2007 Congress of Grottos Report

The congress was called to order at 1312 EDT by Chairman Clifton Colwell.

Peter (Mudpuppy) Michaud, of the Sewanee Mountain Grotto, expressed concern with the procedures for maintaining favorable landowner relationships. A discussion proceeded. No action was taken.

Peter (Mudpuppy) Michaud, of the Sewanee Mountain Grotto, moved to: encourage grottos to make conservation of caves and karst the highest priority and appoint a Conservation Chairman where applicable. The motion was seconded by the Birmingham Grotto. The motion passed by a vote of 217 to 71.

The Southern California Grotto was not present, however, via e-mail, they had previously raised the issue of drug manufacture in and around caves. The issue was discussed. No action was taken.

Judy Ormeroid of the NSS Membership Committee addressed the congress, encouraging grottos to request publications from the NSS office. These particular publications are intended for distribution to new or prospective members of the NSS and individual grottos.

Gem State Grotto raised the issue of the Cave Rescue Section and the NCRC operating more collaterally or merging. The issue was discussed. No action was taken.

Peter (Mudpuppy) Michaud, of the Sewanee Mountain Grotto, was elected Chairman. Clifton Colwell, of the Boston Mountain Grotto, was elected Vice Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 1419 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifton Colwell