

NAGT Past-President's Report
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Much of my activities have been consumed by chairing two committees: JGE Editor in Chief Search Committee and the Nominations Committee.

The JGE Editor-in-Chief Search Committee recommending Kristen St. John to be our next editor in chief. The NAGT board approved Kristen's application by unanimous vote.

Background on the search:

- The search committee officially advertised on Feb 2, 2011
- The advertisement was sent via NAGT news and posted on the NAGT website
- One "non-targeted" query resulted from the wide-spread advertisement.
After a brief communication, the person declined to apply, thinking she wasn't yet ready, career-wise, to take on the editorial leadership.
- Seventeen additional colleagues, familiar with NAGT and JGE, were nominated by NAGT members and members of ExComm, including Kristen. Mike contacted all seventeen potential candidates. Three, including Kristen, were interested in having a dialog with Mike regarding the Editor in Chief position. Two of the three decided to decline apply, but would be interested in the future (all for good reasons).
- Kristen submitted an application for the position.

The committee met via telcom to discuss Kristen's application. Mike also followed up with one of Kristen's references, whom was very supportive of Kristen. We were unanimous in approving her application. We did decide to engage Kristen in a conversation Cathy Manduca. We felt Kristen might have AIP questions pertinent to the position.

Mike also sent a copy of the application to Cathy Manduca for her commentary. We are delighted that the Executive Director agrees with our recommendation.

I also chaired the Nomination Committee, who was charged with identifying nominees for 2nd VP and two counselors-at-large positions, which will be vacated by Aida Awad and Bob Blodgett. I am pleased to announce that the nomination committee selected Aida Awad to be our nominee for 2nd VP. In addition, Tamara Ledley, Senior Scientist at TERC, and Karl Wirth, Professor of Geology at Macalester College are our nominees for the two Counselor-at-Large positions.

Over the summer, I chaired the Executive Director review committee. We will announce our recommendations at the September virtual meeting.