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2001 CONGRESS OF GROTTOES

REPORT TO THE NSS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

On the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the COG
Tuesday, July 23, 2:00 p.m.
2001 Convention of the National Speleological Society
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

Chairman: John LaMar Cole
Chairman NSS I/O Committee: Evelyn Bradshaw
Issues Committee: Kathy Welling, Hilary Lambert Hopper, David Jagnow, Emily Davis,
Peri Frantz, Jay Jorden.

Three Resolutions were voted upon during the 2001 Convention Meeting of the COG; #1
& #2 were forwarded prior to the meeting, #3 was presented from the floor.

Resolution #1: (Mvd: Ohio Valley Region; 2nd: Indiana Cave Survey)
“The name of the Congress of Grottos should be changed to Congress of
Internal Organizations.”
FAILED: 68 In Favor; 177 Opposed.

Resolution #2: (Mvd: Ohio Valley Region; 2nd: Pajarito Grotto)
“The Congress of Grottos opposes the construction of the Trimodal
Transpark near Bowling Green, Kentucky, supporting the BOG motion
opposing the same.”
PASSED: Unanimous.

Resolution #3: (Mvd: Pittsburgh Grotto; 2nd: Dogwood City Grotto)
“The COG Chairman will appoint a committee consisting of members of the
I/O Committee and other individuals to examine & improve upon the
accounting of the primary grotto affiliation status of NSS members.”
PASSED: Unanimous.

Additionally, considerable discussion ensued regarding the concern that similar caves
with similar conditions that are owned by the NSS are managed differently. This concern
primarily appears to involve NSS-owned caves in New York. The COG fully recognizes
that state & local laws influence these differences. The major complaint, however,
centers upon records management issues as concerns waivers for visitation and a call for
streamlining these procedures has been expressed. With the election of Thom Engle to
NSS AVP, the COG recognizes that Mr. Engle is fully aware of these concerns and
agrees to wait a year to see if conditions are addressed and improved upon before drafting
a Resolution.
Other items discussed were the scheduling of Vertical Section activities to enable committee participation of key individuals, examining the impact of 2-term limit restrictions upon BOG Directors, the benefits & concerns regarding the newly instituted “General Membership” to the NSS, and the problems posed to “traveling” or “cyber-“ grottos by primary grotto affiliation requirements as they currently stand.

ELECTIONS: 2002 Congress of Grottos Officers:


2002 VICE CHAIRMAN: Bill Jackson. Nominations: Bill Jackson (Evans, GA); elected unanimously by acclamation.

Mr. Cole’s first act as 2002 COG Chairman was to appoint a committee (in addition to the Issues Committee and the “Primary Grotto Affiliation” Committee of Resolution #3) to draft an Operations Manual to assist new COG Chairmen in the timely & efficient fulfillment of their duties by providing sample documents, a history of past Resolutions, and procedural guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.