

Minutes of
Central Section of NAGT Business Meeting
SC & NC GSA, Lawrence, KS, April 13, 2007
<http://www.nagt.org/nagt/organization/central/index.html>

- **Welcome and introduction of attendees and officers** (Annabelle Foos, President)
- **Minutes of previous meeting, approved** (Janis Treworgy, Secretary)
- **Treasurer's Report** (sent by Ed Hansen)
- **Elections, slate was approved unanimously** (*new terms take effect at end of meeting*)
 - New president – Kathleen Bower, Eastern Illinois U (cfkmb1@eiu.edu)
 - New 1st Vice President – Mark Francek, Central Michigan (Mark.Francek@cmich.edu)
 - New 2nd Vice President – Carrie Wright, University of Southern Indiana (clwright@usi.edu)
 - Secretary/Editor for 2007-2010 – Janis Treworgy, Principia College (janis.treworgy@prin.edu)

Nominations

- 2nd VP for 2008
 - The officers have decided that from now on we will try to pick a 2nd VP from the area in which the NC-GSA will be held the year they take office (2008 in this case). The 2nd VP will then coordinate with the Sectional GSA Planning Committee in putting together the education program for the subsequent year. The Duties of Officers has been rewritten to reflect this change. Carrie Wright is on the Planning Committee. Since it is uncertain at this time where this meeting will be (normally this is known at this point), we held off nominating someone for 2008.
- **OEST – Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Awards 2006-2007** (sent by Sallie Greenberg)
 - Record number of nominations this spring
 - Nominations still being accepted through June 1, 2007 – send to Sallie Greenberg, OEST Chair (greenberg@isgs.uiuc.edu)
- **NAGT (National) Report** – there was no report
- **Old Business**
 - **Newsletter** (Janis Treworgy, Editor)
 - Solicited content from officers/members
 - Email distribution
 - 14.6% of members (48/329) 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 2006-2007**
 - Combined Great Lakes Section of SEPM and Tri-State Field Conference, Rock Island, IL – September 30, 2006
 - New Perspectives on Paleozoic Epeiric Seas and Carbonate Platforms of the Iowa and Illinois Basins
 - Led by Jed Day, IL State University, Normal
 - > 100 participants, 12 university campuses
 - NC-GSA meeting, Lawrence, KS, April 2007
 - One theme session – Issues in Geoscience Education (poster & oral)
 - Luncheon business meeting
 - Staffed NAGT booth

- **New Business**

- **Future Activities**

- Tri-State Field Conference, River Falls, Wisconsin, October 5-7, 2007 (Kerry Keen and Mike Middleton)
 - GLS-SEPM Field Conference, SE Ohio, October 5-6, 2007 (Greg Nadon)
 - We voted to sponsor and subsidize each of the two field trips by the amount of \$250 each provided they offer a lower registration fee for students and K-12 teachers
 - Proposed NAGT program, April 24-25, 2008 NC-GSA, Evansville, IN
<http://ncgsa.unl.edu/misc/meetings.htm>
 - Paul Doss, Chair of the Sectional Planning Committee for the Evansville meeting reported that Carrie Wright, our newly elected 2nd VP, is coordinating the K-16 education program for the meeting.
 - The officers have been discussing by email the program for next year with Carrie and Mark Francek, both of whom could not make this meeting. After some discussion, we decided to sponsor the following items:
 - **K-12 Workshop**
 - “Easy-setup, Easy-to-use, and Cheap Earth Science Demos” (Carrie Wright and Debbie Vannatter, Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation)
 - Carrie will work on arranging professional development credit as an option for participants
 - Suggested schedule: 3-6 pm on Thursday of the meeting
 - We voted to provide up to \$250 in financial support for the workshop.
 - **Theme sessions:** We discussed several possible topics and settled on these:
 - Learning Objectives in the Geosciences (Annabelle Foos, convenor)
 - Evolution (Penny Greer, Dean Moosavi, Elizabeth Heise, co-convenors)
 - Inquiry-based, hands-on, class and lab demonstrations (Kate Pond?)
 - **Field Trip**
 - Proposed a field trip on local buildings and geology – **WE NEED SOMEONE TO LEAD THIS - did someone volunteer?**

- **Other**

- Paul Doss recommended that the executive directors of NAGT and GSA support the planning committee by sending a letter to the supervisor of each member of the planning committee stating how essential the work of the planning committee member is to his/her profession.... Members should be asked who the most appropriate person would be.