

2019 NSS Congress of Grottos

Cookeville, Tennessee

June 19, 2019

1. Call to order 2:05 pm
2. Welcome by Chair and reminder to sign-in and their representative placards.
3. Guests: NSS OVP Mark Skove, IO Committee Chair Paul Winter, Directors Savannah Sawyer and Carol Tiderman.

OVP Mark Skove reported renovations to the bathrooms attached to Roger J. Sperka Educational Hall (foyer) are complete. Mark also reported the NSS Headquarters is making some money and that he is working on the report requested at the 2017 COG on the finances of the NSS Headquarters. This completed report is expected by the end of July.

4. COG Chair report: There have been issues getting the COG mailing list to work. Time was spent going through archives at the NSS Office for missing COG documents to post on the COG website.
5. Vice Chair Report: 2018 minutes available on the table for review.
6. Old Business
 - a) Minutes from the 2018 COG were approved unanimously.
 - b) NSS President Geary Schindel not present to report on finances of the NSS Headquarters requested by the 2017 COG.
7. New Business: No issues were submitted by the March 15, 2019 deadline.
8. Discussion from Floor
 - a) Proposed Code of Conduct: Contact Cindy Wu at icndy@caves.org with to see the current version and to make comments. A link to the current version will be added to the COG website.
 - b) Terminology: What can, or should, the Press call cavers being rescued from a cave.
 - c) Cave Register Project: What to do with data collected in cave registers.
 - d) Membership: Discussion on people not joining the NSS and/or Grottos but getting all the benefits of membership.
 - e) Membership Services: Issue with treatment of people trying to use Archives at the NSS Office.

9. Elections

- a) Bill Stringfellow re-elected to Chair for his final allowed term as Chair.
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- b) Barbara Moss re-elected to Vice Chair with no interest in being elected Chair next year.
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10. Other Business

- a) Issues for COG 2020 due by April 15, 2020
- b) Thanks to Bill and Barbara for their service.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Moss, Vice Chair