

National Speleological Society, Inc.
Minutes of the 1/5/2026 Special Meeting
of the Board of Governors

Virtual
January 5, 2026
6PM MT / 8PM EST

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COD, Josh Schultz, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM MT, January 5, 2026.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:00 PM MT

Directors

Sarah Arpin - PRESENT
Mike Backe - PRESENT
Zach Englebert - PRESENT
Pete Johnson - PRESENT
Miki Kalber - PRESENT
Mike Mansur - PRESENT
Nina Martin – ABSENT
Rebecca McNabb - PRESENT
Dennis Melko - PRESENT
Aria Mildice - PRESENT
Anna Pearce - PRESENT
Josh Schultz - PRESENT

2. Minutes to Approve

NONE

3. Division Head & Board Reports

NONE

4. Comments from the Membership

NONE

5. Unfinished Business

NONE

6. New Business

6.1. Johnson Moves:

To authorize a \$30,000 distribution from the Litigation to Protect Caves Trust Fund in order to support legal costs related to Mill Creek Sink Nature Preserve. Amounts eligible for reimbursement should be approved by The Executive Director. The board should be kept generally informed. Amounts over \$10,000 need to be approved by the Chair of the Board as usual.

Backe: seconds

Schultz: calls voice vote

Voice Vote:

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

7. Closed Session of the Board

Schultz: Moves to enter closed session – 6:10 PM MT

Kalber: Moves to enter open session – 7:15 PM MT

8. Report to Membership: no action taken

9. Adjournment

Johnson: motions to adjourn

Kalber: seconds

Schultz Adjourns at 7:16PM MT