

**National Speleological Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Governors Meeting**  
**Agenda of the 232nd Regular Meeting**  
**Bend, Oregon**  
**March 19, 2016**  
**FINAL**

The 232nd regular meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the U.S. Forest Service Building in Bend, OR. These minutes, when accompanied by corrections submitted by the Board, constitute the official record of the meeting.

President Wm Shrewsbury called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. Jean DeVries was present as recording secretary.

**Roll Call**

**Officers**

Wm Shrewsbury, president  
Katherine Crispin, administrative vice-president (AVP)  
Dave Haun, operations vice-president (OVP)  
Curt Harler, executive vice-president (EVP)  
Gary Barnes, secretary-treasurer (ST)

**Directors**

Dave Decker  
Peri Frantz  
Bill Jackson  
Cynthia Norris  
Pat Seiser  
Rick Speaect

Neil Marchington, proxy for Amos Mincin  
Eddy Cartaya, proxy for Allen Maddox  
Jean DeVries, proxy for Dean Wiseman  
Gaylene Speaect, proxy for Bill Putnam  
Matt Bowers, proxy for Margot Geisler

Aaron Atz, absent

**1) Approval of the Minutes of the October 25, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting in Parma, OH.**

The minutes of the October 25, 2015 Board meeting are approved as published.

VOTE:

Voted for: Unanimous

PASSED

## 2) Officer Reports

- A. [President \(PRES\)](#) – Wm Shrewsbury  
There were no additions to the submitted report.
- B. [Executive Vice President \(EVP\)](#) – Curt Harler
  - *Caving Basics* will go to the printer on April 1
- C. [Administrative Vice President \(AVP\)](#) – Kat Crispin  
There were no additions to the submitted written report.
- D. [Operations Vice President \(OVP\)](#) – Dave Haun  
There were no additions to the submitted written report.
- E. [Secretary-Treasurer \(S-T\)](#) – Gary Barnes  
There were no additions to the submitted written report.

## 3) Committee Reports:

- NSS Convention 2016 – Chairman – oral report
- NCRC Certification - Eddy Cartaya - oral report

## SPECIAL ORDERS

### 4) Director Resignation

Shrewsbury moved: The Board accepts the resignation of director Allen Maddox.

VOTE:

For: Unanimous

### 5) Filling Director Vacancy

President Shrewsbury opened the floor for nominations to fill Allen Maddox's vacated director position. The new director will serve until the next election cycle.

Frantz nominated Neil Marchington of Oregon. No other nominations were received.

VOTE:

For: Unanimous

Neil Marchington was seated as a director.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 6) Act 56-293, Convention Committee Honorarium (postponed from summer & fall meeting)

Jackson moved: Act 56-293 Convention Committee Honorarium is amended as follows:

A \$3000.00 convention committee honorarium will be included in the Convention budget to recognize the committee's efforts and unreimbursed expenses to host the annual NSS National Convention. The committee honorarium may be disbursed or used in any way that is deemed appropriate by the Convention Chairman. <<The honorarium will be transferred to the Convention Committee by the NSS Secretary-Treasurer after all accountings and tasks have been satisfactorily completed as determined by the Administrative Vice President.>>

VOTE:

For: Barnes, DeVries, Frantz, Harler, Haun

Against: Majority

FAILED

**7) Convention Social Media Sites (postponed from summer & fall meeting) ACT 56-915**

Wiseman moved: Any Social Media sites which were created for the purposes of a given Convention, with the exception of traditional web pages, shall be deactivated within a year of the final day of Convention. Any imagery or content created and/or shared on these sites will be specifically made available for preservation by the Archives Committee.

Bowers moved to amend: Any Social Media sites which were created for the purposes of a given Convention, with the exception of traditional web pages, shall be deactivated within <<three months>> *<a year>* of the final day of Convention. Any imagery or content created and/or shared on these sites will be specifically made available for preservation by the Archives Committee.<<These social media sites, and their respective audiences, are considered to be property of the National Speleological Society. As such, any audience that was generated by the social media site shall, whenever technically possible, be merged into the equivalent social media site for the following year's event.>>

VOTE to amend:

For: Unanimous

PASSED

Frantz moved to amend to add at the end: The Social Media committee will be responsible for the implementation of this act.

VOTE to amend:

For: Unanimous

PASSED

Final motion reads:

*Any Social Media sites which were created for the purposes of a given Convention, with the exception of traditional web pages, shall be deactivated within three months of the final day of Convention. Any imagery or content created and/or shared on these sites will be specifically made available for preservation by the Archives Committee. These social media sites, and their respective audiences, are considered to be property of the National Speleological Society. As such, any audience that was generated by the social media site shall, whenever technically possible, be merged into the equivalent social media site for the following year's event. The Social Media committee will be responsible for the implementation of this act.*

VOTE on motion as amended:

For: Unanimous

PASSED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The following items were considered as consent agenda:

#8: Approval of NCRC Regional Coordinators

#9: Confirmation of Chairman of the Internal Organizations Committee

#10: Date Change for the Fall 2016 BOG Meeting

#11: Confirmation of Chairman of the Social Media Committee

#13: Amendment of Act 80-179

#14: National Cave and Karst Management Symposium Committee

VOTE:

For: Unanimous

PASSED

### **8) Approval of NCRC Regional Coordinators**

Crispin moved: The following individuals are approved to serve a three year term on the Board of Regional Coordinators for the National Cave Rescue Commission:

- SouthEastern Region: Tim White (NSS26949)
- SouthCentral Region- DJ Walker (NSS52181)
- Caribbean Region: Roberto Miranda (Palacios) (NSS46612)
- Rocky Mountain Region: John Andrew (Andy) Armstrong (NSS45993)
- Training Coordinator: John Panches (NSS39211)

Passed in consent agenda motion

PASSED

### **9) Confirmation of Chairman of the Internal Organizations Committee**

Haun moved: Paul Winter (NSS 62053RL) is confirmed as the Chairman of the Internal Organizations Committee.

Passed in consent agenda motion

PASSED

### **10) Date Change for the Fall 2016 BOG Meeting**

Shrewsbury moved: The Fall 2016 meeting will be held Saturday, October 29th, in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Passed in consent agenda motion

PASSED

### **11) Confirmation of Chairman of the Social Media Committee**

Shrewsbury moved: Tony Canike (NSS44230) is confirmed as Chairman of the Social Media Committee.

Passed in consent agenda motion

PASSED

**12) FY 16/17 Budget Approval**

Barnes moved: The Div#1, Div#6, and the Capital Budgets per the attached NSS\_Budget\_FY\_2016 are approved.

VOTE:

For: Majority

Against: Harler

Abstained: Norris

**13) Amendment of Act 80-179**

Harler moved: Act 80-179 NSS News Subscription Rate is amended as follows:

The subscription rate for the *NSS NEWS* sent to domestic address is set at <20% less than> <<100% of>> the regular membership dues, rounded to the nearest dollar. International rates are regulated by Act 28- <663><<633>>.

Passed in consent agenda motion

PASSED

**14) National Cave and Karst Management Symposium Committee ACT 50-916**

Shrewsbury moved: The National Cave and Karst Management Symposium Committee (NCKMS) is formed in the department of the AVP. The purpose of this committee is to host a biennial symposium to promote, advance, and share concepts in effective management of cave and karst resources among likeminded professionals.

Passed in consent agenda motion

PASSED

**15) Amendment to Act 91-370 NCRC Certification**

Shrewsbury moved: Act 91-370 is amended as follows:

The National Cave Rescue Commission (NCRC) is established in the Administrative Vice-President's Department. The duties, responsibilities, and privileges of the Commission are as specified in the Charter of the National Cave Rescue Commission which is hereby approved. <<The NCRC is approved as a certifying and accrediting body.>>

Frantz moved to amend to add: <<in principle>> to the end of the motion.

VOTE on amendment:

For: Barnes, Frantz

Against: Majority

FAILED

VOTE on original motion:

For: Unanimous

PASSED

**16) Recess for Closed Sessions of the Board and Directorate**

President Shrewsbury declares a recess for lunch and the closed meeting of the Board and Directorate at 11:50 a.m.

**17) Reconvene**

President Shrewsbury reconvened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

**18) Report of the Closed Session of the Board**

President Shrewsbury reported that the board:

- Voted on annual awards
- Voted to write a letter of censure to Director Atz

**19) Report of the Closed Session of the Directorate**

Bill Jackson, Chair of the Directorate, reported the following:

- Wm Shrewsbury has been re-elected President.

**20) Great Basin Partnership**

Bowers moved: The NSS hereby adopts a partnership with the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership in the furtherance of our shared goals of conservation and understanding of America's west.

VOTE:

For: Unanimous

PASSED

**21) Board Discussion Period**

The Board discussed the upcoming headquarters mortgage plan. Because of time constraints, the discussion will be continued at an agreed upon time later in the month.

**22) Appreciation**

Shrewsbury moved: The Board of Governors expresses its appreciation to the Oregon High Desert Grotto for hosting our meeting and providing excellent meeting arrangements.

**23) Adjournment**

Harler moved: The meeting is adjourned. President Shrewsbury declares the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.