

Minutes
Central Section of NAGT Business Meeting
North-Central GSA, Evansville, IN, April 25, 2008
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- **Welcome and introduction of attendees and officers** (Kathy Bower, President)
- **Minutes of previous meeting** (Janis Treworgy, Secretary)
- **Treasurer's Report** (Ed Hansen)
- **Elections** (*new terms take effect at the end of the meeting*)
 - New president – Mark Francek, Central Michigan University (Mark.Francek@cmich.edu)
 - New 1st Vice President – Carrie Wright, University of Southern Indiana (clwright@usi.edu)
 - New 2nd Vice President – Allen Macfarlane, Kansas Geological Survey (dowser@kgs.ku.edu)
 - Past President – Annabelle Foos, University of Akron (foos@uakron.edu)
 - Secretary/Editor completing a 2007-2010 term – Kathleen Bower, Eastern Illinois U (kmbower@eiu.edu)
 - Treasurer completing a 2006-2009 term – Michael Wolf, Augustana C. (michaelwolf@augustana.edu)
 - OESTA Chair – Kate Pound, St. Cloud State University (kspound@stcloudstate.edu)
- **Nominations**
 - 2nd VP for 2009-2010; NC-GSA will be in Branson, MO, so we will see if someone from Missouri State, Springfield, would be interested.
- **OEST – Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Awards 2007-2008**
 - Nominations still being accepted through June 30, 2008 – send to Kate Pound, OESTA Chair (kspound@stcloudstate.edu)
- **NAGT (National) Report** (Eric Riggs, President, David Steer, 1st VP, Jeff Knott, Councilor)
 - Three members of the Executive Council joined us and gave us a sense of the direction that NAGT is going. They are currently seeking a new editor of JGE and simultaneously rethinking the format and structure of the journal. They reported that the new online membership renewal process seems to be working well now. They are grateful to have Cathy Manduca as the Executive Director. There is a general sense that NAGT is becoming a more mature and professional organization. They are also grateful for the active regional sections of NAGT, which includes our Central Section. They welcome feedback from the sections.
- **Old Business**
 - **Newsletter** (Janis Treworgy, Editor)
 - Solicit content from officers/members
 - Email distribution
 - 10.7% of members (37/346) did not receive a newsletter due to lack of a current email address
 - Newsletter is posted on our web page
 - **Events Sponsored by Central Section NAGT 2007-2008**
 - **Tri-State Field Conference**, River Falls, Wisconsin, October 5-7, 2007 (Kerry Keen and Mike Middleton, University of Wisconsin-River Falls)
 - **GLS-SEPM Field Conference**, SE Ohio, October 5-6, 2007 (Greg Nadon and Dan Hembree of Ohio University)
 - We sponsored and subsidized each field trip by the amount of \$250 as they offered a lower registration fee for students and K-12 teachers

- **NC-GSA**, Evansville, IN, April 24-25, 2008, Central Section NAGT program
 - **Theme session:**
 - Inquiry-based, hands-on, class and lab demonstrations (Mark Francek, Central Michigan University)
 - **K-12 Workshop**
 - “Easy-setup, Easy-to-use, and Cheap Earth Science Demos” (Carrie Wright, University of Southern Indiana, and Debbie Vannatter, Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation)
 - **Field Trip**
 - Building Stones and Cultural Geology of Evansville (Joe Hannibal, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, hannibal@cmnh.org, Sabina Thomas, Baldwin-Wallace College)

The theme session was well attended and well received. The workshop was also successful with over 40 local K-12 teachers participating. The field trip had a small turnout of 4 participants, but went well. Joe Hannibal, Secretary of North Central GSA said that he and the Board appreciate our support of and contributions to the NC-GSA meetings.

- **New Business**

- **NAGT Central Section OEST Award Presentation** was made by Janis Treworgy to **Paul Varsho**, Menomonie Middle School, WI. Paul said he was honored to receive the award and that he has really enjoyed the conference and found it useful.
- **Future Activities**
 - Combined Tri-State and GLS-SEPM Field Conference – October 17-19, Cedar Falls, Iowa
 - Proposed NAGT program, 2009 NC-GSA, Rockford, IL, April 2-3
 - Theme Sessions
 - Easy-to-Incorporate Inquiry-Based Activities for the K-16 Classroom (Carrie Wright, convener)
 - College/K-12 – Collaboration, Outreach, and Engagement (Annabelle Foos and Allen Macfarlane)
 - Issues in Geoscience Education (Kathy Bower)
 - Evolution (Penny Greer)
 - K-16 Workshop for Wednesday 4-6pm
 - Climate Change: What do our students need to know? (Sallie Greenberg and Allan Macfarlane)
 - K-16 Field Trip for Thursday 4-6pm
 - Backyard Field Trips: Inquiry-Based Activities Within 100 Meters of Your Building (Mark Francek)
- **Voted** to co-sponsor the fall field conference: \$250 contingent on special student and K-12 educator rate
- **Special thanks** to:
 - Carrie Wright for coordinating the geoscience education program at NC-GSA
 - Mark Francek for organizing our NC-GSA theme session
 - Sallie Greenberg for serving as OESTA chair for the past three years
 - Ed Hansen for serving as treasurer of Central Section NAGT for at least 10 yrs
 - Janis Treworgy for serving the Central Section in various capacities since 1999
 - Kathy Bower for serving as President of Central Section this past year and being willing to take over as Secretary/Editor
- **Other**
 - It was decided that for our protection and the treasurer’s, we should perform an annual audit of the books, including an audit of the transfer of funds from Ed Hansen to Mike Wolf.
 - We voted to award the OESTA **State** winners, not only a plaque, but also free meeting registration and NAGT business luncheon at the next NC-GSA meeting.