

Near Normal Grotto

Constitution

- I. The name of this organization shall be the Near Normal Grotto of the National Speleological Society.
- II. The purposes of this organization shall be the same as those of the National Speleological Society; to promote interest in and to advance in any and all ways the study and science of speleology, the protection of caves and their natural contents, and to promote fellowship among those interested therein, with the additional purpose of organizing NSS members in the Bloomington/Normal, Illinois area, to better promote the objectives of the NSS.
- III.
 - (1) The Near Normal Caving Grotto shall be governed by an Executive Committee made up of the following officers (all NSS members) elected annually by the members at the general meeting in November.
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Member-at-large
 - (2) The Executive Committee shall have complete power to manage the business, to raise funds in any manner not inconsistent with the policies of the NSS; and to perform all other necessary functions.
 - (3) Decisions or actions of the Executive Committee may be overruled by a majority vote of the members present at a general or special meeting.
- IV.
 - (1) Executive Committee and general meetings shall be held at such times and places as are determined by the Committee.
 - (2) A petition signed by two-thirds of the membership shall be mandatory upon the Executive Committee to call a special meeting for the purpose stated in the petition.
- V. Grotto membership is open to non-NSS members, but officers must be members in good standing of the NSS.
- VI. The Constitution and Bylaws of the National Speleological Society shall be binding on the Near Normal Caving Grotto. Any action inconsistent therewith shall be null and void.
- VII. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed either by the Executive Committee or by a petition of ten percent of the members in good standing. Adoption of the amendment(s) shall require a two-thirds vote of the members voting, either in person or by absentee ballot, provided that notice of the meeting and the content of the amendments shall have been announced to the membership by mail at least thirty days prior to the time when the vote is taken, and provided also that the total number of votes cast is at least twenty percent of the membership and includes at least two members who are not serving on the Executive Committee. The vote may be taken either at a meeting or by mail ballot.
- VIII. This Grotto may be dissolved by a petition for dissolution affirmed by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, and confirmed by a two-thirds vote at the next general meeting. Members must be notified by mail at least thirty days prior. All club assets and any NSS property shall revert to the NSS in the event of dissolution.

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