominations (You can self nominate. I did!) typically happen in April or May.
  - Elections will happen June or July 2021
  - Transition will happen at GSA 2021

- **GSA 2 year positions (2 positions available)**
  - Two year position (one incoming and one outgoing)
  - Call for nominations (April/May) Self-nominations are gladly accepted!
  - Elections happen in June.
  - Transition also happens at GSA 2021.
Breakout Room Prompts

1. Share your name, preferred pronouns, institution, and area research/interest
2. What brought you to Geoscience Education Research? What inspired you want to pursue this discipline?
3. High, low, buffalo
4. What are your future goals or project interests in GER? How might the community be able to support you in those goals?
Thank you!

Information for future GER graduate students

Poll! Would you like to have a follow up webinar focused on becoming a GER graduate student? Please use the YES and NO icons in the chat to answer.

A list of current GER graduate programs can be found here: https://geocognitionresearchlaboratory.com/graduate-study/geocognition-geoscience-education-research-programs/

Or use this QR code: