

# 2001 CONGRESS OF GROTTOS

## of the National Speleological Society

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### RESOLUTIONS:

1. The name of the Congress of Grottos should be changed to "Congress of Internal Organizations".

**Rationale:** The Congress of Grottos represents Grottos, Sections, Regions, and Surveys and its name should reflect this representation.

**Proposed:** Ohio Valley Region.

2. The Congress of Grottos ~~should~~<sup>s</sup> oppose the construction of the Trimodal Transpark near Bowling Green, Kentucky, supporting the BOG motion opposing the same.

**Rationale:** The construction of the Trimodal Transpark greatly endangers a significant karst environment & watershed.

**Proposed:** Ohio Valley Region

### DISCUSSION ISSUES:



1. Arrange Vertical Section contests, training, etc., so that Vertical Section leaders have greater freedom to attend committee conferences.

2. Similar caves with similar conditions that are owned by the NSS are managed differently; only caves owned in New York require visitors to sign releases to enter them. This inequity should be resolved.



3. Rescind 2 ~~year~~ term limit for Directors of Board of Governors as needlessly limiting the involvement of those who are willing to work; the current policy encumbers rather than furthers goals of NSS.



4. Is the new "General Membership" in the best interest of the NSS? As General Members have the same privileges as Regular Members, etc., does it best serve the goals of the Society to have a category of membership whose members can vote, serve on BOG, retain NSS offices, etc. who are not exposed to the *NSS News* and other means of NSS communication & education?

5. The minimum number of NSS members declaring primary affiliation with an I/O in order for the I/O to retain its official I/O status is an impediment to the new "traveling" grotto's voting privileges and ongoing existence. Should primary affiliation requirements be re-examined?