

Congress of Grottos 2003  
Report to the Board of Governors

The Congress of Grottos met on Wednesday, August 6, 2003. One issue had been received and published prior to the meeting. A second issue was introduced from the floor.

*Motions passed*

1. This proposal is a housekeeping change in order to bring the Rules into compliance with the changes we made last year. It is as follows:

The Nittany Grotto proposes the following change to Section III. of the Congress of Grottos Rules of Procedure:

Section III.  
Current wording:

A through D no change.

E. Any collection of eight or more NSS members who are not members of a Grotto may receive representation according to the same schedule as for Grottos.

F. Any NSS member may choose one, but only one, I/O to list him or her as being represented by that I/O regardless of the member's geographical residence or other I/O membership. If an NSS member is inadvertently listed by more than one I/O, he or she shall be disallowed to all I/O's until he or she has made their wishes known, or until dropped by all but one I/O. If the NSS membership shows an I/O affiliation for an NSS member, the NSS membership list is construed to be his wish. (NSS members may belong to multiple grottos, but must list only one on the NSS membership list as their representative.)

G. All challenges to lists submitted by I/O's must name the specific individuals challenged and cite the specific clause of these rules under which the challenge is made. Such challenge must be in writing at least one week prior to the COG meeting, and if the cause of the challenge is shown to be removed by the meeting time the member(s) shall be allowed.

Proposed change:

Add to E.

with the provision that the NSS member has designated no Primary Affiliation in the NSS database.

Delete F and G.

Discussion:

This is really a housekeeping change. It brings the rules in compliance with what we already do because of the changes we made last year.

We now determine vote allocations based upon the Primary Affiliation field in the NSS Database. We no longer determine allocations from the I/O membership rosters submitted as part of the annual report to the I/O Committee.

Comment: This rule change does not require action by the BOG. It is to be published as a change to the COG rules.

2. Ohio Valley Region moves, second by Hawaii:

Resolved, that the primary collection of the NSS library should remain in Huntsville, under direct control of the NSS.

Duplicate copies of bound books and NSS publications may be loaned to the National Cave and Karst Research Institute, but remain the property of the NSS.

Vote by show of placards; 16 against, abstentions none, remainder for.  
Passed.

**Comment: This item requires the attention of the BOG and reply to the COG at the next annual meeting.**

*Discussion Session*

Discussion of means of communication with internal organizations – email, discussion board, possibility of COG referendums, number of I/Os participating.

Further action required by COG officers and I/O committee chairs.

*Election of Officers*

Chairman, William N. (Bill) Jackson, Evans, GA reelected by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman, Don Shofstall, Evansville, IN, reelected by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,



William N. Jackson  
Chairman, Congress of Grottos 2003