

Minutes of the Central Section of NAGT Business Meeting
Minneapolis, MN, May 19, 2005 (12 noon-1pm)
<http://www.nagt.org/nagt/organization/central/index.html>

Rusty Low opened the meeting and presided as President.

- **Minutes** of the previous meeting (April 2004, St. Louis) were approved.
- Ed Hansen gave the **Treasurer's Report**. Our income continues to exceed our expenses, and we have about \$6000 in the bank. Since our goal is to support our mission and not make money, he encouraged us to discuss ways to effectively spend the money (see New Business).
- **Elections** (*new terms took effect at the end of the meeting*)
The following officers were promoted from previous positions:
New president – Cinzia Cervato, Iowa State U
New 1st Vice President – Annabelle Foos, U of Akron

The following officers were elected:

New 2nd Vice President – Kathy Bower (not present), Eastern IL U

New Website Coordinator – John McDaris, Carleton College

New OEST Chair – Sallie Greenberg, IL SGS (not present)

New State Representatives

IN – Paul Doss, University of Southern Indiana

OH – Rob Fabick (present)

MI – Cris DeWolf (not present)

KY – Fred Siewers, Western Kentucky University*

*Note: Following the meeting, Fred Siewers from Western Kentucky University volunteered to be the state representative for Kentucky. The officers approved this appointment.

Nominations

- Next year our 2nd VP should come from Michigan. Several names were proposed. Janis will follow up.
Note that our order of states for the 2nd VP position is:
IL, MI (Spring 2006), IN, WI, KY, MN, IA, OH
- **OEST – Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Awards 2004 Presentation**
 - Rusty announced our OEST winners and Janis Treworgy presented the plaque to our section winner, who was in attendance with two family members.
 - Central Section OEST winner
 - **Matthew Leone** of Libertyville, Illinois
 - Central Section has selected two state winners
 - **Philip Lacey** of East Liverpool, Ohio
 - Award was presented at the Ohio Earth Science Teachers Convention by our new co-representative for Ohio, Ron Fabick
 - **Ken Fiscus** of Albert Lea, Minnesota
 - Award is to be presented by our former OEST Coordinator, Jim Meyers, at the Minnesota Earth Science Teachers Convention
 - Janis encouraged members to submit nominations for this year to Sallie Greenberg, OEST Chair, (greenberg@isgs.uiuc.edu) ASAP. She reminded everyone that the key

function of our state reps is to solicit these nominations and to make contact with their state's earth science teachers' association to get their help.

- **Report from NAGT (National)**

- Karen Havholm, 2nd Vice President of NAGT (National) gave a brief report from the NAGT Executive Committee. Cathy Manduca, past President (National) and current Liaison to the section was also present. Karen reported that NAGT's strategic plan is completed and on-line: <http://serc.carleton.edu/nagt/products.html> , and the ExComm is now focused on an action plan that begins to implement the goals. One important goal is "To assure that NAGT Sections thrive and serve their members." Open communication is an important way to help achieve that goal. She encouraged us to take advantage of two particular modes of communication about the organization and the field of geoscience education. As a section, as well as members of our various institutions, we can host speakers from the Distinguished Speakers Program: <http://www.nagt.org/nagt/programs/dsp.html>. We can also use the constantly improving web site <http://www.nagt.org/> as a tool for communicating within and beyond the organization.

- **Old Business**

- Janis Treworgy pointed out that she is sending the **Newsletter** in its new format by email to 87% of our section members (all but 38 of 293 members). She encouraged members to tell her if they change their email address. She also solicited content from officers and other members.
- Rusty reviewed the **Events Sponsored by Central Section NAGT 2004-2005**.
 - NC-GSA meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2005
 - Technical sessions in Minneapolis
 - Thursday, 1:20pm: Integrating Real and Virtual Field Trips in K-16 Geoscience Education
 - Friday, 9am: Inquiry-Based, Hands-On, Classroom Exercises, Lab Demonstrations, and Field Investigations in Geoscience Education
 - Friday, 1:20-5:20pm: Posters
 - Luncheon business meeting
 - K-16 activities
 - Workshop on Inquiry-based, hands-on, classroom exercises, lab demonstrations, and field investigations in geoscience education in Minneapolis 2005
 - Tri-State Field Conference and Great Lakes SEPM Field Conference combined:
 - Lake Winnebago and the Fox River Valley, WI, on October 2nd-3rd, 2004
 - Past Activities for K-16 Teachers
 - Workshop on Inquiry-based learning in Lexington 2002
 - Field trip on local geology in Kansas City 2003
 - Mammoth Workshop at Principia College 2004 (NCGSA in St. Louis)

- **New Business**

- We discussed use of Section funds. There were several suggestions, which the officers will consider and act on as they feel appropriate:
 - Subsidize K-16 workshops/field trips we sponsor at NC-GSA
 - Subsidize GLS SEPM Field Conference and Tri-State Field Conference
 - Add or increase monetary awards for section and state OEST winners
 - Support an OEST section winner to attend a geology field camp

○ **Future Activities**

- Annabelle Foos, who is in charge of our NC-GSA program for next year and coincidentally is on the local planning committee, reported on the proposed NAGT program for the 2006 NCGSA meeting in Akron (April 20-21):
 - Theme Session: Evaluation of Student Learning in Geoscience Courses, organized by Dave Steer, University of Akron
 - Workshop: Teaching Evolution, by Patricia Prince-House from Case Western University
- Greg Ludvigson, vice president of Great Lakes SEPM, asked if we would give financial support for their 2005 Fall Field Conference. We approved support of \$250. Trip details are:
 - “Facets of the Ordovician Geology of the Upper Mississippi Valley Region”, September 23-25, 2005, Decorah, Iowa (NE). For more information: http://www.isgs.uiuc.edu/gls-sepm/index_conf.html
- We are co-sponsoring the Tri-State Field Conference for 2005 again this year. We voted to give them financial support of \$250. The trip is being organized by Chris Harding charding@iastate.edu. Trip details are:
 - From the Mississippian to the Des Moines Lobe in the Ames, Iowa, area, September 24-25, 2005, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. For more information: <http://www.ge-at.iastate.edu/events/tristate05>