

2002 Congress of Grottos

Report to the NSS Board of Governors

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Congress of Grottos
Tuesday, 25 JUN 2002, 0900
2002 Convention of the National Speleological Society
Camden, Maine

Chairman: John LaMar Cole

Vice-Chairman: Bill Jackson

Chairmen NSS I/O Committee: Evelyn Bradshaw, Keith Wheeland

Four resolutions were voted upon during the 2002 meeting. The first was received prior to the meeting. The remaining three were presented from the floor.

Resolution #1: Nittany Grotto moves that the counts for deciding how many votes to allocate for each I/O be obtained from the NSS records rather than from the membership reports submitted by the I/Os; and that the COG rules be amended to reflect this change.

PASSED: 186 YES; 30 NO.

Resolution #2: Evansville Metropolitan Grotto moves; The COG should exist; to continue.

PASSED by show of hands; one opposed.

Resolution #3: Vertical Section moves; The Congress of Grottos is in favor of the NSS acquiring caves when practical and appropriate and continuing the present policy of local stewardship or ownership.

PASSED unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution #4: Central Arizona Grotto moves: Request the Board of Governors to expedite publication of *American Cave Accidents*.

PASSED unanimously by show of hands.

Elections: 2003 Congress of Grottos Officers

Chairman: William N. (Bill) Jackson, Augusta Cave Masters; elected unanimously by acclimation.

Vice-Chairman: Don Shofstall, Evansville Metropolitan Grotto: elected unanimously by acclimation.

Meeting adjourned at 1015.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Jackson, Vice-Chairman

Proposed COG Agenda 2002

Vote for one of the following options:

- A. Do away with Congress of Grottos. . The petition method in the NSS constitution and bylaws can be used to present issues to the BOG. A petitioner could get issue validated by circulation to I/O list/serv.
- B. Continue present COG role to determine issues meriting BOG consideration.
Vote Allocation Method to be used:
 - 1. Get NSS and COG rules changed to allot two votes per Internal Organization in 2003. Leave other procedures without change.
 - 2.. Get COG Rules and Procedures changed after a year's study of how to determine vote allocation based on current formula, and put into effect in 2004.
 - 3. Get NSS membership database amended to develop reliable method of collecting count of primary I/O affiliation after two year study and testing, and put into effect in 2005. Vote allocation then based on current formula.
- C. Whatever approach favored, build into procedures a mandate for Board-sponsored referendum when COG support is overwhelming. This needs revision of the COG provisions in the NSS bylaws and therefore may not be available until 2003.or 2004.

eb – We'll have to look up that petition method. I think Ed Ricketts was seriously considering using it a few years ago, so it must be there..