



2021 Congress of Grottos Agenda

Weed, CA (Virtual COG)

July 29, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Sign-in / Placards
3. Welcome and recognition of special guests
4. COG Chair Report
5. COG Vice-Chair Report
6. Old Business:
 - a. Approval of 2019 minutes
 - b. NSS President's Report
7. New Business:
 - a. Baltimore Grotto Moves:

M) The NSS shall provide server space for grottoes and regions to post pictures and/or stories about cavers who have passed on. Collecting and submitting the material for posting would be the responsibility of the I/O's.

Several regions are already maintaining a list of fallen cavers. Given the NSS is a national organization we should be providing a space where all members have access to this Hall of Fame.

Example: <http://sivtac.org/valhalla/valhalla.php>
 - b. Baltimore Grotto Moves:

M) The NSS already maintains a list of all award winners. We propose the file would also include a picture and a short summary of why they got the award. It might not be possible to retrieve past information, but the awards committee should be able to provide summaries henceforth.

c. Virginia Region (VAR) Moves:

M) NSS continues to provide web hosting and to keep the security software up to date.

The NSS providing web hosting is a benefit to the I/O's, their members and prospective members.

d. Central Arizona Grotto Moves:

M) The NSS publish a digital version (PDF) of the NSS Members Manual to be available **to those NSS members who request a digital copy** of the publication.

There is an increasing need for contacting NSS members when away from the printed NSS Members Manual. Having a digital version that can be placed on our laptops, tablets and phones will greatly increase communications on active projects and events.

e. Grottos of the Western Region move:

The Congress of Grottos remind the NSS Board of Governors to follow society Bylaw 5, Item C, which reads; "Special meetings of the Society may be called at such time and places as approved by the Board of Governors. The entire membership shall be sent notices as to the date, place, and purpose of any such meetings at least two weeks in advance thereof.

Grottos in support of this motion:

Cascade Grotto
Desert Dog Troglodytes
Diablo Grotto
Mother Lode Grotto
Northern Nevada Grotto
Oregon Grotto
Oregon High Desert Grotto
Redwood Grotto
San Diego Grotto
San Francisco Bay Chapter
San Joaquin Valley Grotto
Southern California Grotto
Southern Nevada Grotto
Stanislaus Speleological Society
Willamette Valley Grotto
and the Western Region of the NSS

Clarification:

We interpret this to include digital/online meetings and discussions that are currently being held secretly every month by the board with no notification to the membership whatsoever. The board sidesteps their own bylaws by calling these meetings "teleconferences", yet, business is being discussed and meetings are being recorded that should be open to observation by the membership.

- f. NSS Code of Conduct (attached)
- 8. Discussions from the floor:
- 9. Elections:
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
- 10. Other Business
- 11. Adjournment