

THE MINUTES OF THE 1994 SURVEYING AND CARTOGRAPHY SECTION MEETING

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The annual meeting of the Surveying and Cartography Section (of the National Speleological Society) was held on June 24th, 1994, in conjunction with the Society's Convention in Barrackville, Texas. The meeting was held in the Salon Building West, and was called to order by Chairman Carol Vesely at 12:15 pm. Attending were 31 members and friends of the section. These were:

Bill Balfour	Dale Green	Art Palmer
Roger Bartholemew	Rebecca Holden	Peg Palmer
Dave Black	Mark Johnston	Mel Park
Bob Bucher	Pat Kambesis	Dick Sanford
Don Coons	Jan Knox	Scott Schmitz
Hubert C. Crowell	Orion Knox	Ted Steinke
George Dasher	Robert Lenz	Dave Taylor
Thom Engel	Kirk MacGregor	Bob Thrun
John Fogarty	Doug Medville	Carol Vesely
Mike Futrell	Hazel Medville	
Dick Graham	Angela Morgan	

First were the officers' reports. Carol made no report. The Vice-Chairman, Roger Bartholomew said that the combining of all the technical sessions at the Texas Convention had robbed him of any responsibilities; however, he was already lining up papers for the 1995 Virginia Convention. In addition, he had been in communication with Dale Pate concerning standards for Carlsbad Caverns National Park surveying certifications.

The Secretary, George Dasher, stated that he had not attended the 1993 Oregon Convention; however, Bob Hoke had recorded the minutes, they had been printed in The Compass and Tape, and no one had complained.

The Treasurer, Bob Hoke, was not present. He had, however, mailed both treasurer's and editor's reports to George Dasher, and George now gave a synopsis of those reports. This was:

- 1.) Bob Lewis is now the editor of the C&T. He had promised to have the next issue to Bob Hoke for printing by the end of May; however, Bob Hoke had not received such a copy by the time of Convention.
- 2.) The C&T needs articles very badly!
- 3.) SACS needs a ramrod person to coordinate the SACS session at the 1995 Virginia Convention.

4.) The SACS income for the past fiscal year was \$273.11; expenses were \$112.82. SACS opened the year with \$2657.10, and closed the year with \$2817.39. Excluding our "implied liability monies," SACS has \$1963.00. The implied liability monies are those monies received from members for several years of membership and which must be reserved for the payment of future issues of the C&T.

5.) At present, SACS has 143 members.

6.) At the 1993 Oregon Convention, SACS voted that the membership dues are now \$1.00 per issue of the C&T. Thus the length of membership in the Section is not related to the calendar or fiscal year, and all SACS members are members until they receive (for their \$5 dues) five issues of the C&T.

7.) The SACS membership list is available at the meeting for all those who wish to review it.

Most discussed of this report was the need for timely issues of the C&T and the need for articles for the C&T. All were concerned that the May issue had not yet been received by Bob Hoke, but all also agreed that Bob Lewis clearly needed a chance to edit the C&T. Members were strongly urged to send articles to Bob Lewis. His address is P.O. Box 505, Dublin, Virginia 24084.

George Dasher next gave a report on the surveying and cartography book, *On Station*. After six-plus years of work by George (and God-only-knows how many by Lang Brod), this publication is now finished, has been printed, and is for sale by most of the Convention vendors. The cost is \$16. George said that the book includes most everything he knows on cave surveying, and that Tom Rea finished the book George just plain ran out energy when the publication was about 95% finished.

George then gave a report on the Cartographic Salon. The 1994 Texas Salon was the biggest ever, with 59 entrees and 32 entrants, and it had been a very brutal salon to coordinate and judge. Pat Kambesis won with her map of Wu Dong, there had been two electronic entrees, and there had been a map entered of the interior of a Pleistocene rhinoceros cast (which had been mapped by a NSS member). Next year, George hopes to put together a display of all the past medal maps and he asked that all past medal winners mail good copies of their maps to him in the near future.

The discussion for a need for a Salon for electronic entrees followed, and although there was a great deal of discussion concerning the criteria for such a salon the end result was the organization of a committee to formulate such a salon. Those persons volunteering to be on the committee included Angela Morgan, Thom Engel, Scott Schmitz, Mark Johnston, Pat Kambesis, Bob Thrun, and Hubert Crowell. Thom Engel volunteered to be the chairman; however, Carol Vesely said that the committee should pick their own chairman. Hazel Medville suggested that the committee consider a Poster Session at next year's convention to show off this new cartographic medium.

There has long been a need to further honor those persons in the Cartographic Salon who have been awarded Honorable Mentions and Merit Awards. This was done, when Ernst and Karen Kastning were the Salon Evening Coordinators, by bringing those people who had won these awards up on stage on Salon Night. Paul Stevens, when he took over as the Salon Evening Coordinator, did not allow this.

He wanted to keep the evening moving quickly toward the Slide Salons, and he had more Salons which required time during the evening. He suggested, at the time he took over the job, that all the Salons present slides of their winners and that he show these on the large screen as the awards were being presented. Unfortunately, George as well as all the other Salon Chairmen were not receptive to this idea. Despite this fact, Paul made a ruling that entrants for all the BOG Salons should submit slides of themselves with their entrees.

It has been now suggested by several members of SACS that the Cart Salon provide slides of its winners. George was more agreeable, but he was frank in that the Cart Salon has just become too-time-consuming for him to do this. It was agreed that Angela Morgan shall take pictures of the entrees (and possibly the entrants) during the Salon, have them developed, and make them available to Paul as overall Salon Evening Chairman. George also stated that the Cart Salon is becoming a two-person job, and that he would prefer to have Angela as an assistant, not as a person who was concerned solely with taking pictures of the maps. Angela was agreeable to this. All future Cart Salon entrants should, when they submit their maps, also submit a slide of themselves.

Art Palmer next stood and personally thanked the two persons Fred Wefer and Hubert Crowell who had entered the electronic entrees in this year's Cart Salon for submitting their "maps." These entrees were not judged because they were so individually different and because the judges had no criteria by which to judge them and Art thought that this was unfortunate. Afterwards, George again thanked all of the 1994 judges Art and Peg Palmer, Angela Morgan, and Dick Graham for their assistance, and he said that this year's Salon had been one of the most-labor intensive for the judges that he had been associated with.

Also at this time, George gave part of a belated secretary's report, and said that he had signed the award certificates for Hubert Crowell's Convention surveying course. This course was not in any way a part of SACS, but George had signed the certificates as a SACS' officer.

There were also several new issues. Hubert reported that his surveying course had gone rather well, five people had entered, and that he would submit an article for the C&T. The contest had been won by Dale and Cathy Lankford. There was also some discussion of the OTR compass course and compass courses in particular, Dick Sanford stated that he felt there is a need for a standardized computer data format, and it was reported that Ray Keeler will review On Station for the NSS News.

Last were elections. Thom Engel made a motion that SACS keep the same slate of officers, Art Palmer seconded this motion, and it was approved by acclamation and without objection. Carol adjourned the meeting at 12:57 pm.

Secretary's Note: I later spoke to Paul Stevens in my capacity as Cart Salon Chairman. He said that, because of electronic programming constraints on the many projectors run on the Salon Evening, that he will need to know exactly how many slides of winners the Cart Salon will require. He said that he will require this information by May. Because the Cart Salon winners are not picked until the Tuesday or Wednesday of Convention (and in 1994 in the wee hours of Thursday morning) I personally feel that it will be impossible to comply with this requirement. As for the possibility of judging the maps before Convention, this year 19 maps were sent to me before Convention, and an additional 40 arrived at Convention. Thus, pre-convention judging would severely reduce the number of entrees at

each Convention, plus mailing the maps to and from judges in different parts of the country is not an option I really want to attempt.