

National Speleological Society, Inc.
Board of Governors Meeting
Minutes of the 249th Regular Meeting
Virtual Meeting
December 4, 2021

The 249th 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. CDT and welcomed everyone in attendance. Oliver Gerken was present as recording secretary.

1) CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

Officers

Geary Schindel, president (PRES)
Devra Heyer, Proxy for 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

Craig Hindman, Proxy for Nick Anderson
Riley Drake
Stephen Gladioux
Peter Johnson
Jean Krejca
Mystik Miller, Proxy for Sonia Meyer
Julie Schenck-Brown
Carol Tideman
Ben Tobin
Doug Warner
Sharon Weaver
Meredith Hall Weberg

Approximately **X** guests were logged into the BOG Virtual Zoom Meeting.

2) Approval of the minutes of the July 24, 2021 Summer Board of Governors Meeting, the August 24th, 2021 Special Board of Governors Meeting, and the November 15, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

This item was removed from the agenda by President Schindel. The minutes from these meetings were not in a final form for board approval.

3) Officer Reports

- A. [President \(PRES\)](#) - Geary Schindel
There were no additions to the submitted written report.
- B. [Administrative Vice-President \(AVP\)](#) – Devra Heyer was proxy for Adam Weaver. Ms. Heyer had no

additions to the AVP 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
There were no additions to the submitted written report.

4) Comments from the Membership:

There were no requests to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tiderman moved to approve the following items by consent: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Seconded by Weberg.

Motion passed by Viva Voce

PASSED

5) Board Acts to be Rescinded

Tiderman moves the following acts are moved to Section 7 of the NSS Board Manual.

19-786 NSS Preserve Research Initiative

19-787 NSS Preserve Research Initiative Funding

26-709 Warren Cave Nature Preserve Land Survey 03-20-04, 10-20-01

26-731 Great Expectations Cave Acquisition 10-05-02

26-791 Lot 92 Adjacent to the Shelta Nature Preserve 10-13-07:4, 24

26-795 Potter Unit Nature Preserve 03-15-08:7

26-819 Purchase of Lot 87, Huntsville, AL 07-20-09:7

26-855 NSS Headquarters 07-18-11:22

26-856 NSS Headquarters Purchase 07-18-11:25

26-886 New River Cave Purchase 03-15-14:27

26-919 Rockcastle Karst Conservancy 07-18-16:24

26-921 NSS Headquarters Refinancing 07-18-16:32

57-792 Cavern Arts Project 10-13-07:9

68-780 Library Donation to UISK 11-04-06:8

68-790 Library Appraisal 07-27-07:38

76-811 Relocation of the NSS Speleo-Museum Collection 08-15-08:30

76-812 Inventory of the NSS Speleo-Museum Collection 08-15-08:31

76-813 Archival Housing of the NSS Speleo-Museum 08-15-08:32

82-826 Speleo Digest on the Web 07-13-15:34, 03-31-12:17, 11-07-09:13

Appendix AW - NSS Preserves Research Initiative Policy

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

6) Amend Act 04-472 Open Discussion Session

Tiderman moved Act 04-472 - Open Discussion Sessions 03-16-96, 02-20-88, 04-04-87 is amended as follows:

The agenda for each Board of Governors meeting >>~~shall~~<< ~~<<must>>~~ include >>~~,near the end, a motion to suspend the agenda for an informal discussion among all present~~<< ~~<<an open discussion time>>~~ for a duration to be determined at the time the motion is taken up.

Second by Hindman

Amended by Gladieux, seconded by Tobin. Passed by Voice Vote.

Oliver, can you add the amendment

Motion as Amended passed Viva Voce

PASSED

7) Rescind Act 08-190 Clarity 11-16-68

Tiderman moved: Tiderman moves Act 08-190 Clarity 11-16-68 is rescinded.

~~>>All future changes to the Bylaws or Constitution shall clearly indicate which document is being amended and exactly which paragraphs are affected. It is preferable that the complete revised paragraph or sentence be included in the motion, with new words underlined and deleted words crossed out (but still legible). Lacking this, the exact nature of the change should be stated so that there is no question as to what the revisions are. No ordinary act of the Board shall be included in a motion amending the Constitution or Bylaws.<<~~

Seconded by Weberg

Motion to postpone to the Spring 2022 Meeting by Tiderman, Seconded by Gladieux.

VOTE: Passed Viva Voce.

PASSED

8) Rescind Act 19-786 NSS Preserve Research Initiative

Tobin moved to rescind Act 19-787 NSS Preserve Research Initiative

Passed in Consent Agenda

9) Rescind Act 19-787 NSS Preserve Research Initiative Funding

Tobin moved to rescind Act 19-787 NSS Preserve Research Initiative Funding

Passed in Consent Agenda

10) Rescind Appendix AW NSS Preserves Research Initiative Policy

Tobin moved to rescind Appendix AW NSS Preserves Research Initiative Policy.

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

11) Rescind Act 57-383 Education and Research Programs

Tobin moved to rescind Act 57-383, Education and Research Programs, in its entirety.

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

12) Amend Act 88-080 Funds

Tobin moved to amend Act 88-080 as follows:

The Research Advisory Committee <<(RAC) is established under the Executive Vice President to help the society reach its goal of being a leader in cave and karst research, in collaboration with the Cave Management Research Committee. The RAC is tasked with the following responsibilities:

1) Administer Research related grants offered by the NSS. These grants include: the NSS Research Grant (act 19-379), Ralph Stone Graduate Fellowship (act 19-378), The educator Grant (19-798), the Bat Research Grant (act 19-801), and the Moorehouse Fellowship (act 19-900). This includes developing a written process that details grant qualifications, deadlines for submission, a set of criteria for reviewing grants, and reporting requirements of grantees.

2) Develop a protocol for approving and reviewing official projects of the NSS. This includes approving projects and providing updates on project as part of the officer's report.>>

~~>>will make available funds for appropriations to a qualified individual or groups for speleological investigation. A qualified individual or group is a member, group of members, grotto, or region which has petitioned the Research Advisory Committee for financial support in a specific speleological investigation and received the approval associated with speleological investigations. All equipment and unexpended supplies purchased with funds from this appropriation will be the property of the NSS. Qualified individuals or groups supported in speleological investigation by this appropriation will submit to the Society written reports as stipulated by the Research Advisory Committee. The Committee has the following additional duties: (1) Offer scientific and technical assistance to various research projects currently in the Committee's program and/or sponsored by other committees of the NSS, (2) Inventory fields where research has been underway and delineate subjects where new or continued research is required, (3) Offer necessary assistance to potential researchers interested in the related fields of speleology, and (4) Prepare an Annual Scientific Report of the NSS which would cover research projects sponsored or conducted by the Society within the calendar year covered by the report. The Scientific Report would briefly discuss areas of needed research and other pertinent topics in addition to reporting on research projects undertaken within the period covered by the report. This report will be published. <<~~

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

13) Amend Act 088-386, Cave Survey

Tobin moved: to amend Act 88-386 as follows:

The Board of Governors reaffirms the importance of cave location, exploration, and survey as basic tools in speleology <<,>> and <<It is the role of>> the Research Advisory Committee >>. is instructed to continue support of appropriate surveys requesting designation as NSS Projects including research grants within available funds <<to develop and maintain the published criteria used to designate cave projects and long-term research efforts that are in the interest of the society's mission.>>

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

14) Rescind Act 88-493, Contemporary Cave Use Study

Tobin Moved to rescind Act 88-493, Contemporary Cave Use Study in its entirety.

>>The Contemporary Cave Use Study is established as a permanent committee in the department of the Administrative Vice President. The committee shall have the following mission and responsibilities:

~~To gather information by using cave registers and other means to advance the knowledge and understanding of cave use in North America. The committee shall provide leadership, advice, and cave register devices to NSS committees, NSS internal organizations, NSS members, and researchers involving the distribution, maintenance, and retrieval of information. It shall make available data and its findings to the NSS, its members, and researchers in order to facilitate cave management, cave conservation, cave safety, and the management of the Society.<<~~

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

15) Establish the Cave Management Research Committee Act 88-975

Tobin Moved to Establish the Cave Management Research Committee.

The Cave Management Research Committee is established under the office of the Administrative Vice President in the Cave Management Division. Its directive is to promote research focused on a) improving cave management practices in NSS managed preserves and b) to work with outside stakeholders to more broadly improve cave management practices. In collaboration with the RAC (act 88-080), the NSS preserves, and other interested parties, this committee is responsible for:

1. Promoting and managing research activities in NSS Preserves
2. Updating criteria for conducting research on NSS Preserves (Appendix AE)
3. Working with researchers and land managers to develop improved cave and karst management practices that result from research on or around NSS Preserves.

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

16) Changes to Grotto Directory Board Act

Tiderman moved to amend 25-043 Grotto Directory 05-15-54 as follows:

A directory of grottos, including their <<meeting place, date, and time,>> publications, and the name and mailing address of the officer of each Grotto to whom communications should be addressed, >>shall be attached to the annual membership list <<. <<must be posted on the NSS website and password protected>>.

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

17) 50-355 Bat Policy

Tiderman moved to amend 50-355 Bat Policy 10-21-78 is amended as follows:

The NSS, recognizing the importance of bats in the ecosystem, promotes environmental management programs to protect and enhance the survival of bat species, encourages research on non-lethal methods of resolving human/bat conflicts, urges an end to the use of chemicals to kill bats, and encourages the United States government to establish a system to license all collection and marking of bat species. In order to carry out the

intent of this motion, the Bat Subcommittee of the ~~>>Conservation<<~~ ~~<< Biological Response>>~~ Committee ~~>>shall<<~~ ~~<<must>>~~ communicate the NSS position to other concerned individuals and agencies ~~>>and shall develop programs to educate the public to the ecological, scientific, and economic value<<~~ ~~<<to illustrate the importance of organized caving to the sustainability>>~~ of bats.~~<<Updates must be made as additional research is received and vetted.>>~~

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

18) Transmittal of Report of the Ad Hoc Cave Avenue Building Committee

Attachment A is the transmittal of the Ad Hoc Cave Avenue Building Committee. The committee was chaired by Phillip Rykwalder. This item is included for information only. A discussion regarding the findings of the report will be scheduled for the March 2022 NSS Board Meeting.

Item for informational purposes only.

19) Rescind Act 26-599 Cave Acquisition Policy

Schenck-Brown moved Act 26-599 is deleted.

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

20) Ratification of USFS NSS MOU

Schindel moved the National Speleological Society - United States Forest Service Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is approved.

Passed in Consent Agenda

PASSED

21) Amend Bylaw IV A.(2)a

Tiderman moved to amend bylaw IV A2 as follows:

(a) Candidates for director ~~<<must>>~~ ~~>>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 ~~>>must<<~~ ~~>>shall<<~~ have ~~<<a>>~~ provision for write-in votes. An incumbent completing two contiguous full terms as ~~>>a<<~~ director is not eligible to run for reelection for one full term ~~>>~~ ~~Anyone appointed or elected to fill a partial term on the directorate can run for two full terms, after completing their partial term. No one, appointed or elected, may serve more than six contiguous years of partial terms. After six contiguous years, they are ineligible to run for one full term>>~~. Persons ineligible to run for reelection ~~<<must>>~~ ~~>>shall<<~~ not be appointed to Director vacancies under Bylaw Section IV.A.(1)(b) nor as proxies under Bylaw Section IV.E.

Seconded by Weberg

Motion by XXXX to refer back to bylaws committee,

Seconded by Weberg

Motion to refer passed Viva Voce

PASSED

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22) Amend Act 26-585 Criteria for NSS Cave Ownership

Schenck-Brown moved ~~>>Criteria for NSS Cave Ownership<<~~ <<The Cave and Karst Acquisition and Grant Policy>> is approved and <<Appendix L is amended.>>

Seconded by Tobin

Passed Viva Voce

PASSED

23) Amend Act 26-437 Outline for Writing Cave Management Plans

Schenck-Brown moved to Amend Act 26-437 is amended as follows: Act 26-437 Outline for Writing a ~~>>Cave<<~~ <<Preserve>> Management Plan, including the name of the Act and the entire contents of Appendix Z. (*Attachment A*)

Seconded by Tobin,

Passed Viva Voce

PASSED

24) Approve Charter of NSS Vertical Training Commission (VTC) Act 91-976, Appendix BP

Weaver Moved: The NSS Board of Governors recognize and approve the charter of the Vertical Training Commission (VTC). The VTC will reside as a commission of the NSS in the education division of the department of the Administrative Vice President.

Seconded by Gladieux

Passed Viva Voce

PASSED

25) Amend Convention Surplus Designated Fund

Tiderman moved to amend 18-598 Convention Surplus Designated Fund 06-19-17:34, 03-23-02, 11-04-00, 03-21-98, 06-23-97 as follows: The NSS Convention Surplus Designated Fund is established to provide funds to cover NSS convention deficits. Each year the full, unrestricted convention surplus for that year ~~>>shall<<~~ <<must>> be transferred to the Convention Surplus Fund. ~~>>Each year one-half of the Convention Surplus Fund may be transferred to the NSS Operating Fund as revenue provided a \$15,000 balance is maintained in the NSS Convention Designated Fund to cover a NSS Convention deficit.<<~~

Seconded by Weberg

Passed Viva Voce

PASSED

26) Storrick Agreement on Disposition of his Vertical Equipment Collection Act 58-977, Appendix BQ (*Attachment B*)

Schindel moves that the NSS Board of Directors approves a non-binding agreement to accept the donation of Dr. Gary Storrick's vertical equipment collection and webpage along with funds to maintain and add to the collection upon his demise. The President of the NSS is authorized to sign the agreement.

Seconded by Johnson

VOTE: Passes Viva Voce

PASSED

27) Recess for closed session of the NSS Board of Directors

28) Recess of closed session of the NSS Directorate

Interview and Selection of President

Interview and Selection of Secretary-Treasurer

29) Reconvene of Board of Directors

30) Report of closed session of the Board of Directors

There was no business to discuss.

31) Report of the closed session of the directorate

Chair of the Directorate Johnson reported the following actions of the directorate.

Kristine Embry (58439RL FE) was appointed as President of the NSS. President Elect Embry will assume her position at the close of business at the March 19, 2022, board meeting.

John “Rocco” Stembel (25827RL FE) was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. Secretary-Treasurer Elect Stembel will assume his position at the beginning of the March 19, 2022 board meeting.

32) Selection of next BOG meeting location and time

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the NSS Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 9AM central time at the NSS Headquarters in Huntsville, Alabama pending changes related to the Covid 19 pandemic.

33) Adjournment.

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

Attachment A

APPENDIX Z

OUTLINE FOR WRITING A PRESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

NSS Nature Preserves serve as a commitment to future generations and ensure cave conservation, access, education, and exploration. Each Preserve Management Plan is developed to serve as a guide for targeting, prioritizing, and managing NSS conservation properties. This appendix serves as an outline for writing a Preserve Management Plan.

Preserve Management Plan Value

One of the great benefits of preparing a management plan is that it encourages a careful inventory of the property's resources and identifies potential management problems. A Property Management Summary is provided for consideration prior to property acquisition. Within one year following acquisition of a property containing cave and karst features, a Property Management Plan shall be prepared. If the property is adjacent to or comparable to an existing NSS property, that property's plan may be expanded to include management of the newly acquired property. For a willed property or a Life Estate property, a preliminary plan may be prepared in cooperation with the potential donor to establish channels of communication, facilitate a partnership and identify and clarify the donor's intent for conservation.

Preserve Management Plan Objectives

Objectives of the Preserve Management Plans include:

- a) Identifying and protecting conservation values.
- b) Ensuring deed restrictions and donor requests are recorded and addressed.
- c) Identifying damaging uses and encroachments.
- d) Communicating property management objectives within the NSS and creating a resource for future NSS committee members, preserve managers, and the BOG.
- e) Identifying property management priorities, tasks, and budgetary requirements.
- f) Building member support and credibility.
- g) Establishing potential usage, i.e., conservation, research, recreation, etc.

Preserve Management Plan Preparation

The NSS Preserves Committee Chairs and Preserve Managers shall determine appropriate management for the property by:

- a) Utilization of the NSS Preserves Acquisitions Questionnaire and subsequent Evaluation Report. The property deed and published articles concerning the property, as well as additional material located in the NSS library or preserves folder will also be utilized.

- b) Consultation with NSS members and others who may possess knowledge about the property or who can assist with gathering resource data and related information.
- c) Consultation with the donor/seller of the property when possible.
- d) Visitation to the preserve with subject experts to collect information and characterization data.

Preserve Management Plan Contents

Every property management plan shall contain a minimum of:

- a) General information that includes the NSS objectives for preserve management, acquisition history, and deed restrictions.
- b) Property location, including maps.
- c) Property management summary, including a description of biological, geological, hydrological, paleontological, archaeological, and historical resources.
- d) Description of member benefit.
- e) Implementation strategies for property management tasks, including monitoring, visitation, supervision of the property and resources, as well as plans for future projects, such as invasive species control, and the assurance of conservation.
- f) Descriptive access policy that echoes the terms stated in the Rules for Cave Access to minimize the Society's risk and prevent over visitation.

Approval of Preserve Management Plans & Updates

All Preserve Management Plans must be developed with the NSS Preserves Managers and reviewed by the NSS Preserves Committee to determine if plan revisions are needed at least once in a five-year period or whenever a change to the property boundaries or property status occurs. All Preserve Management Plans must be submitted to the NSS AVP and NSS General Counsel for initial approval and the NSS BOG for final approval. The reviewer's names with date of plan update must be appended to the plan.

Any revisions to existing plans must be reviewed by the NSS Preserves Committee. Any plan revisions must be resubmitted to the NSS AVP and NSS General Counsel for initial approval and the NSS BOG for final approval. The reviewer's names with date of plan update will be appended to the plan.

Attachment B

STORRICK DONATION AGREEMENT

This document is intended to be a nonbinding agreement by and between the parties but is intended to set out positions of the parties to this agreement that will ultimately result in a later donation of all the property referred to herein. The parties agree that they will jointly execute a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for the transportation and display of the equipment referred to herein.

WHEREAS the National Speleological Society (hereinafter "NSS") is the world leader in cave related activities including but not limited to history, preservation, exploration, conservation, and education; and

WHEREAS the NSS has its home office in Huntsville, Alabama and has facilities to store, preserve, and display historical documents and materials. The NSS has at present a display at its headquarters office in Huntsville of antique and old caving related items; and

WHEREAS Gary Storricks has a world class collection of vertical caving related material and equipment, and it is his desire to see that such equipment is preserved in perpetuity for viewing, research, and educational purposes; and

WHEREAS the NSS and Gary Storricks desire to enter into an agreement to help preserve the collection of Garry Storricks and make the same available for public viewing, research, and educational functions; and

WHEREAS Gary Storricks desires to see that his collection will continue to grow, and it is his present intention that at some point in time the entire collection will be donated to the NSS. At the present time the collection may be in whole or in part loaned to the NSS for the purposes recited above; and

WHEREAS the parties desire that appropriate space be set aside in the national headquarters of the NSS for permanent display and viewing of the collection when the entire collection has been received. The parties agree that they will coordinate the display and placement of loaned items among themselves until such time as the NSS gets total control of the entire collection.

In consideration of the premises recited above, Gary Storricks agrees that at the present he may loan some or all of his collection to the NSS and the NSS agrees that it will accept, preserve,

and make available for research, viewing, and display that part of the collection presently temporarily donated to the NSS. The parties agree that the loaned items will be cataloged, stored, and some or all of the items will be displayed in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding the parties agree they are going to execute and in accordance with the NSS donation policy and certain amendments or adjustments to be made to the policy as part of the donation of the collection referred to herein. The collection is to be kept together and displayed for public viewing at the NSS headquarters or collateral buildings as agreed upon by the parties.

The ownership of all the display remains with Gary Storrick until such time of his demise or until he decides to part with the collection in some other manner. It is the intention of the parties at the present time that in the future title to all the items in the collection will go to the NSS. At the present the collection will be in the custody of Gary Storrick. Gary Storrick reserves the right to add to or delete items from the collection and for the NSS to manage such collection as agreed by and between the parties.

The parties agree they will work on a Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by all parties and to be a fluid document which is subject to change based on changing conditions, the desires of the parties, or any future legal requirements.

National Speleological Society

By President: Geary M. Schindel

Date: December 8, 2021

By Gary Storrick

Date: December 8, 2021

PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This is a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") executed by and between the National Speleological Society, Inc. (hereinafter "NSS") and Gary D. Storrick (hereinafter "Storrick") perfected this __ day of _____, 2021.

WHEREAS the NSS is the world leader in cave related activities including education, history, preservation, exploration, and conservation; and

WHEREAS the NSS has its home office in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama and has adequate facilities there in order to store and display, among other things, historical documents and materials; and

WHEREAS Storrick has a world class collection of vertical caving related materials and equipment, and it is his desire that such collection is preserved and made available for review and educational purposes among others; and

WHEREAS the NSS and Storrick desire to enter into an agreement to preserve the collection of property from Storrick and make the same available for public viewing, research, and educational functions; and

WHEREAS Storrick reserves the right to loan some of his collection to the NSS which would be on display at its headquarters, and he desires to see that his collection will continue to grow and that he will donate at various different times different parts of his collection and desires at the time of his demise that all of his collection be donated to the NSS.

The function of this MOU is to formally memorialize the Donation Agreement of Storrick's collection and to provide a framework for donation of the remaining property and its preservation.

1. It is the intention that Storrick donate part or all of his collection which has not previously been loaned to the NSS, but he intends to reserve a "life estate" to alter, add to, or subtract from such collection.

2. Storrick may at present donate on a loan basis to the NSS some or all of his collection for research, education, and any other legitimate and legal function.

3. It is the intention of the parties that in the future Storrick will donate some or all of his collection to the NSS either by transfer of ownership or through estate procedures.

4. The NSS at its discretion will display different parts of the collection at its headquarters building in Huntsville, Alabama or at other locations selected by the NSS. Proper

acknowledgment at the location will be displayed wherever the collection is made available for display.

5. The NSS is never authorized to sell, donate or transfer any of the collection without written permission from Storrick (unless and until full title is vested in the NSS).

6. The NSS has a donation policy which is incorporated by reference in this MOU as Exhibit #1. Modification to such donation policy is as reflected herein.

7. The NSS has a right to reject any item in the collection that is not consistent with the rules, regulations, existing laws or policies of the NSS.

8. The NSS agrees that it will provide proper care and storage for all donated items.

9. Storrick agrees that it is his present intention to make the NSS the beneficiary of a retirement account he has which will generate income that can be used to maintain and preserve the collection as well as to preserve any facility where such collection would be displaced.

10. Storrick represents that he has clear title to all the donated items and that there will be no copyright problems with any of the items which have been donated. Storrick has a "collection portion" on his website and it is his present intention that the collection portion and website be transferred to the NSS at the same time of the transfer of the collection.

11. To the extent that any donated items are contaminated, the NSS reserves the right to alter and/or dispose of such items.

12. If requested and available, Storrick agrees to furnish records of authenticity as to such documents but to the extent that is required under the Donation of Agreement of the NSS, the same is specifically altered and changed. Storrick expresses his intention to transfer all documents related to the collection which are an important part of the history which must be preserved.

13. The parties agree that the donation is to be an "all or nothing" other than as expressed in item No. 11.

14. Upon the NSS complying with the terms of the donation then all donated items will be the exclusive property of the NSS subject to the provisions of item No. 1 herein.

15. The NSS agrees that any and all donated items are to be retained for as long as they maintain their physical integrity or are not contaminated in any way.

16. The NSS is a 501(C)(OO) non-profit corporation with its principal place of business in the State of Alabama. It agrees to furnish whatever papers or assistance might be needed in order to assist with any tax deductions dealing with donation of the property referred to herein.

17. The NSS donation policy requires certain information to be furnished with reference to the donated items. The parties acknowledge and agree that this requirement is neither feasible nor economical and that the items are being accepted by the NSS as donated. To the extent any authentication is needed and can be feasibly and economically obtained then the parties agree to work among themselves to obtain such authentication.

18. The NSS donation policy requires completion of a donation questionnaire. The parties agree that because of the extensive number of items such questionnaire would be neither feasible nor economical and accordingly it is not being required and the donation policy is modified to that extent.

19. Storricks agrees that it is his intention to revise his will and leave any items not previously given to the NSS to them in accordance with this MOU or any subsequent amendments thereto.

20. The NSS agrees that it will maintain, house, and display items referred to herein in its discretion subject to the availability of adequate space and adequate financing.

21. Storricks reserves the right to loan or donate any of his collection to the NSS at any time.

22. The parties agree that this MOU may be amended at any time by agreement of the parties (except for item No. 21).

23. It is the intention of the parties that display of the donated items be housed and displayed at the present headquarters of the NSS located on Pulaski Pike in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama but subject to the approval of the parties some or all of the collection may be stored and displayed at previous headquarters of the NSS located on Cave Avenue in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama. The NSS agrees that it will provide fire protection and loss prevention measures at wherever the collection is housed and displayed.

24. The parties agree that any or all of the donated collection whether displayed or stored will be made available for research and/or education purposes to properly qualified individuals.

25. Storricks has expressed his intent to provide endowments which will be used exclusively toward addition to maintaining, storing, or making available the donated collection for display to the public and research.

26. The NSS agrees that it will create on a permanent basis a steering committee to monitor the collection and the handling of the same and to make sure that it is properly maintained in accordance with this MOU and in accordance with good business practices.

27. The NSS has authority (subject to the advice and consent from Storricks) to decide which items may be displayed and how the display is to be set up and managed. In the event Storricks is not available, the NSS then has the exclusive authority to do that in its discretion.

Gary Storricks
Date: _____

Geary M. Schindel
President
National Speleological Society
Date: _____