

## Councilor-at-Large Annual Report for NAGT 2010-2011

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### Meetings

- GSA Annual Meeting, Denver, October 30-November 1, 2010
  - Attended executive committee meeting
  - Attended NAGT/GSA Ed Div luncheon and awards
  - Led NAGT/GSA Ed Div-sponsored workshop entitled “An Introduction to Using Active Learning to Reduce Student Misconceptions about Plate Tectonics”
- NAGT Executive Committee 2010-2011 Meetings
  - Attended the NAGT Executive Committee meeting in Elsah, Illinois
  - Participated in quarterly Executive committee teleconferences

### Activities

- New England section liaison – I contacted the leadership of NENAGT with updates from the national level and asked them to share comments or concerns
- In The Trenches
  - submitted ideas and suggestions for articles and authors to the editor
  - submitted a short article for the first edition
- Journal of Geoscience Education
  - coauthor on a paper submitted to JGE
  - served as reviewer on a couple papers submitted to JGE
- Co-lead the week-long On the Cutting Edge Workshop for Early Career Faculty in the Geosciences (2011)
- Led a half-day workshop entitled “Lecture Tutorial Interactive Teaching in Geology” held at the Community College of Rhode Island, sponsored by NENAGT
- Nominated K. Saul from Ferri Middle School, Johnston RI for the 2011 Outstanding Earth Science Teacher (OEST) Award from the New England section of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers
- Past President of New England NAGT
- Applied and accepted to co-lead a NAGT and GSA Ed Div sponsored workshop entitled “Common Misconceptions About Plate Tectonics, Earth's Interior, and the Rock Cycle, and Active Learning Approaches to Correct Them” at the GSA annual meeting in 2011
- Proposed and will co-chair a NAGT sponsored session at the NE GSA meeting, titled “Inquiry-Based Activities: Examples and Effectiveness”
- Proposed and will lead a NAGT sponsored workshop at the NE GSA meeting, titled “Misconceptions in Introductory Geology Courses and Ways to Reduce Them with Active Learning Techniques”
- Proposed and will co-lead (with Christine Witkowski, a fellow NE NAGT member) a field trip at the NE GSA meeting, titled “In the Footsteps of Dinosaurs: A Guided Tour of Dinosaur State Park for K–16 Educators”
- Aiding in the coordination of NENAGT efforts at the NE GSA meeting, such as organizing the NAGT-sponsored luncheon and field trip