

2010 Delegates Assembly State President Report

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Significant Past State Activities – March 2009 - March 2010:

- The 2009 Summer Board Meeting and Workshop covered several topics. We took the opportunity to work in small groups on several key issues modeling the way we worked on platform statements at Delegates Assembly.
- Our key topics were membership, empowering our division chairs, YAM, Communications and improving our awards process.
- Since our summer meeting we have instituted an awards rubric that is similar to the national rubric.
- Our fall conference was in Lincoln, Nebraska October 2-3, 2009. The theme was Form by Four and included artists Patrick Dougherty, Robert Hillestad and Michael James.
- Our Youth Art Month celebration was March 13 at our State Capitol and State Office Building. Our First Lady Sally Ganem was our keynote speaker. The display included 80 works of art from students in elementary and middle school.
- We continue to work with the Nebraska State Visual Arts Competition for our state secondary art exhibit from which we select the Congressional Art Caucus Competition winners.

Significant Planned State Activities - March 2010 - March 2011:

- NATA will host the Western Region Conference June 24-26, 2010.
- The Youth Art Month Celebration will be held in March and we are looking at having the exhibit in the Capitol.

Upcoming Conference/Professional Development Activities:

- The Nebraska Fall conference will be in Omaha October 8-9, 2010.
- The theme is Fertile Ground and our keynote artist is Meg Saligman who created the monumental mural in Omaha with the same title.

Association Work on NAEA Strategic Plan Initiatives

Other new information from your State:

Learning—develop effective leadership, teaching and advocacy for art education:

For our Summer 2010 board meeting we will continue the model of working on key issues of the organization. Our main goal is to empower our division chairpersons to be able to communicate with and support the other people in their divisions.

Community—build a professional community:

We are in the process of redesigning our website reflecting the national goals and a members only section. We are looking at ways to enhance membership and have sent personal letters to non-member art educator who have attended our conferences or participated in Youth Art Month as non-members.

We have a listserv which communicates important and useful information to both members and non-members of NATA. We are working on how we can use the website and listserv most effectively.

Research/Knowledge—assess programs/services and provide access to information on policy:

We are going to add a policy link on our website and have all of the official document of the organization posted. We are in the process of transferring important paper files to digital so that the history of our organization is in a permanent and accessible place.

Advocacy—communicate the value of visual arts:

We are looking at moving part of your Youth Art Month Exhibit back into the State Capitol. It has been in the State Office Building and has limited viewing by elected officials.

We are also looking to use reproductions from Artsonia at our state conference and in various places around the state.

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Signature of State President*

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