



1st Annual Report

Geo2YC became the first professional interest division of NAGT on July 23, 2011. The division was conceived at a NAGT-sponsored two-year college (2YC) workshop in Annandale, Virginia in June, 2010. Workshop attendees formed the nucleus of the following ad hoc Geo2YC Organizational Committee:

John Bartley, Muskegon Community College
Allison Beauregard, Northwest Florida State College
Robert Blodgett, Austin Community College
Pamela Gore, Georgia Perimeter College
Richard Gottfried, Frederick Community College
Frank Granshaw, Portland Community College
Jacquelyn Hams, Los Angeles Valley College

Garry Hayes, Modesto Junior College
Debbie Krumm, Trinidad State Junior College
Lynsey LeMay, Thomas Nelson Community College
Suki Smaglik, Central Wyoming College
David Voorhees, Waubonsee Community College
Ben Wolfe, Metropolitan Community College-Kansas City

This committee, established by the NAGT Executive Committee in November, 2010, has met nine times to lay the groundwork for the division. Creation of Geo2YC required changes in the NAGT bylaws to allow for the formation of NAGT divisions based on professional interest. These changes were approved by the NAGT Executive Committee in April and took effect on July 23, 2011.

The mission of the Geo2YC Division is to:

- serve as a forum for exchanging information about 2YC geoscience programs
- create a professional network for geoscience education at two-year colleges and other institutions with shared interests
- sponsor NAGT 2YC activities and make recommendations to the NAGT Council
- support and coordinate research on 2YC geoscience education
- advocate for 2YC geoscience education within NAGT and other organizations

Geo2YC welcomes all NAGT members, including four-year college and university faculty with similar interests and concerns.

In completing its activities, the organizational committee has drafted the Division bylaws and solicited nominations for officers. Membership signup, election of officers, and adoption of the bylaws are scheduled for September, 2011. Newly elected officers will assume their positions at the 2011 NAGT Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Division members are being recruited through the 635 subscribers to the Geo2YC list serve, at the Geological Society of America (GSA) Welcome Reception for 2-year Geoscience Faculty in Minneapolis, and at an event at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) meeting in San Francisco. The organizational committee has nominated Jackie Hams as Division GSA liaison and Katelyn Wiese as the AGU liaison.

Robert H. Blodgett
Councilor-at-Large
Chair, Geo2YC Division Organizational Committee