The 2018 Congress of Grottos convened on August 2nd in Helena, Montana with Chair Bill Stringfellow, presiding. Thirty-six Internal Organizations were represented.

Special Guests:

NSS President - Geary Schindel
NSS EVP - Scott Engel
NSS AVP - Kat Krispin
NSS OVP - Mark Skove
NSS Directors - Bill Jackson, Peter Youngbear
IO Committee Chair - Paul Winter

Old Business:

NSS President Geary Schindel and other officers reported on and gave status updates of the NSS Headquarters, need for volunteers, PCI member directory, museum cabinets, rental revenue of the old NSS office building, status of the White (Smith) house, new membership software, revamping membership levels, possibility of vendor discounts for members, and looking into membership packets and posters for show caves.

Due to the current financial transition of NSS accounting software the financial report of expenses for operation of the NSS headquarters, including cost analysis for rentals, income and expenses, and long term viability requested at the 2017 Congress of Grottos was not available.

New Business:

No issues were submitted by the May 15th deadline.

Discussions from the floor:

Cave Diving Section Moved:

The Board of Governors create study a special membership rate level for CDS members.

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Elections of Officers:

Chair: Bill Stringfellow, elected by acclamation.
Vice-Chair: Barbara Moss, elected by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned until next regular meeting of the COG by Chair Bill Stringfellow.

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