



## Annual Report of the Northeast Division for FY 2024

Submitted by Joanna Latham, President

### Division leaders:

President: Joanna Latham, Milton Academy, Milton, MA

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: *Vacant*

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: *Vacant*

Past President: Susan Meabh Kelly, Henry Abbott Technical High School, Danbury, CT

Secretary: *Vacant*

Treasurer: Steve Winters, Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, MA

Councilor: Elizabeth Gordon, Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA

Councilor: Lori Weeden, University of Massachusetts - Lowell, Lowell, MA

Councilor: Tarin Weiss, Westfield State University, Westfield, MA

Councilor: Tom Vaughn, Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Councilor: Richard Little, (retired) Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA

Councilor: Bruce Rueger, Colby College, Waterville, ME

OEST Chair: Susan Meabh Kelly, Henry Abbott Technical High School, Danbury, CT

Executive Committee Liaisons: Lynsey LeMay and Mitchell Bender-Awalt

### Executive summary

Financially, the Northeast section is stable, with leadership including a president, treasurer, and six council members, and an acting OEST chair. We are seeking a vice president, a second vice president, and a secretary. Goals for 2025 include identifying new and/or additional leadership to fill these vacant positions. Additional goals include reviewing and, as needed, updating our by-laws; hosting one to two spring/summer and early fall field workshops in the New England area (including the greater MA area to capture the southern zone of the section, and potentially in NH to accommodate the section's northern zone), and, importantly, promoting section membership.



## Detailed report

### Division membership

At the time of this report, there are 80 active members from across the Northeast section, with approximately 41% of members from MA, with CT, ME, NH, RI, and VT accounting for an additional approximately 41% of these active members. Less than 5% of active members are represented by NS and ON, and approximately 14% of active members reside in states outside of the Northeast section.

Northeast section leadership participated in the January 2024 Virtual Recruitment event, which successfully encouraged renewal of prior year memberships. Additional recruitment goals are included in “Progress towards goals” below.

### Progress towards goals

As stated above, goals include filling vacant positions for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, and secretary; and reviewing updating the Northeast section by-laws as needed. One to two early summer and/or early fall field trips/workshops in the southern and northern regions of NE are also proposed. Growing section membership is a primary focus: outreach efforts include connecting with lapsed members as well as prospective K-12 members, and colleges and universities in the region, as well increasing Northeast section presence at GSA/other relevant meetings, and using social media as a tool to promote interest in NAGT.

### Other Division activities

The Northeast section hosted a luncheon at the March 2024 GSA Northeast section meeting (Manchester, NH), which was attended by section leadership. Additionally, section leadership participated in the GSA panel discussion “Recruiting the Next Generation of Geoscientists.”

### Goals for future Division work

Looking ahead to 2025, goals are primarily focused on building section membership, as well as identifying leadership in accordance with the NAGT constitution and as appropriate, Northeast section by-laws.