

## Minutes

Central Section of NAGT Business Meeting

SC GSA, Rockford, IL, April 3, 2009

<http://www.nagt.org/nagt/organization/central/index.html>

- **Welcome and introduction of attendees and officers**
- **Minutes of previous meeting** ([http://nagt.org/files/nagt/organization/central/minutes\\_042508.v2.pdf](http://nagt.org/files/nagt/organization/central/minutes_042508.v2.pdf)) – Approved

- **Treasurer's Report** – presented by Michael Wolf - accepted

- **Elections** (new terms take effect at the end of the meeting) – elected by unanimous consent
  - President – Carrie Wright, University of Southern Indiana ([clwright@usi.edu](mailto:clwright@usi.edu))
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Allen Macfarlane, Kansas Geological Survey, ([dowser@kgs.ku.edu](mailto:dowser@kgs.ku.edu))
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Kevin Evans, Missouri State University ([kevinevans@missouristate.edu](mailto:kevinevans@missouristate.edu))
  - Past President – Mark Francek, Central Michigan University ([Mark.Francek@cmich.edu](mailto:Mark.Francek@cmich.edu))
  - Treasurer- 2010-2012 term – Michael Wolf, Augustana College ([michaelwolf@augustana.edu](mailto:michaelwolf@augustana.edu))
  - OESTA Co-Chairs – Sherman Lundy ([lundy@basicmaterialscorp.com](mailto:lundy@basicmaterialscorp.com)) and Kata McCarville ([McCarvilleK@uiu.edu](mailto:McCarvilleK@uiu.edu))

### **Nominations** – need suggestions for next year

- Michigan State Representative - still in need
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for 2010-2011 near Pittsburg, PA if possible

- **OEST** – Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Awards 2008-2009
  - Nominations still being accepted through June 30, 2009 – send to Kate Pound, OESTA Chair ([kspound@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:kspound@stcloudstate.edu))
  - It was unanimously voted that the section reimburse traveling expenses to the NC-GSA conferences as an experiment next year; up to \$500 for the Central Section winner (contingent on their giving a presentation) and up to \$100 for each of the state winners. This is in addition to the normal OEST awards. It was noted that these winners could also apply for the Doty Stout Award.

- **NAGT (National) Report** -Aida Awad, councilor on NAGT Executive Committee presented report

### • **Old Business**

- **Newsletter** - Current newsletter is posted on Central Section web page
- **2008 Combined Tri-State GLS-SEPM Fall Field Trip** - Combined Tri-State and GLS-SEPM Field Conference – October 17-19, Cedar Falls, Iowa – central section NAGT helped support, \$250
- **NC-GSA**, Rockford, IL, April 2-3, 2009, Central Section NAGT program
  - **Theme Sessions:**
    1. Issues in Geoscience Education. (Kathleen Bower, )
    2. K-16 Collaboration, Outreach, and Engagement (Allen Macfarlane and Annabelle Foos)

### • **New Business**

- **NAGT Central Section OEST Awards** – in newsletter
- **Future Activities**
  - **2009 Tri-State Geological Field Conference** - An Illinois host is being sought - Contact James Walters ([james.walters@uni.edu](mailto:james.walters@uni.edu))
  - **2009 GLS-SEPM Fall Field Trip**, Ancient Landscapes of the Shawnee Hills, Southern Illinois, Dr. Pius Weibel ([weibel@isgs.illinois.edu](mailto:weibel@isgs.illinois.edu))
    - Voted unanimously to support GLS-SEPM with \$250 contingent on special student and K-12 educator rate
- Proposed NAGT program, **2010 NC-GSA**, Branson, MO
  - **1. 2010 Branson, Missouri** - joint meeting of the North-Central and South-Central sections, April 11-13, 2010, co-conveners Thomas G. Plymate, Dept. of Geography, Geology, and Planning, Missouri State University ([TomPlymate@MissouriState.edu](mailto:TomPlymate@MissouriState.edu)) and Marcia Schulmeister, Earth Science Department, Emporia State University – to propose theme session contact Kevin Mickus ([kevinmickus@missouristate.edu](mailto:kevinmickus@missouristate.edu))
    - Suggested Central Section NAGT sponsored events:

- Theme Session: Issues in Earth Science Education: K-16 (Kathy Bower, [kmbower@eiu.edu](mailto:kmbower@eiu.edu))
  - Theme Session: Defining and Teaching Sustainability (David Voorhees, [dvoorhees@waubonsee.edu](mailto:dvoorhees@waubonsee.edu))
  - Theme Session: Activities in Inquiry Earth Science Education: K-16 (Carrie Wright, [clwright@usi.edu](mailto:clwright@usi.edu))
  - Theme Session: Arts in Geoscience (Allen Macfarlane, [dowser@kgs.ku.edu](mailto:dowser@kgs.ku.edu))
  - Workshop: Hands-on Activities and Materials in K-16 Earth Science Education (Michael Wolf, [michaelwolf@augustana.edu](mailto:michaelwolf@augustana.edu))
  - Field Trip: Geology of Route 66 (Kevin Evans, [kevinevans@missouristate.edu](mailto:kevinevans@missouristate.edu))
  - Field Trip: Riverbluff Cave with its Pleistocene fauna (Kevin Evans, [kevinevans@missouristate.edu](mailto:kevinevans@missouristate.edu))
- It was suggested to the 2010 NC-GSA coordinators that registration fees for K-12 and 2-year educators be greatly reduced
- It was suggested that section members bring local rock, mineral, and fossil samples to section booth at meeting as free education samples to conference attendees
- NAGT program, **2011 NC-GSA, Pittsburg, PA**, joint with NE-GSA - contact: Daniel Holm (Kent State University, [dholm@kent.edu](mailto:dholm@kent.edu))
- Future NC-GSA meetings:
  - **2012 Dayton, Ohio**, contact: Charles Ciampaglio (Wright State University, [chuck.ciampaglio@wright.edu](mailto:chuck.ciampaglio@wright.edu))
  - **2015 Madison, Wisconsin**
- Incorporation/tax id issue:
 

Tax ID and corporate status are different issues. The fact that the Central Section has its own tax ID number simply means that the Executive Director's office will not need to gather data from Central NAGT 1009-INT forms when national NAGT prepare its annual tax return.

Having a tax ID number is not relevant to the insurance/corporation issue. There is no compelling reason for Central NAGT to incorporate. It is not known if the Central Section may have taken this step in the past. If the Central section IS incorporated then it is excluded from national NAGT insurance coverage. If it is NOT incorporated then national NAGT insurance will provide coverage for the Central Section's activities.

Does anyone recall if Central Section NAGT is incorporated? Sherman Lundy did not think Central Section was incorporated but suggested Mark Francek contact previous section secretary, Sam Huffman of River Falls.

- **Other**

- This year the state representatives will be asked to define their responsibilities. One responsibility will be developing a list of state K-12 earth science teachers in order to send out announcements of Central Section NAGT events. The meeting attendees brainstormed sources of names of state earth science teachers, K-12 and came up with the following possibilities:
  - Area Education Associations (Iowa)
  - Principles of all state schools
  - Regional Offices (Illinois)
  - Licensing boards
  - Science Fair attendees
  - Undergraduate education schools
  - State Department of Education

It is suggested that these organizations be formally approached as a representative of the Central Section of NAGT in order to receive their cooperation. It is also suggested that the state representatives be prepared with a list of the benefits of belonging to NAGT in order to receive cooperation.