

Draft Minutes of ISU NSTA Student Chapter Meeting  
Thursday, September 11, 2003  
Moulton 307-B

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rebecca Wenning. Eight students were in attendance as well as advisor Carl Wenning. Rebecca asked Nataalka Kinal to report on the Student Education Association (SEA) events for all majors. Nataalka noted that there will be a statewide conference at Bloomington's Raddison Hotel on October 31/November 1. There will be a Friday evening speaker and a set of workshops on Saturday. There is a \$30 registration fee. Details should soon be available online at <http://www.ieanea.org/>.

Rebecca asked that, if everyone had reviewed the proposed NSTA Student Chapter constitution as provided by NSTA, whether or not it would be an opportune time to approve it. The consensus was that, yes, it should stand approved as proposed. A vote was taken; all approved. Rebecca will post the constitution on the NSTASC web site. She noted that elections for officers would be held during the first meeting of October. At that time, she will officially register the student association with ISU, and forward our request for formal recognition to the NSTA national chapter.

Ann McDonald reported on the availability of t-shirts for the group. She noted that the shirts would cost anywhere from \$10 to \$20 depending upon design, color, number ordered, etc. It was the consensus that shirts should be ordered, but that a logo had to be adopted first. Members were asked to scour NSTA student chapter web sites searching for possible ideas.

Rebecca then noted that the Challenger Learning Center of Central Illinois will be dedicated on December 17, 2003. Rebecca who serves as an official CLC spokesperson, and Carl Wenning, who has served on various CLC committees over the past four years, noted that sometime this spring a visit to the site for a mission was a strong possibility that would present volunteer opportunities. There appeared to be a strong interest.

Carl then spent 25 minutes speaking about the three Illinois Certification Testing System exams required for admission to professional studies (Basic Skills Test), for admission to student teaching (Content-Area Test), and for licensure this year and graduation next year (Assessment of Profession Teaching). He will provide hyperlinks on the NSTASC web site with detailed information.

At 6:40 p.m. the assembled members broke into two teams for an "Scholastic Bowl" competition using material borrowed from University High School by Rebecca. Carl read the questions and two teams of three students each competed. The green team won over the red team with a score of 20 to 9, much to the amusement (and enlightenment!) of all.

It was announced that the next meeting of the NSTASC would take place on Thursday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. in Moulton 307-B. Carl Wenning, Physics Teacher Education advisor, will speak about the Lesson Study process, and will provide information about teaching science lessons at the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. There will be another "Science Scholastic Bowl" competition as well. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Wenning, Secretary Pro Tem