



National Association of Geoscience Teachers, Central Section (www.nagt.org)

Annual Spring Business Meeting, I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign, IL
April 18, 2016, North-Central Section Meeting of the Geological Society of America

Minutes of the Business Meeting

In attendance: 21 (a list of attendees is included at the end of the minutes)

Welcome and introductions (Katie Lewandowski)

Minutes of 5/19/15 business meeting (Madison, WI) approved.

Treasurer's Report (Michael Wolf)

This academic year we have received \$605 from national NAGT and spent \$150 for the NC GSA booth. We now have \$8,615.80 in our account, but will be dispersing \$500 to the OEST section winner and a few \$100 checks to OEST state winners. The winners will be announced in the spring newsletter after the May 1 deadline. Present annual expenses exceed income from dues, but funds will last for quite a few years given recent rates of spending. Mike encouraged individuals to apply for travel funds to attend meetings and workshops.

Officers and election for 2016-17

New terms took effect at the end of the business meeting.

President – Renee Sparks, Calvin College. (2015-2017). At the 2015 business meeting, Renee was approved for a one-time 2-term and continues to serve as president.

1st Vice President – Beth Johnson, UW-Fox Valley (2015-2017)

Secretary Jeff Strasser, Augustana College (2016-2017) (Past President)

2nd Vice President

Sherman Lundy nominated Alexa Sedlacek (Univ. Northern Iowa). Nomination seconded and approved unanimously.

Alexa will serve as 2nd VP for 2016-2017. Welcome Alexa!

Katie Lewandowski will be rotating off of her officer position after several years of leadership within this section.

Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Awards (M.Wolf)

Award committee chair this year was Susan Kornreich Wolf, Augustana College (susanwolf@augustana.edu). Susan is the Educational Programs Coordinator for Augustana's Fryxell Geology Museum.

Mike reported that 5 teachers have been nominated (3 from MN, 1 from OH, 1 from IN). Susan has been in touch with them, but awaits applications prior to the May 1 deadline. Winners will be announced in the next newsletter.

Sherman Lundy reminded us that state representatives need to be active in nominating teachers and presenting awards.

Old Business

- Newsletter. Katie Lewandowski offered to write and mail the newsletter in May, after the OEST awards have been announced. Any additions to the newsletter should be submitted to Katie.
- Field trips. There were no GLS-SEPM or TriState trips this past year
- Grants and awards.
 - Central Section NAGT supports travel of an official representative to national NAGT events up to \$500, provided the travel is not supported by another institution. There were no applications for the 15-16 year.
 - Central Section NAGT also may pay the cost of the section NAGT business lunch for K-14 professionals if they cannot afford the cost themselves and if they are presenting at the meeting. There were no requests for 15-16.

New Business

- **NC GSA meeting 2017** will be combined with the north-east section in Pittsburgh, PA (March 19-21, 2017). We are looking for theme sessions, workshops, field trips, etc, for NAGT to sponsor. Any such events needs to be coordinated with the Eastern Section (and possible New England Section) of NAGT. In addition, we will coordinate setting up and staffing a booth with the other sections.. Katie reminded us that to submit a request for NAGT sponsorship one needs to access the NAGT website (<http://nagt.org/nagt/about/sponsorship.html>) and make sure the sessions submitted to professional organizations include the text "Sponsored by National Association of Geoscience Teachers." The theme of the meeting will be energy resources for the future (Energy Rollercoaster). Katie later encouraged individuals to organize a theme session. There was some discussion of an NAGT theme session focusing on teaching about energy resources, then environment, and climate change. Sherman also suggested a theme session with some emphasis on general science education and conflict resolution.
- **State representatives for NAGT** are needed. Rachel Headley (UW Parkside) volunteered to be a state representative for WI. Renee will contact somebody in MN.
- **Field Trips**
 - Great Lakes SEPM is planning a fieldtrip in northwestern lower Michigan, 10/14/16 – 10/16/16. For more details see <http://isgs.illinois.edu/sepm>.
 - Beth Johnson made a very preliminary announcement of her proposed Tri-State Geological Field Conference in northeast WI (Wolf River Batholith, Niagara Escarpment, etc.), probably during the second weekend of October 2017. NAGT will cosponsor this trip. (Beth later confirmed that GL-SEPM will co-sponsor the trip).
 - Beth Johnson also announcement early plans for a field trip to Isle Royale during early summer, 2017. This would be a ~6 day trip involving Michigan Tech University (Bill Rose) and their boat. Stay tuned for details!
- **Travel Grants** – Renee Sparks reiterated that we have money in our budget to provide travel grants to field trips or meetings for people who otherwise lack funds. Mike suggested contacting him with a brief explanation of the merit of the request, and that the executive committee could vote. Sherman later suggested that award limits and criteria for selection be specified in the next newsletter.
- **Earth Educators' Rendezvous 2016**. Mike Phillips announced the next teaching workshop, July 18-22, 2016, University of Wisconsin – Madison. For more information see http://serc.carleton.edu/earth_rendezvous/2016/index.html.
- **National GSA Meeting**. Katie indicated there will be multiple NAGT sponsored sessions at the national meeting in Boulder (9/25-28) <http://community.geosociety.org/gsa2016/home>, including a session chaired by Beth Johnson on Women in Geology.
- **Transfer Issues for Students from 2-year programs**. Mike Phillips announced that he has developed of a "White Paper" with guidelines for students in 2-year programs who wish to transfer to 4-year schools to pursue geoscience degrees. He is happy to share the document and invites comments on it.
- **NAGT Membership**. Some members need to renew their membership. State representatives have been given a list of lapsed membership and asked to contact individuals and encourage them to renew. Also, Sherman suggested we make membership application forms more obvious at the NAGT table.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Strasser, Secretary
4/25/16

Special note from the Secretary: Many thanks to Katie Lewandowski, who, for the past several years, has organized the lunch business meetings, brought the materials for the information booth, set up the booth, and kept our section active and vibrant! She is rotating off of her officer position, but she has also generously offered to complete the spring newsletter as her final duty as past president and secretary. I am very grateful to her for her years of hard work and dedication to the NAGT and its mission!

Attending the 5/18/16 Business luncheon meeting

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