

**National Speleological Society, Inc.**  
**Board of Governors Meeting**  
**Minutes of the 248th Regular Meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**July 24, 2021**  
**DRAFT**

The 247th regular meeting of the Board of Governors was held virtually via Zoom. These minutes, when accompanied by corrections submitted by the Board, constitute the official record of the meeting.

President Geary Schindel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CST and welcomed everyone in attendance. Sue Schindel was present as recording secretary.

**1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**ROLL CALL**

**Officers**

Geary Schindel, president (PRES)  
Adam Weaver, administrative vice-president (AVP)  
Scott Engel, executive vice-president (EVP)  
Maureen Handler, operations vice-president (OVP)  
Kristine Ebrey, secretary-treasurer (S-T)

**Directors**

Nick Anderson  
Riley Drake  
Nathan Farrar  
Stephen Gladioux  
Peter Johnson  
Sonia Meyer  
Julie Schenck-Brown  
Carol Tideman  
Ben Tobin  
Will Urbanski  
Meredith Weberg  
Cindy Wu

Approximately 30 guests were logged into the BOG Virtual Zoom Meeting

**2) Approval of the minutes of the March 13, 2021 Spring Board of Governors Meeting and the April 19, 2021, Special Board of Governors Meeting.**

Weberg moved: The minutes of the March 13, 2021 Spring Board of Governors meeting and the April 19, 2021, Special Board of Governors Meeting.

Seconded by Tideman

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

### 3) Officer Reports

- A. [President \(PRES\)](#) - Geary Schindel
- Schindel will revise and republish the Presidents report to include the Public Relations Committee report
- B. [Administrative Vice-President \(AVP\)](#)– Adam Weaver  
There were no additions to the submitted written report
- C. [Executive Vice-President \(EVP\)](#)– Scott Engel  
There were no additions to the submitted written report
- D. [Operations Vice-President \(OVP\)](#)– Maureen Handler  
There were no additions to the submitted written report
- E. [Secretary-Treasurer \(S-T\)](#)– Kristine Ebrey

### 4) Comments from the Membership:

There were no comments from the membership.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Tideman moved to approve the following items by consent: 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 21, 39, 40, 42 and seconded by Weberg.

Motion passed by voice vote.

### 5) Rescind Act 26-825, Commercial Storage Space

Tideman moved: Act 26-825, Commercial Storage Space, is rescinded.

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

### 6) Rescind of Act 18-668, Lawsuit Defense

Tideman moved: Act 18-668, Lawsuit Defense, is rescinded.

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

### 7) Amend Act 43-246, Outstanding Service and Honorary and Membership Awards

Tideman moved: Act 43-246 Outstanding Service and Honorary and Membership Awards is amended as follows:

The single annual recipients of each of the William J. Stephenson Outstanding Service Award and the Honorary Membership must be selected by the Board of Governors from candidates submitted by the Awards Committee, which must be responsible for and limited to soliciting nominations and supporting material for the board's consideration and, if necessary, selectively reducing the number of candidates for one of the awards to no more than five. As stated in the membership bylaws, the Honorary Membership is for contributions to speleology broadly defined, and the Outstanding Service Award is for contributions to speleology and the National Speleological Society in particular. For the Outstanding Service Award, the committee must submit only candidates who have been members of the NSS for at least the past two years at the time of nomination (annual nomination date November 15). If the recipient of either award is not already a life member, the Society will pay to the Life Membership Fund the current life membership fee to support the life membership privileges received by the recipient. Each recipient will receive a certificate signed by the members of the Board of Governors. <<Those receiving the award will also receive a refund check, from the NSS office, in the amount equal to their base

convention registration. This will be funded from the Awards Committee budget>>.

Seconded by Warner

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**8) Move Act 26-634 to Section 7 of the BOG Manual, Pautler Cave Acquisition Grant**

Tiderman moved: Act 26-634, Pautler Cave Acquisition Grant, is moved to section 7

Seconded by Weaver

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**9) Amend Bylaw XII A(2)**

Tobin moved: Bylaw XII A(2) is amended as follows:

Presenting the proposed amendments in writing <<via either paper or digital format,>> to the Board of Governors at least >>one meeting prior to their consideration, or by mail to each member of the Board at least<< one month prior to their consideration, and approval of two thirds of the Board members or their personally appointed proxies present at the next Board meeting. Under the above two procedures only minor changes of language from that presented may be allowed at the time of adoption.

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

**10) Rescind Act 08-675, Clarification of Mail**

Tobin moved: Act 08-675, Clarification of Mail is rescinded.

>>The Board of Governors understands the word *mail* in Section XII, Paragraph A(2) of the Bylaws of the Society to include any means of transmission capable of producing a verbatim written instrument in the hands of the recipient, including email and facsimile as well as original hard copy via the U.S Postal Service or private courier. The Board further understands that the one month notice required runs from the date of transmission.<<

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

**11) Rescind Act 06-851**

Tobin moves: Act 06-851, Electronic Balloting is rescinded.

>>Beginning in 2012, balloting of the membership for the NSS Board of Governors director elections will be conducted electronically, with a provision for alternative voting methods for members without online access, and provided that the projected total cost of electronic voting is less than the projected total cost of paper balloting.<<

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

**12) Update Appendix X - Policy for conduct of NSS Elections**

Tobin moves: Appendix X is amended as follows:

Seconded by Tiderman

Amended 03-31-12:21, 08-15-08:9, 07-27-07:22, 11-05-05, 08-04-03 (Refer to Act 02-403)

1. Section IV, Paragraphs A and B of the Bylaws of the National Speleological Society <<will>> >>shall<< apply.
2. The Nominating Committee is encouraged to solicit candidates for director from a broad geographic and interest base.
3. The Nominating Committee <<will>> >>shall<< verify a person is eligible to be a Director before nominating the person to be a candidate for election or accepting <<their>> >>his<< petition to be a candidate.
4. The ballot <<will>> >>shall<< not be marked by the Nominating Committee so as to preclude a secret ballot.
5. NSS elections for Director <<will>> >>shall<< be confidential. Members <<will>> >>shall<< not be required to include their name or NSS number on ballots.
6. The Nominating Committee <<will>> >>shall<< solicit platform statements and personal photographs from each of the candidates. The Nominating Committee may establish rules governing their scope and form. If provided, they <<will>> >>shall<< be included with election material mailed with the ballot.
7. Unless authorized to be on a ballot by a board act or bylaw the election material accompanying the ballots <<will>> >>shall<< include nothing besides voting instructions, the biographical information and platform statements submitted by the candidates, and a list of the present directors, with their names and states of residence. The list of directors <<will>> >>shall<< indicate which incumbents' seats are being filled by the election and which have terms that continue beyond the current year.
8. NSS election ballots <<will>> >>shall<< be >><<e>><<mailed >>separate from the NSS News<< >>A provision for alternative voting methods for members without online access will be made.<<
9. No candidate for Director may receive marked ballots nor be a teller.
10. Interim results of elections <<will>> >>shall<< be secret and known only to the official teller of the election.
11. Final election results <<will>> >>shall<< be announced first to the candidates, then to the Board of Governors, and subsequently to the Society membership. The candidates and the Board of Governors will be informed of the election results no less than 40 days preceding the current year NSS National Convention.
12. The chair of the Nominating Committee will make available at the convention, for review by any of that year's candidates, the final tallying sheets for the election and all ballots. Following the convention, the Committee's records and ballots will be sent to the Archivist and should be kept in the archives for not less than two years.
13. When required, the President may put a Bylaw or act referendum, along with a pro and a con position statement, on the ballot to be voted on. The same general procedures for the Director selection <<will>> >>shall<< apply to the Bylaw or act referendum, except that the final results <<will>> >>shall<< be given first to the President for action, then to all the other members of the Board.
14. Each year, a complete <<original copy<< >><<list>><< of the ballot >><<results>><< will be >>e<<mailed to the NSS Archivist, in care of the NSS Office, to be placed in the NSS Archives.

VOTE: Unanimous

PASSED

**13) Rescind Act 06-014, Secrecy**

Tobin moved: Act 06-014, Secrecy, is rescinded.

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

**14) Move Act 50-264 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 50-264 to Section 7.

50-264 Hellhole Cave 11-21-81, 8-1-80, 11-3-73

The National Speleological Society supports and encourages the 7-1/2 month mandatory moratorium on visits to Hellhole Cave, Pendleton County, West Virginia, specified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the cave's endangered bat colonies, and requests all cavers, regardless of affiliation, to honor this moratorium.

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

**15) Move Act 25-657 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 25-657 to Section 7.

Seconded by Weberg.

26-657 Billy Clay Pit Acquisition Grant 03-20-04, 03-18-00

The NSS shall provide a grant of up to \$5,000. from the Cave Acquisition Restricted Fund to the MidAtlantic Karst Conservancy towards the purchase of Billy Clay Pit and associated property, Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**16) Move Act 26-701 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 26-701 to Section 7.

Seconded by Weberg.

26-701 McClungs Cave Acquisition Grant 07-27-01

The NSS shall provide a grant of \$5,000 from the Cave Acquisition Restricted Fund to the West Virginia Cave Conservancy towards the purchase of the Lightners entrance of McClungs Cave and associated property, Greenbrier County, West Virginia.

Weberg moved to consolidate items 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, and 25 as one motion. Seconded by Meyer.

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**17) Move Act 26-702 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 26-702 to Section 7.

26-702 Sellecks Karst Preserve Acquisition Grant 07-27-01

The NSS shall provide a grant of \$5000 from the Cave Acquisition Restricted Fund to the Northeastern Cave Conservancy Inc. toward the purchase of the Sellecks Karst Preserve in Schoharie County, New York.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**18) Move Act 26-742 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 26-742 to Section 7.

26-742 Kipuka Kanohina Cave Acquisition Grant 07-18-16:23, 10-22-11:18, 08-04-03

The NSS shall provide a grant of \$5000 from the Cave Acquisition Restricted Fund to the Cave Conservancy of Hawaii for the purchase of Kula Kai Estates Subdivision, LOT #63 overlaying Kipuka Kanohina Cave.

An additional grant of \$5,000 is approved to assist the purchase of another entrance to the same cave system.

An additional grant of \$5000 is approved to help pay off a loan used to purchase three acres of land containing two entrances of the Kipuka Kanohina cave system, raising the total acreage owned to 81.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**19) Move act 26-746 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move 26-746 to Section 7.

26-746 Wayne Cave Acquisition Grant 10-18-03

The NSS shall provide a grant of \$5,000 from the Cave Acquisitions Restricted Fund to the Indiana Karst Conservancy to support their purchase of Wayne Cave, Monroe County, Indiana.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**20) Move Act 26-760 to Section**

Tideman moved to move Act 26-760 to Section 7.

26-760 Robinson Ladder Cave Preserve Grant 07-08-05

The NSS grants \$5000.00 from the Cave Acquisition Fund to the Indiana Karst Conservancy, Inc. to support their purchase of Robinson Ladder Cave Preserve, Crawford Co., Indiana.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**21) Move Act 26-779 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 26-779 to Section 7.

26-779 Dorothy D. Pruett Trust 08-07-06:16

The \$18,298.83 bequest received from the Dorothy D. Pruett Trust shall be used to fund a matching grant to help retire the Great X mortgage.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**22) Move Act 26-843 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 26-843 to Section 7.

26-843 Gilley Cave Acquisition Grant 08-02-10:15

\$1000 is granted to the Appalachian Cave Conservancy from the Cave Acquisition Fund for the purchase of Gilley Cave in Virginia.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**23) Reprove Act 26-848 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 26-848 to Section 7.

26-848 Berome Moore Cave Acquisition Grant 11-07-10:19

The NSS Board of Governors approves a request from the Middle Mississippi Valley (MMV) Grotto for a \$5,000 grant to the Missouri Cave and Karst Conservancy for the acquisition of the Berome Moore Cave entrance along with cave rights and right-of-way. The cave is located in Perry County, Missouri. A closing date of December 1, 2010 has been scheduled.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**24) Move Act 26-860 to Section 7**

Tideman moves to move Act 26-860 to Section 7.

26-860 Shawnee Karst Preserve Acquisition Grant 03-31-12:20

A grant of \$5,000 to the Indiana Karst Conservancy to assist in the purchase of Shawnee Karst Preserve in Laurence County, Indiana is approved.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**25) Move Act 26-927 to Section 7**

Tideman moved to move Act 26-927 to Section 7.

26-927 Grant to Southeastern Cave Conservancy 03-25-17:8

\$5,000 from the Cave Acquisition Fund is allocated to the Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (SCCi) to contribute to the purchase of a parcel of land containing the entrance of their newest cave preserve in Kentucky. The preserve will be managed by the SCCi. The NSS permits this grant to be used for matching purposes to incentivize additional giving if so chosen.

Passed by Consent in Item 16

**PASSED**

**26) Rescind Act 06-183**

Tobin moved to repeal Act 06-183:

~~>>An action requiring approval of the Board of Governors may be voted upon by mail between Board meetings, subject to the following provisions. Mail includes any means of transmission capable of producing a verbatim written instrument in the hands of the recipient, including email and facsimile as well as original hard copy via the U.S. Postal Service or private courier. No action regarding legal or personal matters appropriate to closed session will be conducted by electronic means.~~

~~(1) — Mail ballots may be conducted only by the President. The President may call for a vote by mail if need for the ballot is (a) agreed at the prior Board meeting after discussion of the issue and upon a stated contingency; or (b) at the request of four members of the Board.~~

~~(2) — To be adopted, an action voted upon by mail requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire Board of Governors.~~

~~(3) — Neither Bylaw changes nor matters for which the Bylaws or the Acts require a meeting of the Board may~~

~~be acted upon by mail ballot.~~

~~(4) — The text of any matter that was the subject of a mail ballot, with the vote of each member thereon, will be read into the minutes of the subsequent meeting. Such matters will be subject to reconsideration as if considered immediately before such reading, or upon the motion of a member who did not receive timely notice.~~

~~(5) — When presenting an issue for a mail ballot the President will announce a deadline for the end of discussion and the receipt of votes which allows time for deliberate discussion and for the participation of any Board member who must be contacted by postal mail or courier. The President shall facilitate the exchange of comments among such members and those using electronic means. In no case shall the deadline be less than 12 days; provided, the President may entertain a motion to close debate and advance the deadline. Votes are subject to each member's reconsideration until the approved deadline.~~

~~(6) — Unless the issue concerns legal or personal matters appropriate to closed session, the President shall post notice of the proposed action to the Society web site not later than the day following the transmission of the call for the vote, and is encouraged to post additional notices to national and regional caver mail lists and discussion groups.~~

~~(7) — No expenditure in excess of one percent of the Society's operating budget may be approved by mail ballot unless the expenditure is from a restricted fund.~~

~~(8) — This Act is adopted as Special Rule of Order, and is subject to amendment only in a regular meeting of the Board of Governors.<<~~

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**27) Acceptance of Perkins Cave Preserve, Virginia**

Weaver moved: The NSS accept the donation of Perkins Cave, in Virginia, and the surrounding lands from John and Mary Wilson as outlined in the document: *Donation of Property*.

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**28) MOU between ACC and NSS for Management of Perkins Cave and Surrounding Property**

Weaver moved: to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Appalachian Cave Conservancy (ACC) and the NSS for the management of Perkins Cave and the surrounding property. This motion establishes this property as a jointly managed NSS Managed Nature Preserve as outlined in the document: *Memorandum of Understanding and Preserve and Land Trust Management Plan*.

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**29) MOU between Julianne Ramsey and the NSS for Management of Nunley Mountain Cave**

Weaver moved: to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Ms. Julianne Ramsey and the NSS for the management of Nunley Mountain Cave, in Tennessee, and the surrounding property. This motion establishes this property as a NSS managed nature preserve as outlined in the document: *Memorandum of Understanding Between Julianne Ramsey and the National Speleological Society, Inc.*

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**30) Acceptance of Nunley Mountain Cave Management Plan**

Weaver Moved: The NSS accepts the Nunley Mountain Cave Nature Preserve Management Plan.

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**



**31) Acceptance of MOU between Karst Canyons LLS and NSS for management of Bethlehem Cave, South Dakota**

Weaver Moved: to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Karst Canyons LLC and the NSS for the management of Bethlehem Cave, in South Dakota, and the surrounding property. This motion establishes this property as an NSS Managed Nature Preserve as outlined in the document: *Memorandum of Understanding Between Karst Canyons LLC and the National Speleological Society, Inc.*

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**32) Acceptance of Mammoth Crystal Cave Management Plan**

Weaver Moves: The NSS accepts the Mammoth Crystal Cave Nature Preserve Management Plan.

VOTE: Unanimous

**PASSED**

**33) Amend Act 03-199**

Gladieux moved to amend act 03-199 as follows:

There will be ~~>>two<<~~ <<four>> Board meetings between conventions.

Amended by Warner, seconded by Gladieux,

“There will be four quarterly meetings, one of which will be the Annual NSS Convention.”

VOTE on AMENDMENT 33A.

For: Gladieux, Johnson, Krejca, Tobin, and Warner

Against: Anderson, Drake, Ebrey, Engle, Handler, Meyer, Schenck-Brown, Tiderman, Weaver A., Weaver S, Weberg

**AMENDMENT FAILED**

VOTE on MOTION

For: Gladieux, Johnson, Krejca, Tobin

Against: Anderson, Drake, Ebrey, Engel, Handler, Meyer, Schenck-Brown, Tiderman, Warner, Weaver A., Weaver S, Weberg

**MOTION FAILED**

**34) Amend Bylaws Section XII.A.(2)**

Gladieux moved to amend the Bylaws section XII.A.(2) as follows:

Seconded by Meyer.

<<Referral of the proposed changes to the Bylaws Committee and subsequent approval by that committee with a simple majority; and>> ~~>>P<<~~ <<p>>resenting the proposed amendments in writing to the Board of Governors at least one meeting prior to their consideration, or by mail to each member of the Board at least one month prior to their consideration, and approval of two thirds of the Board members or their personally appointed proxies present at the next Board meeting. Under the above two procedures only minor changes of language from that <<referred and>> presented may be allowed at the time of adoption.

*Full language of Section XII:*

*XII. AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS A. These bylaws may be amended only by:*

(1) Unanimous approval of those present at a Board of Governors meeting at which three quarters of the Board members or their personally appointed proxies are present; or

(2) Presenting the proposed amendments in writing to the Board of Governors at least one meeting prior to their consideration, or by mail to each member of the Board at least one month prior to their consideration, and approval of two thirds of the Board members or their personally appointed proxies present at the next Board meeting. Under the above two procedures only minor changes of language from that presented may be allowed at the time of adoption.

(3) If 5 percent of the voting members of the Society have signed a petition within a fifteen-month period requesting a referendum on a proposed amendment to these Bylaws, the amendment must be submitted to the voting membership along with the next NSS election of directors that has a deadline for nominations at least thirty days after the Page 2.2.7 12-15-20 signed petition has been given to the President of the Society, unless the proposed amendment has been previously approved by the Board of Governors as provided above. If the proposal receives a two-thirds favorable vote of ballots returned and marked concerning the proposal the amendment will become effective when the elected directors are seated. We will have a lot of bylaws work in the next few years.

VOTE on MOTION

For: Engel, Gladieux, Johnson, Meyer, Tobin

Against: Anderson, Drake, Ebrey, Handler, Krejca, Schenck-Brown, Tiderman, Warner, Weaver A., Weaver S, Weberg

**MOTION FAILED**

### **35) Amend Act 03-445**

Gladieux moved to amend Act 03-445 as follows:

Seconded by Meyer.

Directors or Officers of the Society ~~>>should<<~~ <<must>> abstain from voting on matters of business which may have a direct effect on their business interests <<or those of people with whom they have close personal ties>>. A Director or Officer should not serve as chairman of a national committee nor on committees at national events if such positions present a conflict of interest with their business interests.

Motion to postpone to an indefinite time by Weaver, seconded by Tiderman.

For: Anderson, Drake, Ebrey, Handler, Schenck-Brown, Tiderman, Weaver A, Weaver S, Schindel

Against: Engel, Gladieux, Johnson, Krejca, Meyer, Tobin, Warner, Weberg.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE TO INDEFINITE TIME PASSED**

### **36) Amend Bylaw IV.A.(2)(a)**

Gladieux moved to amend bylaw IV.A.(2)(a) as follows:

Seconded by Johnson

Candidates for director <<will>> ~~>>shall<<~~ be selected from among eligible Society members by a nominating committee of at least three members, appointed annually by the President and approved by the Board. Any eligible member may be nominated by a petition signed by twenty-five voting members. The ballot <<will>> ~~>>shall<<~~ have provision for write-in votes. An incumbent completing two contiguous full terms as director <<, or any combination of contiguous terms totaling to six years,>> is not eligible to run for reelection for one full term. Persons eligible to run for reelection <<will>> ~~>>shall<<~~ not be appointed to Director vacancies under Bylaw Section IV.A.(1)(b) nor as proxies under Bylaw Section IV.E.

Tiderman moves to refer the motion to the bylaws Committee, Seconded by Weberg.

For: Anderson, Ebrey, Engel, Handler, Johnson, Krejca, Tiderman, Tobin, Warner, Weaver S, Weberg.

Against: Drake, Gladieux, Meyer, Schenck-Brown, Weaver A.

#### **MOTION TO REFER TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE PASSED**

#### **37) Amend Act Appendix X Section 7**

Gladieux moved to amend acts appendix X section 7 as follows:

Seconded by Warner.

7. Unless authorized to be on a ballot by a board act or bylaw the election material accompanying the ballots <<will>> >>shall<< include nothing besides<<:>> voting instructions<<:>> >>,<< the biographical information and platform statements submitted by the candidates<<:>> >>,<< and<< a list of the present directors, with their names and states of residence<<: and a conflict of interest statement provided by the candidate disclosing their potential conflicts of interest or averring none. In case of no response and/or a known potential conflict caused by a close family relationship or business interest the nominating committee will include a statement disclosing the potential conflicts>>. The list of directors <<will>> >>shall<< indicate which incumbents' seats are being filled by the election and which have terms that continue beyond the current year.

Anderson moves to postpone indefinitely, seconded by Handler.

VOTE Unanimous Against.

**MOTION FAILED**

Anderson moves to refer to the ad hoc Conflict of Interest Committee, seconded by Weberg.

VOTE

For: Anderson, Ebrey, Engel, Handler, Johnson, Krejca, Schenck-Brown, Tiderman, Tobin, Weaver A, Weaver S, Weberg

Against: Drake, Gladieux, Meyer, Warner.

#### **MOTION TO MOVE TO ad hoc CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE PASSED**

#### **38) Amend Act Appendix X Section 6**

Gladieux moved to amend acts appendix X section 6 as follows:

Seconded by Meyer.

6. The Nominating Committee <<will>> >>shall<< solicit platform statements and personal photographs from each of the candidates. The Nominating Committee may establish rules governing their scope and form <<: such rules will not prohibit inclusion of hyperlinks, references, or webpage addresses to additional material>>. If provided, they <<will>> >>shall<< be included with election material mailed with the ballot.

VOTE

For: Gladieux, Handler, Johnson, Krejca, Meyer, Tobin, Warner, Weaver

Against: Anderson, Drake, Ebrey, Engel, Schenck-Brown, Tiderman, Weaver S, Weberg

**MOTION FAILED**

### 39) American Geological Institute

Schindel moved: Act 41-430, American Geological Institute, is amended as follows:

The National Speleological Society, in consequence of its purpose of supporting research in the geological sciences and in the conservation of geological resources, will seek membership in the American Geological Institute (AGI). The Society appoints its Section of Cave Geology and Geography to act as its representative to the AGI and authorizes the Section to appoint ~~>>delegates<<~~ ~~<<a liaison>>~~ to represent the Society at AGI meetings. The NSS Board ~~<<will>>~~ ~~>>shall<<~~ confirm ~~>>such delegates<<~~ ~~<<the liaison>>~~ and they ~~<<will>>~~ ~~>>shall<<~~ be listed with the ~~>>Executive Vice<<~~ President's Department. Annual dues for Society membership in the AGI will be paid by the Society and included in the annual budget.

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

### 40) Creation of NSS Geospatial Data Committee

Weaver Moved: To Create the NSS "Geospatial Data Committee." This committee will be in the Cave Management Division of the AVP Department. It will annually obtain a non-profit license for Geospatial Software and maintain/manage both spatial and tabular data for the society with this software. The intent of this data collection is for NSS preserve geospatial and science data to be maintained by this committee. This committee may also store data for partner organizations and/or affiliated cave conservancies. The funding for this will come from the budget of the AVP and ~~<<will>>~~ ~~>>shall<<~~ be a line-item. In 2021 the cost of this program is \$250 but will fluctuate over time.

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

### 41) Creation of a monthly regular membership class

Schindel moves: The Board of Governors approves the creation of a regular monthly print and electronic membership class. The cost of each monthly membership ~~<<will>>~~ ~~>>shall<<~~ include administrative costs for the use of credit and debit cards. Membership ~~<<will>>~~ ~~>>shall<<~~ extend for as long as monthly payments are provided. New members will be provided with an NSS number and all the rights and privileges of regular membership.

Tiderman seconds.

VOTE

For: Anderson, Drake, Gladieux, Handler, Krejca, Schenck-Brown, Tiderman, Tobin

Against: Engel, Meyer, Warner, Weaver A, Weaver S, Weberg

**Motion did not pass by 2/3 vote. Motions FAILED**

### 42) Creation of Sustaining Contributor Program

Schindel moves: The Board of Directors approves of the creation of a Sustaining Contributor program for NSS members. To be a Sustaining Contributor, members must donate \$25 per month or \$300 per year to the NSS. The designation SC may be appended to their NSS number for the duration of their contribution. Funds generated from this program will be incorporated into the general revenue to be allocated through the NSS budgeting process.

Passed in Consent Agenda

**PASSED**

### 43) Recess for the closed session of the board and directorate

### 44) Reconvene

**45) Report of the closed session of the board**

**46) Report of the closed session of the directorate**

Peter Johnson was named Chair of the Directorate.

**47) The Next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2021 at 9AM CDT.**

**48) Adjournment.**

XXX moved: The meeting is adjourned. President Schindel declares the meeting adjourned at XXXXX PM.