

# NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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Dedicated to the exploration, study, and conservation of caves*

## AGENDA

NSS 1986 Congress of Grottoes

Call to Order.

Report of the President of the NSS

Old Business

1. Report of the COG Procedures Committee
2. Other old business

Issues

1. Financial and Planning Statements

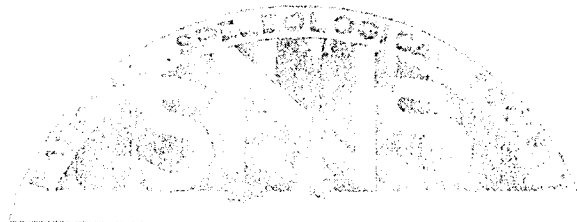
Resolved: That any organization requesting donations of money or equipment through unpaid advertising in NSS internal organization publications, shall furnish a financial report on request to any interested caver. This report will detail all incomes and expenditures for the project or activity being advertised to date, and will be certified, and signed by the responsible leader. If the advertised activity has not yet taken place, then policy and plans will be described as fully as possible, and prompt updates will be made available.

BACKGROUND: We have received a number of solicitations in the last year from the "Bighorn Project", a resurvey of the Bighorn-Horsethief Cave System in Wyoming. The project has requested the extraordinary sum of \$35,000 for two years activity, two electrical generators, a propane refrigerator, all sorts of camping equipment, drafting supplies, surveying transits, etc.. Given that the project's objectives seem little different from numerous surveys being carried out by self-funded cavers all over the country, requests for equipment that any experienced caver already owns, and, specifically, the expressed need for expensive and non-consumable equipment, we feel we have the right to proof of the legitimacy of these solicitations.

Submitted by Nittany Grotto.

2. Length of BOG Service Limited.

Resolved: That after July 1, 1986, no member of the Society who shall have served for two consecutive, full terms as a Director of the Society, or longer, shall be eligible to serve as an elected Director of the Society until one full year shall have elapsed from the last day of such period of service. The term "one full year" will be defined as the period from the close of one annual meeting of the Board of Governors to the opening of the following annual meeting.



BACKGROUND: This resolution was approved by the 1985 Congress of Grottoes 124-64, but the Board of Governors was unable to muster the two-thirds majority required to adopt the enabling bylaws change. The Executive Committee of the D. C. Grotto believes that this is an idea whose time has come, and that continuing pressure should be applied by a reconfirmation of the principle. It was pointed out when this was presented in 1985, that continuing stability in the BOG is assured by the system of overlapping terms, and that incumbent directors seeking re-election have a tremendous advantage over non-incumbents seeking election to the Board. This advantage tends to make the Board a closed group and insulates the incumbents from effective accountability to the membership.

Submitted by D. C. Grotto.

3. Open Board Meetings.

Resolved; That election of NSS officers shall be conducted by the Board of Governors directorate in open session.

BACKGROUND. The Executive Committee of the D. C. Grotto believes that the membership has a right to know how the candidates for office respond to questions about their interest in the offices, qualifications for the responsibility, and other matters, as well as what questions were asked.

Submitted by D. C. Grotto.

4. Open Discussion of Proposed Paid NSS Executive Director.

5. Floor Issues.

Election of Officers for 1987 Congress of Grottoes

Chairman.

Vice-chairman.

Adjourn.