

NAGT Southwest Section report 2010-2011

Greetings fellow NAGT members,

I'm pleased to announce that this past year witnessed a relatively peaceful transition of power within the NAGT Southwest Section. Unfortunately, this transition is not quite complete, at least with respect to the transfer of information between administrative leaders. Thus, my report to you will be rather brief. (you're welcome)

1. Money: It is my understanding that NAGT-SW is in good financial standing (*i.e.*, we do not have a deficit).

2. Awards: At our annual Spring Meeting, NAGT-SW had the great honor of giving Ms Laura Lukes the 2010 Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Award. We have already been collecting nominations for the 2011 award.

3. Fieldtrips: NAGT-SW held its annual spring field conference in May this year. Expectations were high following the massively successful March 2010 gathering, which partially coincided with the NAGT Executive Committee business meeting in Salt Lake City, and included fieldtrips in both northern Utah (SLC area) and southern Utah (Capitol Reef area). For 2011, we headed to colorful Colorado, and of course we were not disappointed. We stayed in Durango, and enjoyed the fine accommodations at Fort Lewis College. Much was learned on field excursions in that area as well as on the way up to Silverton. We had a total of 9 participants, and Dr. Rob Blair was excellent as our local guide and geology expert. In addition, Laura Lukes gave a superb presentation regarding the possibilities of incorporating geology field content in web-based learning activities. We're looking forward to next year's trip to New Mexico, and we have already begun to make plans.

So, NAGT-SW is regaining some vigor, and I believe we're generating more interest within the region. I'm happy to report that I sense increasing excitement and enthusiasm in our community.

Sincerely yours,

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