The 255th regular meeting of the Board of Governors will be held at the NSS in Chattanooga, TN on November 11, 2023 at 9 am EDT.

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

2) Minutes to approve - May 2023 (Special),

3) Officer & Committee Reports:
   a. President (PRES) – Kristine Ebrey
   b. Executive Vice President (EVP) – Scott Engel
   c. Administrative Vice President (AVP) – Emily P. Davis
   d. Operations Vice President (OVP) – Maureen Handler
   e. Secretary-Treasurer (S-T) – David Oase

4) Comments from the Membership

5) Convention 2025 Presentation

6) Convention 2026 Presentation

7) New Business : Motions

7.1) Tiderman moves to rescind

15-959 Small Business Administration Loan
The Board of Governors accept a loan of $149,900 from the Small Business Administration (SBA) and directs the Secretary-Treasurer (S-T) to execute a loan
agreement. The Board of Governors adopts the document “National Speleological Society - Loan Use and Repayment Plan” (Appendix BK). This document gives guidance for use of the $149,900 loan received from the SBA and directs the S-T to execute and manage the loan agreement.

Note: This has been completed and is no longe needed in the manual.

7.2 Tiderman moves to rescind

46-214 Cave Files Policy 3-20-82, 8-22-70 The NSS Cave Files Policy is established. (See Appendix N)

Note: A board act is not needed to justify an appendix.

7.3 Tiderman moves to rescind


Note: A board act is not needed to justify an appendix.

7.4 Tiderman moves to rescind

60-462 Expedition Sponsorship Guidelines 11-08-86 Guidelines are established for Society sponsorship of speleological expeditions. (See Appendix M)

Note: A board act is not needed to justify an appendix.

7.5 Tiderman moves to rescind

66-859 NSS and CavingNews.com MOU 03-31-12:19 The Memorandum of Understanding between the NSS and CavingNews.com, Appendix BA, is approved.

Note: A board act is not needed to justify an appendix.

7.6 Tiderman moves to rescind

68-440 Publications Lending Library 03-23-85 Policies and procedures for the Publications Lending Library have been established. (See Appendix K)

Note: A board act is not needed to justify an appendix.

7.7 Tiderman moves to rescind
NSS print publications may accept advertisements that comply with the NSS Advertising Policy. (See Appendix V)

Note: A board act is not needed to justify an appendix.

7.8 Tiderman moves to rescind

83-457 Speleo Digest Sales 06-27-86, 03-15-86 The Speleo Digest series will not be advertised outside the caving community.

Note: We have not produced Speleo Digests for over 20 years

7.9 Tiderman moves to rescind

83-807 NSS Publication and Copyright Policy 03-15-08:44 The Copyright Policy (Act 83-781) is rescinded and the NSS Publication and Copyright Policy is adopted. Appendix AS is amended.

Note: A board act is not needed to justify an appendix.

7.10 Tiderman moves to rescind

88-480 Research Guidelines 10-29-88 Guidelines for research on Society owned property are adopted. (See Appendix AE)

Note: A board act is not needed to justify an appendix.

8) Closed Session for the BOG

9) Closed Session of the Directorate

10) Closed Sessions Report to the Membership

11) Adjournment

Ebrey declares the meeting adjourned atpm