

NAGT LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES

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Functions of Liaisons

The Executive Committee Liaisons are members of the NAGT Executive Committee. They have three primary functions:

1. Liaisons will communicate Section priorities, needs, and concerns to the Executive Committee.
2. Liaisons must be able to articulate the priorities, needs, and concerns of the Executive Committee to the Sections.
3. Liaisons must act as catalysts to stimulate Section activities.

In order to fulfill these functions, it is mandatory that Liaisons develop a working relationship with Section officers. At a minimum, Liaisons should regularly communicate with their Sections through the Section officers. Liaisons should make a strong effort to attend Sectional activities. As in any good teaching plan, Liaisons must model interest in Sectional activities if members are to be expected to create and enjoy healthy Sections.

All activities of the Liaisons should support, not supplant, Section officers. Liaisons should take care to align themselves with the Section officers rather than to usurp their role. Liaisons are resources for the Sections, not administrators.

Importance of NAGT Sections

Much of the work of NAGT is done at the Sectional level. Sections principally attract the interest of K-12 teachers, work directly with local school districts and state educational organizations, and disseminate programs such as OEST. Many two-year and four-year college and university faculty also enjoy and benefit from local Section activities, such as field trips and conferences.

Chief Liaison

The Chief Liaison is charged with assisting the Liaisons and helping to transmit useful information through the Liaisons to and from the Sections.

The NAGT Executive Committee makes funds available for intra-Section travel, so that Liaisons can visit Section functions outside their own Sections, and that Section officers can travel to visit successful activities in other Sections. Use of the funds must be approved in advance by the Chief Liaison.