

2012 Congress of Grottos Report to NSS Board of Governors

The 2012 Congress of Grottos meeting convened at 1412 hrs on Wednesday, June 27th with Chairman Bill Stringfellow, presiding. Vice-Chair Blake Jordan was also present.

Old Business:

NSS President Wm Shrewsbury reported on and discussed the two motions passed by the 2011 Congress of Grottos. OVP Dave Luckins then provided information on the NSS web page redesign project and how it addresses the 2011 motions. A projected completion date for this project is Q2 2013.

New Business:

Southeastern Regional Association (SERA) moved:

All publications that are scanned and made available online shall only be for NSS members and made available for printing.

Motion was withdrawn at SERA's request.

Baltimore Grotto moved:

Newsletters shall be stored on an archival storage system.

Amended to read:

Newsletters in NSS possession shall be stored on a digital archival storage system.

Amended motion passed by show of placards, none opposed, no abstentions.

BATS Grotto moved:

The NSS shall institute a grotto development program as described below. (See attached pages for full description of proposed program.)

Amended to read:

The NSS shall institute a grotto development program.

Amended motion passed overwhelmingly by show of placards. Exact count of opposed and abstaining I/O's will be provided in final COG minutes.

Dean Wiseman, NSS PR Chair addressed the Congress regarding Grotto development. His discussion included how to create a quality Grotto. He wants to hear from Grottos as to their needs and ideas on how to implement a Grotto development program.

General Discussion:

- How to get more I/O's to participate in the COG?
 - Affected by conflicts with other sessions
 - Lack of 'hot' topics
- Make sure issues are sent out in plenty of time for discussion by Grottos.
- Liked COG Bylaws (Appendix Q) attached to COG Agenda.
- Information and communication is the lifeblood of the COG.

Fundraising:

Several Headquarters fundraising solicitations were made to the Congress for raffle tickets, Team 404 memberships, and brick and block purchases.

Elections of Officers:

Chairman: Bill Stringfellow, nominated by RASS, elected by acclamation.

Vice-Chairman: Blake Jordan, nominated by San Francisco Bay Chapter, elected by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting by Chairman Bill Stringfellow.

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