

Profiles  
of  
NSTA  
State Chapters  
Affiliates  
and  
Associated Groups

# Purpose

The NSTA Council is composed of eighteen District Directors representing the 50 States, Canada, Guam, American Samoa, Territory of the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands. The Council Affiliate Directors represent the seven NSTA Affiliates. In addition NSTA has several associated groups which share similar missions.

At the summer National Congress meeting, as well as at the NSTA Conventions, participants often comment that one of the most valuable benefits of attendance is meeting fellow science teachers and sharing successes and challenges. Chapter and Affiliate leaders have often stated that even though their roles are similar, there is little opportunity to share information and resources. Some have commented that they feel that they are frequently “reinventing the wheel” as each group strives to serve science educators.

The **NSTA Profiles of Chapters and Affiliates** is a work in progress. This data was gathered by the NSTA Council. This document is meant to serve as a resource for chapters and affiliates to use as they provide programs and services to their members. The information will remain somewhat stable but will hopefully increase as more groups communicate their information to their Council representative. If further information is needed, the reader may refer to the **NSTA Handbook** to obtain the names and contact information for each NSTA chapter, affiliate, and associated group.

# NSTA Chapters

**District I - CT,MA,RI**

**District II - ME,NH,VT**

**District III - DC,DE,MD**

**District IV - NJ, NY, PA**

**District V - AL, CZ, FL,  
GA, PR, VI**

**District VI - NC, SC, TN**

**District VII - AR, LA, MS**

**District VIII - KY, VA, WV**

**District IX - MN, ND, SD**

**District X -IN,MI,OH**

**District XI - KS, MO, NE**

**District XII - IL, IA, WI**

**District XIII - NM, OK, TX**

**District XIV - AZ, CO, UT**

**District XV - ID, MT, WY**

**District XVI - CA, HI, NV,  
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**District XVII - AK, OR, WA**

**District XVIII - CANADA**

# **NSTA Affiliates**

**Association for the Education of Teachers of Science  
(AETS)**

**Council for Elementary Science International (CESI)**

**Council of State Science Supervisors (CSSS)**

**National Association for Reserach in Science Teaching  
(NARST)**

**National Middle Level Science Teachers Association  
(NMLSTA)**

**National Science Education Leadership Association  
(NSELA)**

# **Society for College Science Teachers (SCST)**

# **NSTA Associated Groups**

**New England Association of Chemistry Teachers  
Massachusetts Association of Science Supervisors  
Wisconsin Elementary and Middle Level Science Teachers**

# Alabama Science Teachers Association

## **NSTA District \_\_V**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings -**
2. **Membership -**
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members -**
4. **Staff -**

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance -**
2. **Exhibit fees -**
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year? -**
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -**
5. **Same site each year? -**
6. **Meeting Site -**
7. **Meeting Time -**
8. **Speaker Issues -**

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9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency -**
2. **Number of Pages -**
3. **Sell Ads -**
4. **Feature columns -**

# Alaska Science Teachers Association

## NSTA District XVII

### A. Chapter Information:

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Every Odd year a joint conference with Mathematics
2. **Membership** - 170
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - Unknown
4. **Staff** - None

### B. Convention Information

1. **Attendance** - 300 shared with mathematics teachers biannually
2. **Exhibit fees** - Not available
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - Yes
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - Yes
5. **Same site each year?** - Same
6. **Meeting Site** - Hotel
7. **Meeting Time** - 3rd weekend in October
8. **Speaker Issues** - Science Issues, nationally recognized
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?** Mini-Grants; Tuition discounts for conference attendance List Serve

### C. Newsletter Information

1. **Frequency** - 4-5 times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - six double sided
3. **Sell Ads** - no
4. **Feature columns** - President



# Alberta Science Teachers Association

## NSTA District XVIII

### A. Chapter Information:

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Board 10 times per year
2. **Membership** - 1000
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - Unknown
4. **Staff** - no

### B. Convention Information

1. **Attendance** - Varies 600-1300
2. **Exhibit fees** - \$325 Canadian per booth
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - Yes with two co-chairs
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - if available
5. **Same site each year?** - rotates - mountain and central site
6. **Meeting Site** - hotel with off site sessions in school
7. **Meeting Time** - Varies --September to November
8. **Speaker Issues** - Keynote well known - use speaker bureau and others
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
Yes - regional workshops throughout the year

### C. Newsletter Information

1. **Frequency** - newsletter 3-4 times per year, Journal twice per year
2. **Number of Pages** - Newsletter 12 pages; Journal 40 Pages
3. **Sell Ads** - no
4. **Feature columns** - Editor ; President, Directors,  
Alberta Learning (Government)

# **American Samoa Science Teachers Association**

## **NSTA District XVI**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings -**
2. **Membership -**
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members -**
4. **Staff -**

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance -**
2. **Exhibit fees -**
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year? -**
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -**
5. **Same site each year? -**
6. **Meeting Site -**
7. **Meeting Time -**
8. **Speaker Issues -**

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9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency -**
2. **Number of Pages -**
3. **Sell Ads -**
4. **Feature columns -**

# Arizona Science Teachers Association

## **NSTA District XIV**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Once per year
2. **Membership** - 450
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - unknown
4. **Staff** - None

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 875
  2. **Exhibit fees** - \$250 commercial, \$50 non-profit
  3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - Yes
  4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - Yes
  5. **Same site each year?** - Yes in Phoenix
  6. **Meeting Site** - Convention Center
  7. **Meeting Time** - Early October
  8. **Speaker Issues** - Two Keynote Speakers, NSTA as a resource
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9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention** - None

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - 4 times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - 8-16 pages
3. **Sell Ads** - Yes
4. **Feature columns** - Message from the President

# Arkansas Science Teachers Association

## **NSTA District VII**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - 4 times per year
2. **Membership** - 500
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - <100
4. **Staff** - None

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 750+
2. **Exhibit fees** - \$300
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - rotate  
every other year
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - Yes
5. **Same site each year?** - Same
6. **Meeting Site** - Hotel
7. **Meeting Time** - 1st or 2nd week of November
8. **Speaker Issues** - Science Issues, nationally recognized  
funded by Eisenhower Funding
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
Summer leadership Conference 3rd week of July

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - 4 times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - 16-20
3. **Sell Ads** - yes - \$200 per page
4. **Feature columns** - President, Area Representative, Elem/Mid/High. and legislative issues

# **British Columbia Science Teachers Association**

## **NSTA District XVIII**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings -**
2. **Membership -**
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members -**
4. **Staff -**

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance -**
2. **Exhibit fees -**
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year? -**
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -**
5. **Same site each year? -**
6. **Meeting Site -**
7. **Meeting Time -**
8. **Speaker Issues - \_\_\_\_\_**
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency -**
2. **Number of Pages -**
3. **Sell Ads -**
4. **Feature columns -**

# California Science Teachers Association

## **NSTA District XVI**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Once per year
2. **Membership** - 3,600
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - Unknown
4. **Staff** - Exec. Director, Conference Mgr., Admin. Coordinator

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 3,500
2. **Exhibit fees** - \$650-\$750
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - Yes
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - Yes if asked
5. **Same site each year?** - Rotate North-South
6. **Meeting Site** - Hotel plus Conv. Ctr.
7. **Meeting Time** - 2nd-4th week of October
8. **Speaker Issues** - Nationally known
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
Throughout the year

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - Five times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - 28-32
3. **Sell Ads** - yes price varies
4. **Feature columns** - yes

# Colorado Association of Science Teachers

## NSTA District XIV

### A. Chapter Information:

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Board 5 times; Annual Convention
2. **Membership** - 375
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - unknown
4. **Staff** - no

### B. Convention Information

1. **Attendance** - 1000
2. **Exhibit fees** - \$150 - one evening and one day of exhibits
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - varies
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - yes
5. **Same site each year?** - Denver Merchant Mall
6. **Meeting Site** - Denver Merchant Mall
7. **Meeting Time** - October 4-5
8. **Speaker Issues** - Nationally Known -varies with theme of meeting

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9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
Regions within Co. with Eisenhower funds through McREL

### C. Newsletter Information

1. **Frequency** - 4 times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - 25-30
3. **Sell Ads** - \$100 full page; \$50 half, \$25 Quarter; \$15 business card size
4. **Feature columns** - Presidential Ramblings, Editors Superhighway, Elementary corner

# Connecticut Association of Science Teachers

## **NSTA District \_\_I**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - 10 times per year
2. **Membership** - 500
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - about 250
4. **Staff** - no

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 300
2. **Exhibit fees** - Commercial-\$175, non-profit \$15
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - Every 2 yrs
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - yes
5. **Same site each year?** - yes
6. **Meeting Site** - school
7. **Meeting Time** - Moved from Fall to Winter now in Spring
8. **Speaker Issues** - Science Themes
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
Field trips and workshops

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - 5-6 times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - 8
3. **Sell Ads** - no
4. **Feature columns** - Science Safety; Department of Education



# Delaware Teachers of Science

## **NSTA District III**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings -**
2. **Membership -**
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members -**
4. **Staff -**

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance -**
2. **Exhibit fees -**
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year? -**
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -**
5. **Same site each year? -**
6. **Meeting Site -**
7. **Meeting Time -**
8. **Speaker Issues -**

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9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency -**
2. **Number of Pages -**
3. **Sell Ads -**
4. **Feature columns -**

## **District of Columbia Science Educators Association**

### **NSTA District III**

#### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings -
2. Membership -
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -
4. Staff -

#### **B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance -
2. Exhibit fees -
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -
5. Same site each year? -
6. Meeting Site -
7. Meeting Time -
8. Speaker Issues - \_\_\_\_\_
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

#### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency -
2. Number of Pages -
3. Sell Ads -
4. Feature columns -

# **Florida Association of Science Teachers**

## **NSTA District V**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings -**
2. **Membership -**
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members -**
4. **Staff -**

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance -**
2. **Exhibit fees -**
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year? -**
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -**
5. **Same site each year? -**
6. **Meeting Site -**
7. **Meeting Time -**
8. **Speaker Issues -**

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9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency -**
2. **Number of Pages -**
3. **Sell Ads -**
4. **Feature columns -**

## Georgia Association of Science Teachers

### **NSTA District V**

#### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings -**
2. **Membership -**
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members -**
4. **Staff -**

#### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance -**
2. **Exhibit fees -**
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year? -**
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -**
5. **Same site each year? -**
6. **Meeting Site -**
7. **Meeting Time -**
8. **Speaker Issues -**

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9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**

#### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency -**
2. **Number of Pages -**
3. **Sell Ads -**
4. **Feature columns -**

# Hawaii Science Teachers Association

## **NSTA District XVI**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Twice with Content Sections - Board meetings  
by Teleconference 4-5 times per year
2. **Membership** - 180
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - Unknown
4. **Staff** - No

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 70-80
2. **Exhibit fees** - -\$30
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** -Yes
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - yes
5. **Same site each year?** - Rotate sites
6. **Meeting Site** - School
7. **Meeting Time** - 3rd week in October and 1st week in May
8. **Speaker Issues** - National and local speakers \_\_\_\_\_
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
Section (content) chairs facilitate meetings for their sections

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - 3 times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - about 20
3. **Sell Ads** - no
4. **Feature columns** - President's message, Conference News, Calendar,  
member articles, we also have a list-serve

# Idaho Science Teachers Association

## **NSTA District XV**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - one general meeting two board meetings
2. **Membership** - 400
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - unknown
4. **Staff** - no

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 500
2. **Exhibit fees** - Base \$275 -\$1000 non profit
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - yes
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - yes
5. **Same site each year?** - rotate sites
6. **Meeting Site** - varies
7. **Meeting Time** - First Thursday and Friday in October
8. **Speaker Issues** - Gratis or supported by corporate sponsor

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9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
Summer river trip, scholarships for teachers to attend PD

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - Four times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - 8
3. **Sell Ads** - no
4. **Feature columns** - President's letter

# Illinois Science Teachers Association

## **NSTA District XII**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Once per year and a regional meeting
2. **Membership** - 1400
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - unknown
4. **Staff** - Executive Director

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 1200
2. **Exhibit fees** - \$400 commercial; \$175 Non-commercial
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - no
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - yes
5. **Same site each year?** - Alternate two sites North & South
6. **Meeting Site** - Hotel & Convention Center
7. **Meeting Time** - October or November
8. **Speaker Issues** - Varies
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
BaP and Regional Meetings

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - Journal 3 times Newsletter 3 times
2. **Number of Pages** - Journal 48 pages; Newsletter - 8 pages
3. **Sell Ads** - Full page \$200, \$100 half page
4. **Feature columns** - In process of re-designing

# Hoosier Association of Science Teachers

## **NSTA District X**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Once per year
2. **Membership** - 2,500
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - No data
4. **Staff** - Exec. Dir (unpaid); Journal Editor (unpaid);  
Newsletter Editor (unpaid); Membership Clerk (paid)

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 2,376
2. **Exhibit fees** - Profit - \$300; Non-Profit - \$150
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - Yes and  
works with a professional meeting consultant
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - Yes and  
complimentary registration
5. **Same site each year?** - Yes
6. **Meeting Site** - Convention Center and 2-3 hotels
7. **Meeting Time** - Second weekend in February
8. **Speaker Issues** - 2-3 speakers each year use NSTA convention as  
resource
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
One to two district drive-in meetings per year

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - 5 times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - 8-12 pages
3. **Sell Ads** - \$45 per one issue; \$235 per year
4. **Feature columns** - NSTA news; Educational Opportunities; Web sites



# Iowa Science Teachers Society

## **NSTA District XII**

### **A. Chapter Information:**

1. **Frequency of meetings** - 6 times
2. **Membership** - 500
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - Unknown
4. **Staff** - no

### **B. Convention Information**

1. **Attendance** - 950
2. **Exhibit fees** - Unavailable
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - Yes
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - never asked
5. **Same site each year?** - Same Site
6. **Meeting Site** - Hotel and Convention center
7. **Meeting Time** - 3rd Thursday in October
8. **Speaker Issues** - Scientists (contact made at NABT and NSTA)
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?** no

### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. **Frequency** - Twice per year
2. **Number of Pages** - about 15
3. **Sell Ads** - no
4. **Feature columns** - Officers, Conference Chair, Elementary Section

# Kansas Association of Teachers of Science

## NSTA District XI

### A. Chapter Information:

1. **Frequency of meetings** - Once with 3 Board meetings
2. **Membership** - 750-800
3. **Chapter members that are also NSTA members** - unknown
4. **Staff** - Office Manager

### B. Convention Information

1. **Attendance** - 500-600
2. **Exhibit fees** - \$50 per table
3. **Does your convention chairperson change each year?** - yes
4. **Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA?** - yes
5. **Same site each year?** - yes
6. **Meeting Site** - 4-H camp at Rock Springs
7. **Meeting Time** - Last weekend in April
8. **Speaker Issues** - Varies with program chair
9. **Offer professional development beyond Convention?**  
Not usually

### C. Newsletter Information

1. **Frequency** - 6 times per year
2. **Number of Pages** - about 25
3. **Sell Ads** - \$100 for full page
4. **Feature columns** - Presidnt's column. Lesson Plans; Editor musings

# Kentucky Science Teachers Association

## NSTA District VIII

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - once per year
2. Membership - 1,200
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - 375
4. Staff - Yes, Executive Director, Exhibit Coord., WebMaster

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 1,000
2. Exhibit fees - \$350
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -yes
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -yes
5. Same site each year? - yes but considering rotating
6. Meeting Site -hotel
7. Meeting Time - 2nd week in November
8. Speaker Issues - Varies
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Workshops and academies in collaboration with KDE and Louisville  
Science Center

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 3 times per year
2. Number of Pages - 8
3. Sell Ads - yes
4. Feature columns - President's column, Executive Director Report

# Louisiana Science Teachers Association

## NSTA District VII

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Board Quarterly, membership annually
2. Membership - 2000
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - ?
4. Staff - Data Base manager

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 1100
2. Exhibit fees - non profit=\$100, For profit \$300
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - every 2 yrs
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes
5. Same site each year? - no
6. Meeting Site - Hotel and convention centers
7. Meeting Time - Fall
8. Speaker Issues - Issues Oriented
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Building A Presence follow-up; on line PD from EDC

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - Bi-Monthly, and a special conference issue
2. Number of Pages - 20-28
3. Sell Ads - No but we accept event flyers form other agencies
4. Feature columns - Many features-BAP; Pres; Teacher Tips; Region news;  
NSTA Reports; Rural Systemic News; State issue updates

## Maine Science Teachers Association

### NSTA District II

#### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - 7-8 times per year
2. Membership - 400-500
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown
4. Staff - No

#### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 250-300
2. Exhibit fees - \$25
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -Every 2 yrs
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - No
5. Same site each year? - Rotates sites
6. Meeting Site - School site
7. Meeting Time - Friday of Columbus Day Weekend
8. Speaker Issues - State Ed. Leaders, NASA Scientists
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? Mini Courses that promote integration of Mat and Science, Satellite Conferences

#### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 3 times per year
2. Number of Pages - 6-7
3. Sell Ads - No
4. Feature columns - No

## Science Teachers Association of Manitoba

NSTA District XVIII

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Six Board and Two Annual Sessions
2. Membership - 600
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - unknown
4. Staff - Contract with a conference planner

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 1000
2. Exhibit fees - \$150 includes lunch and journal ad
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Contracted
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes
5. Same site each year? - Always at a site in Winnipeg
6. Meeting Site - school
7. Meeting Time - 3rd Friday in October
8. Speaker Issues - Publishers provide speakers - also we use teachers
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Workshops and conferences throughout the year

### C. Newsletter - Journal Information

1. Frequency - 4 times per year
2. Number of Pages - 32 pages
3. Sell Ads - \$100 per quarter page
4. Feature columns - under revision

## Maryland Association of Science Teachers

### NSTA District III

#### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Annual Conference-Board 6 times per yr.
2. Membership - 475
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - 200(?)
4. Staff - no

#### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 500
2. Exhibit fees - \$150 per table, \$50 extra table
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -Yes
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes
5. Same site each year? - rotates
6. Meeting Site - school
7. Meeting Time - yes
8. Speaker Issues - members recommend
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Spring Road Show K-12, Spring Colloquium for K-8

#### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - Quarterly
2. Number of Pages - 40-50 pages
3. Sell Ads - no
4. Feature columns - teacher written class activities

# Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers

## NSTA District I

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Seven
2. Membership - 1,000
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - unknown
4. Staff - Executive secretary

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 750-800
2. Exhibit fees - \$200
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - every 2 yrs
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - Yes
5. Same site each year? -Same site
6. Meeting Site - Hotel
7. Meeting Time - Beginning of November
8. Speaker Issues - Varies
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Board retreat

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 4 times per year
2. Number of Pages - 30 pages
3. Sell Ads - yes
4. Feature columns - Editors and Presidents column



## Michigan Science Teachers Association

NSTA District X

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Exec Bd - 6-10 times per yr. Bd - 6 times  
One annual meeting
2. Membership - 4,700
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown
4. Staff - Executive Secretary and Administrative Asst.

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 4,000
2. Exhibit fees - Commercial \$450, Non-profit \$175
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Yes
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes
5. Same site each year? - Rotate sites
6. Meeting Site - Hotel/Convention center
7. Meeting Time - 1st or 2nd week in March
8. Speaker Issues - Solicit proposals from members and past speakers
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? 14 regional  
directors support PD throughout the state

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 4 times per year, Journal-2 per year
2. Number of Pages - 12-20 newsletter; 40-100 pages per journal, website
3. Sell Ads - \$85 - \$350 range based on size
4. Feature columns - Web news, special topics, calendar of events

## Minnesota Science Teachers Association

### NSTA District IX

#### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Exec. Comm. & Board 4 times per year
2. Membership - 1,350
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown
4. Staff - Webmaster, Data Manager, Editor, Exec. Secretary

#### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - About 400
2. Exhibit fees - varies with site cost
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Fall  
changes Spring remains the same
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -yes
5. Same site each year? - different sites
6. Meeting Site - Schools and Convention centers
7. Meeting Time - 3rd week October and Feb-April for Spring
8. Speaker Issues - Varies with theme
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? Yes full and  
half day work shops on various science content areas and  
levels

#### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 4 times per year
2. Number of Pages -24-32
3. Sell Ads -

4. Feature columns - All Science Disciplines, BAP, Exec. Sec., Pres.,  
Environment.

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## Mississippi Science Teachers Association

NSTA District VII

A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings -

2. Membership -

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -

4. Staff -

B. Convention Information

1. Attendance -

2. Exhibit fees -

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -

5. Same site each year? -

6. Meeting Site -

7. Meeting Time -

8. Speaker Issues -

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency -

2. Number of Pages -

3. Sell Ads -

4. Feature columns -

29

## Science Teachers of Missouri

NSTA District XI

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - once

2. Membership - 1050

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown

4. Staff - Yes--two-office

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 200-250

2. Exhibit fees - \$125 per booth with one person & meals (\$40 additional)

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - every 2 yrs

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes

5. Same site each year? - Yes

6. Meeting Site - school

7. Meeting Time - Fall September-October

8. Speaker Issues - Uses agency or NSTA

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Elementary and Secondary workshops in February

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 8 times per year

2. Number of Pages - 32-36

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - President's Column

30

**Montana Science Teachers Association**

NSTA District XV

**A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - 2-3 times

2. Membership - 500

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - 250

4. Staff - no

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - Held in conjunction with MEA/MFT - 3000

2. Exhibit fees - MSTA exhobots at MEA/MFT

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year?

same for 2-3 years

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -yes

5. Same site each year? - 3-4 year rotation schedule

6. Meeting Site - school

7. Meeting Time - yes

8. Speaker Issues - Varies

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

January leadership conference and summer institutes

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - quarterly

2. Number of Pages - 25 pages

3. Sell Ads - Yes, cost varies

4. Feature columns -

31

## Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science

NSTA District XI

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per year

2. Membership - 550

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - unknown

4. Staff - no

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 450-500

2. Exhibit fees - \$100 per table

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -Yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -Yes

5. Same site each year? - Yes

6. Meeting Site - Camp Calvin Crest

7. Meeting Time - Last Thurs-Saturday in October

8. Speaker Issues - Maiben Lecturer; NSTA and other conference contacts

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

Varies from year to year

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - Quarterly

2. Number of Pages - about 8

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - NATS President, Nebraska Academy of Science Pres.

32

## Nevada State Science Teachers Association

NSTA District XVI

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings -

2. Membership -

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -

4. Staff -

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance -

2. Exhibit fees -

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -

5. Same site each year? -

6. Meeting Site -

7. Meeting Time -

8. Speaker Issues -

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency -

2. Number of Pages -

3. Sell Ads -

4. Feature columns -

33

## New Hampshire Science Teachers Association

### NSTA District II

#### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings -

2. Membership -

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -

4. Staff -

#### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance -

2. Exhibit fees -

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -

5. Same site each year? -

6. Meeting Site -

7. Meeting Time -

8. Speaker Issues -

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

#### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency -

2. Number of Pages -



3. Sell Ads -

4. Feature columns -

34

## New Jersey Science Teachers Association

NSTA District IV

### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Monthly

2. Membership - 2,600

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - ?

4. Staff - none

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 3,000

2. Exhibit fees - \$350

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - no

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes

5. Same site each year? - yes

6. Meeting Site - convention Center

7. Meeting Time - 2nd week in October

8. Speaker Issues - Varied

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

3 regional PD, 1 Middle school, 1 Elementary, Science Olympiad, NJA

Physics Teachers; Biol. Tchrs. of NJ; LJ SELA; NJ Earth Sci.

Teachers

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 10 times per year

2. Number of Pages - 8

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - yes

35

## **New Mexico Science Teachers Association**

**NSTA District XIII**

**A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per year

2. Membership - 500

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - unknown

4. Staff - no

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 100-300

2. Exhibit fees -

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes

5. Same site each year? - no

6. Meeting Site - Hotel and sometimes a school

7. Meeting Time - Second weekend in October

8. Speaker Issues - Varies

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - four times per year

2. Number of Pages -5-7

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - no

36

Science Teachers Association of New York State

NSTA District IV

A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Board twice yearly; Exec Comm. - 9 more times

2. Membership - 3,500

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - unknown

4. Staff - one part time clerk

B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 2,000

2. Exhibit fees - yes

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes

5. Same site each year? - yes

6. Meeting Site - hotel

7. Meeting Time - Election weekend

8. Speaker Issues - Varies

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? Yes,  
section workshops and conferences

C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 5 times per year

2. Number of Pages - varies about 20

3. Sell Ads - yes, cost varies by size

4. Feature columns - Membership, President, DAL reports, Section reports

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North Carolina Science Teachers Association

NSTA District VI

A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - 4 times

2. Membership - 2,500

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown

4. Staff - Business Manager and Conference Coordinator

B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 1300-1800

2. Exhibit fees - Yes

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -contracted

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - Yes

5. Same site each year? - same site

6. Meeting Site - hotel

7. Meeting Time - usually

8. Speaker Issues - Theme of conference

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - four times per year

2. Number of Pages - 20

3. Sell Ads - yes

4. Feature columns - no

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North Dakota Science Teachers Association

NSTA District IX

A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings -

2. Membership -

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -

4. Staff -

B. Convention Information

1. Attendance -

2. Exhibit fees -

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -

5. Same site each year? -

6. Meeting Site -

7. Meeting Time -

8. Speaker Issues -

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency -

2. Number of Pages -

3. Sell Ads -

4. Feature columns -

39

Science Education Council of Ohio

NSTA District X

A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Board meets quarterly

2. Membership - 3500

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Approx. 800?

4. Staff - Membership Coordinator to enter data and maintain records

B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 1500+

2. Exhibit fees - unknown

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - no

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes

5. Same site each year? - rotates

6. Meeting Site - hotel

7. Meeting Time - Mid February immediately after HASTI

8. Speaker Issues - Local connections and references from members

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

Yes, Grants (Soy Bean Council & D.O.E.)

C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - Quarterly

2. Number of Pages - 15-24

3. Sell Ads - yes, price varies

4. Feature columns - President's Message

40

Oklahoma Science Teachers Association

NSTA District XIII

A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per year

2. Membership -

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - unknown

4. Staff - no

B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 250

2. Exhibit fees - \$100 per table

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - Yes

5. Same site each year? - Rotates

6. Meeting Site - Varies

7. Meeting Time - 3rd Thursday of October

8. Speaker Issues - Authors

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
a second conference with math teachers

C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency -4 times per year

2. Number of Pages - 8 pages

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns -

Science Teachers Association of Ontario

NSTA District XVIII

A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Exec. Comm. 10 times per yr. Board 4 times
2. Membership - 1,900
3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown
4. Staff - Crucible Editor; Executive Asst.; Advertising Agent

B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 3,000
2. Exhibit fees - \$800 Canadian for 8 X 10 booth
3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -Yes
4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - never asked
5. Same site each year? - yes always in Toronto
6. Meeting Site - Hotel
7. Meeting Time - Second or Third week in November
8. Speaker Issues - Member recommendation
9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Regional Workshops

C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 5 times per year
2. Number of Pages - 48 pages
3. Sell Ads - \$300 per 1/4 pg. \$1100 for cover, full page
4. Feature columns - Pres. message; Elementray column; Careers in  
Science; Science in News; Web sites; Bok Reviews, Announcements



Oregon Science Teachers Association

NSTA District XVII

A. Chapter Information:

- 1. Frequency of meetings - Six
- 2. Membership - 850
- 3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown
- 4. Staff - None

B. Convention Information

- 1. Attendance - 600
- 2. Exhibit fees - \$250 (commercial) 2nd Table \$100 Non Profit \$25
- 3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Yes
- 4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - Yes
- 5. Same site each year? - Rotates
- 6. Meeting Site - School
- 7. Meeting Time - 2nd weekend in October
- 8. Speaker Issues - Science Issues, nationally recognized
- 9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? Facilitates  
DOE workshops

C. Newsletter Information

- 1. Frequency - 5 times per year
- 2. Number of Pages -36-40 for journal - editor paid per page
- 3. Sell Ads - Yes
- 4. Feature columns - President and student articles

Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association

NSTA District IV

A. Chapter Information:

- 1. Frequency of meetings - 4 Board meetings per year
- 2. Membership - 1000
- 3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -
- 4. Staff - none

B. Convention Information

- 1. Attendance - 850
- 2. Exhibit fees -\$400 per booth - \$150 non-profit
- 3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - yes
- 4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes
- 5. Same site each year? - Yes
- 6. Meeting Site - Hershey Convention Center
- 7. Meeting Time - First week in December
- 8. Speaker Issues - Varies
- 9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? no

C. Newsletter Information

- 1. Frequency - Quarterly
- 2. Number of Pages - 40 on average
- 3. Sell Ads - yes
- 4. Feature columns - Cyberscience; NSTA Notes; Childrens Book reviews, Taking the Lead; How Does a Thing Like That Work; Classified

**NSTA District V**

**A. Chapter Information:**

- 1. Frequency of meetings -
- 2. Membership -
- 3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -
- 4. Staff -

**B. Convention Information**

- 1. Attendance -
- 2. Exhibit fees -
- 3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -
- 4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -
- 5. Same site each year? -
- 6. Meeting Site -
- 7. Meeting Time -
- 8. Speaker Issues -
- 9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

**C. Newsletter Information**

- 1. Frequency -
- 2. Number of Pages -
- 3. Sell Ads -
- 4. Feature columns -

**NSTA District I**

**A. Chapter Information:**

- 1. Frequency of meetings - one to two times peryear
- 2. Membership - 110
- 3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - unknown
- 4. Staff - no

**B. Convention Information**

- 1. Attendance - 150-250
- 2. Exhibit fees - \$50 per space
- 3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - no
- 4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes
- 5. Same site each year? - yes
- 6. Meeting Site - college site
- 7. Meeting Time - end of September
- 8. Speaker Issues - Entertaining Educators by personl contact
- 9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? no

**C. Newsletter Information**

- 1. Frequency - four times per year
- 2. Number of Pages - Varies --we use listserv for current news
- 3. Sell Ads - no
- 4. Feature columns - no

**A. Chapter Information:**

- 1. Frequency of meetings -
- 2. Membership -
- 3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -
- 4. Staff -

**B. Convention Information**

- 1. Attendance -
- 2. Exhibit fees -
- 3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -
- 4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -
- 5. Same site each year? -
- 6. Meeting Site -
- 7. Meeting Time -
- 8. Speaker Issues -
- 9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

**C. Newsletter Information**

- 1. Frequency -
- 2. Number of Pages -
- 3. Sell Ads -
- 4. Feature columns -

**A. Chapter Information:**

- 1. Frequency of meetings -
- 2. Membership -
- 3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -
- 4. Staff -

**B. Convention Information**

- 1. Attendance -
- 2. Exhibit fees -
- 3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -
- 4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -
- 5. Same site each year? -
- 6. Meeting Site -
- 7. Meeting Time -
- 8. Speaker Issues -
- 9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

**C. Newsletter Information**

- 1. Frequency -
- 2. Number of Pages -
- 3. Sell Ads -
- 4. Feature columns -

**A. Chapter Information:**

- 1. Frequency of meetings - Twice per year
- 2. Membership - 275
- 3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown
- 4. Staff - No

**B. Convention Information**

- 1. Attendance - 350-450
- 2. Exhibit fees - \$150 with rebate of \$75. Additional tables - \$50 each
- 3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Every 2 yrs
- 4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? yes-
- 5. Same site each year? - yes
- 6. Meeting Site -Hotel
- 7. Meeting Time - 1st weekend (including Thurs.) in February
- 8. Speaker Issues - volunteers- alternate Math and Science
- 9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Graduate credit for convention attendance and Newsletter

**C. Newsletter Information**

- 1. Frequency - 4 times per year
- 2. Number of Pages - 8-12
- 3. Sell Ads - \$75 per page; \$225 for all 4 issues
- 4. Feature columns - Presidents column

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per year

2. Membership - 1000

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - 500

4. Staff - None

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 900+

2. Exhibit fees - \$200

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - No

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - Yes

5. Same site each year? - Yes

6. Meeting Site - Hotel

7. Meeting Time - Nov./Dec

8. Speaker Issues - Board Recommends

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? No

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - Quarterly

2. Number of Pages - 5-10

3. Sell Ads - No

4. Feature columns - President



- 1. Frequency of meetings -
- 2. Membership -
- 3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -
- 4. Staff - Executive Director

**B. Convention Information**

- 1. Attendance -
- 2. Exhibit fees -
- 3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Yes
- 4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - no
- 5. Same site each year? -Rotate sites
- 6. Meeting Site - Hotel
- 7. Meeting Time - Last week in
- 8. Speaker Issues -
- 9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? no

**C. Newsletter Information**

- 1. Frequency - 5-6 times per year
- 2. Number of Pages - 10-20
- 3. Sell Ads - yes
- 4. Feature columns - no

**A. Chapter Information:**

- 1. Frequency of meetings -

2. Membership -

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members -

4. Staff -

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance -

2. Exhibit fees -

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -

5. Same site each year? -

6. Meeting Site -

7. Meeting Time -

8. Speaker Issues -

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency -

2. Number of Pages -

3. Sell Ads -

4. Feature columns -

**NSTA District II**

**A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per Month

2. Membership - 150

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown

4. Staff - No

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 200

2. Exhibit fees - \$20

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Vice President

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -yes

5. Same site each year? - rotates

6. Meeting Site - Hotel

7. Meeting Time - Late Nov. to early Dec.

8. Speaker Issues - Varies - Commissioner of Ed. was last one

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? no

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - 4-5

2. Number of Pages - about 15

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - President

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Virginia Association of Science Teachers

NSTA District VIII

**A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per year

2. Membership - 1,800

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown

4. Staff - Exec. Director part time--stipend for webmaster, newsletter, conference

director

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 1,000

2. Exhibit fees - Yes

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Yes-VP

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes, in past but will charge for non-profit in the future

5. Same site each year? - rotates among 4-5 sites

6. Meeting Site - hotel

7. Meeting Time - 2nd week in November

8. Speaker Issues - Board selects them

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? looking at more via regional directors

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - 5 times/year

2. Number of Pages - 28 pages + web

3. Sell Ads - \$100

4. Feature columns - Exec Director and President; Directors Message; BAP Report; VA. Science Museum

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Washington Science Teachers Association

NSTA District XVII

**A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per year

2. Membership - 1024

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown

4. Staff - None

#### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - Varies 750-1200+

2. Exhibit fees - N/A

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - Yes

5. Same site each year? - No

6. Meeting Site - School or Convention Center

7. Meeting Time - Oct/Nov.

8. Speaker Issues - Science Issues, nationally recognized

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? Grants -  
Pathways to Quality - Summer training (Standards) - Regional Workshops

#### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - Quarterly & Journal also quarterly

2. Number of Pages - 42 for journal

3. Sell Ads - Yes - full page \$250 (year) Inside \$50/page, \$25 /half

4. Feature columns - President

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West Virginia Science Teachers Association

NSTA District VIII

#### A. Chapter Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per year with monthly Exec mtgs.

2. Membership - 1,100

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - 600

4. Staff - no we cost share with University

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 800

2. Exhibit fees - \$150 per table

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - yes

5. Same site each year? - Rotate among 3-4 locations

6. Meeting Site - Hotel/resort

7. Meeting Time - In Fall work around football schedule

8. Speaker Issues - Use speaker agency cost share/underwrite by D.of Ed.

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?no

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - 3-4 times per year

2. Number of Pages - 8-16

3. Sell Ads - \$50 per quarter page per issue

4. Feature columns President, District Director, State DE

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**Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers**

**NSTA District XII**

**A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - Twice per year

2. Membership - 2000

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - 700-800

4. Staff - none

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 1000-2000

2. Exhibit fees - \$150-\$200 per table

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -Yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -  
yes, a few times in the past

5. Same site each year? -Rotates around the state

6. Meeting Site - hotel

7. Meeting Time - Around Easter and NSTA Convention

8. Speaker Issues - Nationally Known

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? Three to six drive-  
in Science Forums-Goals 2001 workshops, Lab safety courses

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - 5 per year

2. Number of Pages -16-18

3. Sell Ads - \$250 full page, \$74 quarter page

4. Feature columns - President's . Report, Foundation News, Opportunities  
for Funding

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**Wyoming Science Teachers Association**

**NSTA District XV**

**A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - Twice per year October and March

2. Membership - 120

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - approx. 90

4. Staff - no

#### **B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - Varies

2. Exhibit fees - unknown

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -unknown

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? -unknown

5. Same site each year? - Same site for next 4 years

6. Meeting Site - School

7. Meeting Time - First week in October

8. Speaker Issues - unknown

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?unknown

#### **C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - have not published lately, we use e-mail

2. Number of Pages - unknown

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - unknown

#### **Mission**

The National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST) is a worldwide organization of professionals committed to the improvement of science teaching and learning through research. Since its inception in 1928, NARST has promoted research in science education and the communication of knowledge generated by the research. The ultimate goal of NARST is to help all learners achieve science literacy. NARST promotes this goal by: 1) encouraging and supporting the application of diverse research methods and theoretical perspectives from multiple disciplines to the investigation of teaching and



learning in science; 2) communicating science education research findings to researchers, practitioners, and policy makers; and 3) cooperating with other educational and scientific societies to influence educational policies.

### History\*

Started in 1928 by a founding group of 17 science educators, NARST is the oldest surviving science education society in the U.S. The first president of NARST, W. L. Eikenberry, along with the other founders, had wanted to form a national organization for science teachers, which would include teachers from all levels and with varying roles, including their own as college professors of teacher education. In 1933, NARST members assisted with the formation of ASTA, the American Science Teachers Association (ASTA). Harry Carpenter, NARST member, was the first president of ASTA, and served (1941-1942) as NARST president. In 1942, NARST member, Ira Davis, chaired a subcommittee of the National Committee on Science Teaching of the NEA that created the American Council of Science Teachers (ACST). In 1944, under the leadership of NARST members Philip Johnson and Morris Meister, ASTA and ACST were merged to form the NSTA. In 1961, NARST was incorporated in the state of Minnesota, and articles of incorporation were signed by eight NARST members.

### Annual Meeting

Since its founding in 1928, NARST has held annual national meetings, except during the war years, 1943-46 (regional meetings were held in 1943 and 1944, and no meetings were held in 1945-46). The early meetings were all held in the northeast quadrant of the US, in cities readily accessible by train. The coming of jet planes made it possible for members to travel almost anywhere in the US. The first west coast meeting was in 1969 in Pasadena. The first international meeting was in Toronto in 1978. NARST has frequently held its annual meeting synchronously with other educational organizations. For example, NARST met with the National Council of Supervisor of Elementary Science, which later became CESI, in 1932 and at least 13 other times. NARST has also met synchronously with AERA since 1934, and began meeting in association with NSTA in the 1960's. In 1970 the NARST Board approved a policy of meeting in alternate years with AERA and NSTA, a policy that is still in effect. In 2000 and 2001 attendance at the annual meeting exceeded 900.

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### The National Association for Research in Science Teaching (Cont.)

#### Journals

The journal, Science Education, served as NARST's official journal for 33 years. However, the NARST board had no editorial or policy making control of this journal, and eventually become frustrated with this situation. In 1962 NARST's ties with Science Education were severed and a new plan for communicating the work of NARST members was put into place. In May, 1963, the first issue of the Journal of Research in Science Teaching (JRST), under the editorship of Stanley Marshall, was published by John Wiley and Sons. In 2001 the journal saw its first

female co-editor, Dale Baker, along with Mike Piburn, Arizona State University. The journal is published in 10 issues per year, has a team of associate editors, and editorial review board, and numerous guest reviewers among the NARST membership.

#### Membership

Membership in NARST grew from the original 17 founders in 1928 to 70 in 1936. The next jump occurred in 1947 when the membership achieved 111.

Membership grew steadily to over 300 in 1963, and to over 500 two years later. In 1972, the membership was just over 900, where it remained for 20 years. In the 1990's, the membership experienced a growth spurt, and in 2000, NARST had over 1800 members. The first female member of NARST was Florence Billig, who gave the first annual meeting presentation by a woman in 1930 and served as president from 1943-1945. The first black member of NARST was Thomas Fraser, who joined in 1949 and was elected president in 1959. The first international member to attend a NARST meeting was a German who presented a paper at the 1931 annual meeting. Almost one third of the current membership is international.

Along with its journal, NARST communicates with its members via the NARST listserv, the NARST web site ([www.narst.org](http://www.narst.org)), and the NARST News, a biannual newsletter of the association. Membership includes all of these, plus reduced prices on NARST monographs and annual meeting registration.

#### Governance

NARST is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 13 elected members: President, President-elect, Past president, Research Coordinator, and 9 Directors-at-Large; and other members who serve the board in non-voting status: Executive Secretary, NSTA Representative, JRST editors. Board members chair NARST Standing Committees: Policy Advisory, Financial Advisory, Publications Advisory, Program, Research, Election, International, JRST Award, NARST Outstanding Paper Award, Distinguished Contribution through Research Award, Early Career Research Award, Outstanding Doctoral Research Award, Outstanding Master's Research Award, Equity, and Membership. Ad hoc committees are appointed by the President to carry out specific charges. The Annual Meeting Coordinator assists with arrangements for the annual meeting. Other positions in the association include the newsletter editor and the director of electronic services.

\*Much of this history was taken from Joslin and Murphy (1993)

Joslin, P. H., & Murphy, K. S. (1993, April). Highlights of the history of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching. 60

### The National Middle Level Science Teachers' Association

#### Mission

The National Middle Level Science Teachers' Association supports and promotes exemplary and innovative middle level science teaching and learning for all.

## Vision

The National Middle Level Science Teachers' Association is the advocate for middle level science teachers and students

## Goals

The National Middle Level Science Teachers' Association works in association with the Middle Level Division of the National Science Teachers Association. Its goals are to:

- Involve more members in NMLSTA projects.
- Provide more networking opportunities for middle level science teachers.
- Strengthen our state contacts program so that we can get the word out to all middle level science teachers about the benefits of NMLSTA.
- Increase membership.
- Continue partnerships with companies and organizations to improve middle level science teaching.
- Share effective teaching activities and the results of educational research useful to middle level science teachers.
- Increase the visibility of NMLSTA as a national leader in middle level science education.

### A. Affiliate Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - 2 times per year at NSTA National Convention and Area Convention

2. Membership - 800

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - about 750

4. Staff - None

### B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 30-80

NMLSTA does not have a convention but meets in conjunction with NSTA

### C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 4 times per year

2. Number of Pages ->10

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - President, Lessons, opportunities and ideas for middle level science teachers

## SOCIETY FOR COLLEGE SCIENCE TEACHERS

The Society for College Science Teachers (SCST) was established on March 24, 1979 at the NSTA convention in Atlanta, Georgia. The major goal of the Society is to improve the teaching of college science courses via interdisciplinary interactions among teachers of college science. In April 1981, SCST became an

official affiliate of NSTA, increasing the services available to college science teachers in the pursuit of their personal and professional objectives.

SCST is governed by an executive board, members of which oversee the work of committees and state membership co-ordinators. The board meets twice yearly, at the NSTA national convention and one of the area conventions. Current membership is about 1000.

Members of SCST receive the Journal of College Science Teaching and frequently publish contributions in it, including the SCST president's column in every issue. SCST publishes three issues yearly of the Newsletter, distributed to all members, and continues publication of a series of monographs on aspects of college science teaching. Six volumes have been published to date. The Society offers mini grants up to \$1000 to members for projects that enhance quality in college science teaching, communication among teachers and awareness of exceptional science teaching.

SCST participates in the programs of NSTA conventions, filling ten hours at the national convention and two at each area convention, largely with submitted papers from members. The SCST portion of the program at the national convention includes the Marjorie Gardner Lecture, named for a former president of the Society and presented by the previous year's winner of the SCST/Kendall-Hunt Outstanding Undergraduate Science Teacher Award. This award, which includes an honorarium of \$1000, given for excellence in teaching, scholarship and service, is presented each year at the College Luncheon at the national convention. An annual volume of Programs and Abstracts from the conventions is distributed to all members.

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### Council of State Science Supervisors (CSSS)

CSSS is a professional organization whose members have statewide science education responsibilities. CSSS is the only professional science organization whose members are directly accountable to the state government agencies with constitutional authority for education. CSSS was incorporated in 1963.

## Goals

- Advance excellence in science education by supporting state and national initiatives and influencing policy.
- Facilitate systemic improvement of science education by implementing state and national standards.
- Support classroom implementation of effective science curriculum, instruction, and assessment for all.
- Initiate and provide sustained professional development in science education.
- Establish and maintain partnerships that enhance science education.

## Organizational Structure

CSSS is governed by a seven member board of directors. There are 64 state members and a combined total of 21 associate and affiliate members.

## Services

- direct science education links to public school buildings in every state and territory
- leadership to a variety of constituencies
- advocacy for science education through representation on Boards/alliances and professional organizations
- information exchange about exemplary science programs and materials
- models and strategies to initiate change in science education
- technical assistance to local, state, and national audiences
- provides a network for discussion of science education issues

## Special Activities

- current information and resources on the CSSS web site
- Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science Teaching
- Science and Safety document
- Networking for Leadership, Inquiry, and Systemic Thinking a (Cooperative project with NASA)

### A. Affiliate Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - once per year

2. Membership - 600

3. Affiliate members that are also NSTA members - about 375

4. Staff - None

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 425

2. Exhibit fees - \$600

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - No

5. Same site each year? - Different Location

6. Meeting Site - Hotel

7. Meeting Time - 2nd-3rd week in January

8. Speaker Issues - Matches theme of Convention

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Pre conference workshops

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - 3 times per year

2. Number of Pages -from 5 to 12-15

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - President's column

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**National Science Education Leadership Association  
(NSELA)**

**A. Affiliate Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - once per year at opening of NSTA National

2. Membership - 1200

3. Affiliate members that are also NSTA members - unknown

4. Staff - Yes, Executive Director

## B. Convention Information

1. Attendance - 140-160

2. Exhibit fees - no exhibits

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? -on site chairperson changes, program committee plans conference.

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - No

5. Same site each year? - Different Location meets with NSTA

6. Meeting Site - Hotel

7. Meeting Time - Meets with NSTA National

8. Speaker Issues - Planning Committee selects

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?  
Mini conferences

## C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 4 times per year

2. Number of Pages -15-20

3. Sell Ads - yes, \$350 per page

4. Feature columns - President's column, SafeSci Series, Director articles

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### The Council for Elementary Science International (CESI)

CESI is an organization for elementary and middle school science educators.

CESI is a division affiliate of NSTA.

Purpose:

To stimulate, improve, and coordinate science teaching at preschool and elementary school levels and to engage in any and all activities in furtherance thereof; to promote the improvement of science progress which begins in

preschool or first grade and develops in continuous and integrated fashion through grade 12 and beyond.

Mission Statement:

The Council of Elementary Science International promotes excellence and equity in K-8 science education.

History:

Founded in 1920, the CESI is one of the oldest science oriented organizations in the nation. The purpose of CESI is to promote excellence in the teaching of science in preschool through middle school classrooms. CESI has approximately 1,200 members, two organizational affiliates, and two states which share joint membership. Members of the organization include classroom teachers, resource teachers, specialists, principals, researchers, and college and university science instructors (methods and content area).

Services:

The organization provides a variety of resources for the teaching of hands-on science. CESI Source books contain teacher tested activities which focus on topics of interest. File Sheets are a compilation of the popular CESI Make and Take sessions from regional, state, and national conferences. Monographs and Occasional Papers are published as a member service and to update professionals on current research in the field and its application to elementary science. Members receive CESI Newsletters on a quarterly basis and get CESI Science, the official journal of CESI, biannually. CESI also offers a web page <http://unr.edu/homepage/crowther/cesi.html> and an Electronic E-Mail list serve for its members.

Awards:

CIBA Exemplary Elementary Science Teaching Award, the CIBA Exemplary Elementary Principal Award, the Muriel Green Awards for new teachers of science, and the CESI Elementary Advocate Award, presented to persons or organizations which have provided resources which have led to a national impact on elementary science education. These awards are presented at the annual CESI/NSTA Elementary Science Luncheon at the NSTA National Convention.

Governance:

CESI has a Board of Directors elected by the membership. Current dues are \$20/year. Corporate and institutional sponsors are invited.

NSTA District I

A. Associated Group Information:

1. Frequency of meetings - 1 summer conference and 4 regional meetings

2. Membership - 550



3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - about 170

4. Staff - no

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 100-150

2. Exhibit fees - no fees for exhibits

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - Yes

5. Same site each year? - Rotate sites

6. Meeting Site - School

7. Meeting Time - First week in August

8. Speaker Issues - We ask experts in the field of chemistry

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention?

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - 5 times per year

2. Number of Pages - 8-12

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - President's letter and Editorial

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Wisconsin Elementary and Middle Level Science Teachers

**NSTA District XII**

**A. Associated Group Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - Once per year

2. Membership - 600

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - 100

4. Staff - Part Time Executive Secretary, Part Time Office Administrator

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 300

2. Exhibit fees - \$120 per table, \$75 non-profit

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - we could

5. Same site each year? - yes

6. Meeting Site - Hotel and convention center

7. Meeting Time - Around Feb 20

8. Speaker Issues - Volunteers and NSTA officers

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? no

**C. Newsletter Information**

1. Frequency - 6 times per year

2. Number of Pages - 8-12

3. Sell Ads - no

4. Feature columns - President's Message; Editorial; Lesson plan;  
PD Opportunities

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Massachusetts Association of Science Supervisors

**NSTA District I**

**A. Chapter Information:**

1. Frequency of meetings - 3 times per year

2. Membership - 400

3. Chapter members that are also NSTA members - Unknown

4. Staff - Executive Secretary

**B. Convention Information**

1. Attendance - 325

2. Exhibit fees - \$150 per exhibit

3. Does your convention chairperson change each year? - Yes

4. Provide complimentary exhibit space for the NSTA? - Yes

5. Same site each year? - yes

6. Meeting Site - hotel

7. Meeting Time - 1st Thurs. and Friday in May

8. Speaker Issues - Local area speakers

9. Offer professional development beyond Convention? no

C. Newsletter Information

1. Frequency - 4 times per year

2. Number of Pages - 16-20

3. Sell Ads -

4. Feature columns - President; Supervisor from DOE; NSTA Director