

Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Section of NAGT

In association with NC-GSA Meeting

April 2, 2004, St. Louis, MO

Kerry Keen opened the meeting and presided as President.

OFFICERS AND SUPPORT POSITIONS

- We elected new officers and promoted those already serving to the next level.
 - Annabelle Foos (from Ohio) was elected as 2nd Vice President for 2004-2005.
 - Kathy Bower (from IL) was elected to become 2nd VP for 2005-2006.
Note that our order of states for the 2nd VP position is:
MN (Spring 2002), IA, OH, IL, MI, IN, WI, KY
 - Janis Treworgy was elected secretary for 2004-2007.
 - We added the Webpage Master as an official position to be appointed by the officers. Ron Schott of Lake Superior State University volunteered this year to update and oversee our web page. Thank you, Ron!
 - Central Section NAGT Officers (2004-2005):
 - President - Russanne (Rusty) Low - Univ. of Minnesota - MN
 - Vice Pres. - Cinzia Cervato - Iowa State University - IA
 - 2nd V.P. - Annabelle Foos - Univ. of Akron - OH
 - Secretary - Janis Treworgy - Principia College - IL
 - Treasurer - Ed Hansen - Hope College - MI
 - Webpage Master - Ron Schott - Lake Superior State Univ. - MI
 - Past Secretary (Historian) - Sherman Lundy - Basic Materials Corp. - IA
 - Past President - Kerry Keen - Univ. of Wis.-River Falls - WI
- Sherman Lundy explained the role of our State Representatives, as we outlined last year. This is outlined in our "Duties/Responsibilities of Officers." Here are the State Reps we have appointed to-date; 3 states remain to be appointed (volunteers welcome!):
 - MN – Kate Pound
 - IA – Cinzia Cervato and Sherman Lundy
 - OH – Bill Slattery
 - IL – David Voorhees
 - MI –
 - IN –
 - WI – Bob Baker and Kerry Keen
 - KY –

NAGT NATIONAL

- Kerry introduced Geoff Feiss a member of the National Council of NAGT. NAGT has a new policy to send a member to every section meeting to improve communication between the entities. Geoff told us that:
 - The NAGT Strategic Plan is near final form. They appreciate our section's feedback.
 - The National Action Plan is a work in progress.
 - They are also working on a Priority Action Plan.
 - He mentioned DLESE and DWEL.
 - He said that NAGT is sponsoring the Cutting Edge workshops.
 - He mentioned Starting Point, a NAGT initiative that is a web site of resources for teaching.
 - He reported that NAGT will be putting JGE full text on their web page one year later where it will be available to all.

NEWSLETTER

- Sherman Lundy pointed out that now that we have merged the two NAGT sections into the Central Section, our membership has doubled and the cost of mailing our two annual newsletters has doubled accordingly. It was suggested that (1) we try to send the newsletter electronically to those for whom we have e-mail addresses and wish to receive it that way, and (2) we put the newsletter on our web site. Janis will work on this.

EVENTS

2003-2004 – NAGT Central Section sponsored:

Great Lakes Section-SEPM Annual Field Conference

Pennsylvanian Sharon Formation, Past and Present:

Sedimentology, Hydrogeology, Historical and Environmental Significance

Field Trip Leaders: Annabelle Foos, University of Akron

Neil Wells, Kent State University

Jim Evans, Bowling Green State University

Joe Hannibal, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Location: Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Date: September 26-28, 2003

North-Central GSA 2004, St. Louis

Symposium on “Extending Geoscience Education, K-16 and Beyond”

Workshop on mammoths and the Ice Age for K-12 teachers; held at Principia

College where an active woolly mammoth excavation is going on

Luncheon and Business Meeting

NAGT exhibit booth – signed up about 12 new NAGT members

2004-2005 – NAGT Central Section will sponsor:

GLS-SEPM Field Conference – September 24-26, 2004 Southern Indiana and Central Kentucky; contact Juergen Schieber and Remus Lazar, Indiana Univ.

For more information: <http://www.indiana.edu/~sepm04/>

Tri-State Geological Field Conference – October 2-3, 2004 near Lake Winnebago and the Fox River Valley, Wisconsin; contact Joanne Kluessendorf

www.fox.uwc.edu/wesm

North-Central GSA 2005, Minneapolis, MN, May 19-20, 2005

Rusty Low is already in contact with the organizers (Carrie Patterson, chair)

The organizers are planning several K-12 activities

K-12 field trip – using an urban area river

Workshop/theme session – K-16 teachers demo hands-on activity

Paul Moron and Kent Kirkby – 3-D visualization of maps

Cinzia Cervato is in contact with Cathy Manduca re: our theme session

Focus for NAGT is Year of the Field Trip

OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that we ask members if they would agree to having their names listed on our web page as members. The purpose of such a list would be to provide potential mentoring opportunities. If a geoscience teacher sees a geologist on the list from her/his area, she/he might be contact that geologist as a resource.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis D. Treworgy, Secretary
