

1995 SURVEYING AND CARTOGRAPHY SECTION MEETING

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The 1995 meeting of the Surveying and Cartographic Section (SACS) of the National Speleological Society was held, as a part of the NSS' annual convention, on Tuesday, July 18th in the Music Room, Squires Hall, of the Virginia Polytechnical Institute. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by Chairperson Carol Vesely. Attending were 28 members and friends of the Section. These were:

Bert Ashbrook	Mike Futrell	Dick Sanford
Roger Batholomew	Dick Garnick	Dave Seslar
Jeff Brummel	Martin Heller	David Taylor
Don Conover	Bob Hoke	Bob Thrun
Hubert Crowell	Pat Kambesis	Carol Vesely
George Dasher	Robert Lenz	Fred Wefer
Dave Engel	Dave Lromberg	Stephanie Woodward
Frank Filz	Kirk MacGregor	Joe Zokaite
Andy Franklin	Mel Park	
Andrea Futrell	Steve Reames	

First were the officers' reports. Carol did not give a report. Roger Batholomew, the Vice-Chairman, said that there were two SACS sessions at this year's convention. One of these had just concluded; the other would be the afternoon of the following day. He also said that he intended to write letters to line up papers early for the 1996 convention and give members plenty of time to prepare their presentations.

George Dasher, the secretary, then gave the Secretary's Report. He said that the minutes of the 1995 meeting had been published in The Compass and Tape (C&T) and that no one had complained. Bob Hoke, the treasurer, next gave the Treasurer's Report. He said that the section had approximately \$3400. Bob also said that \$1300 of this money is tied up in future issues of the C&T, that "a bunch" of the Section's money has been placed in a 6% CD, that only one issue of the C&T (#38) had been published in the past year, and that the next issue was at his house waiting to be printed.

Carol asked for a report from Pat Kambesis, the editor of the C&T. Pat was not present in the meeting at this time.

George gave a report on the Cartographic Salon. He said that 41 entries and four display-only maps had been submitted to the Salon. He also said, for the fourth time in the seven years he had run the Salon, that there had again been problems with the facilities. This year, the original room given to the Salon had been far too small. The Salon had then been moved to "past the bowling alley." George said of interest, in this year's Salon, was Systema Chipmunk, a 100-foot long Randolph County cave entered by Ron Simmons. George also said that there was a display of all the previous Cart Salon Medal-winning maps in the same room as the Cart Salon, and that these maps were from 1978 to the 1994

Conventions. He also said that, after the convention, he would donate all these medal-winning maps to the NSS Library in Huntsville.

George next gave a report given to him by George Veni. George Veni was at the Geo2 Section meeting and could not attend the SACS meeting. George Veni had wanted to say that the committee formed by Geo2 to review cave map symbols had been dissolved. It was thought by Geo2 that this committee was no longer needed after the publication of On Station. George Dasher said that this Geo2 committee had been working in combination with a SACS committee. George also said that, for the most part, the NSS symbols are very good, but that there is one popular symbol which is unusable in small passages. George said he had realized this before the publication of On Station, and that he had tried to change this symbol (the bedrock pillar symbol); however, Tom Rea had refused to change any symbols without the prior approval of Geo2's symbol committee. Thus the symbol was not changed and the NSS is now stuck with it. George recommended that SACS also dissolve their symbols committee. There was no opposition of this suggestion.

Pat Kambesis arrived. She said that the next issue of the C&T was at Bob Hoke's for printing and she asked that everyone send her articles for printing. George asked if she was giving each issue an individual number or if she was giving each issue volume and number numbers. Pat said that she was doing both.

Next was old business, and a discussion of the committee set up at the 1994 convention to discuss electronic map entries. Pat, the committee's chairperson, said that this committee had been corresponding and that they now have a good idea of what criteria everyone on the committee wants. She said that a discussion of this criteria had been scheduled as the ending talk of the following day's SACS' session. It was suggested by Fred Wefer that the committee test their criteria against his computer program in his workshop on Wednesday. Pat agreed to do this.

Hubert Cromwell next gave a report on his Convention surveying course. He said that five persons had entered, and that the course would be open until midnight on Wednesday.

Next was new business. Carol and Pat both said that they would like to see the Section host a hands-on CAD workshop at the 1996 Convention. There was some discussion regarding this, and Carol asked if anyone would volunteer to run this workshop. Bert Ashbrook volunteered, and said that someone would have to provide him with a computer in Colorado. Dave Engle said he might be able to do this. Bert said that there would be problems in that the CAD software and hardware is very specialized, and that it could take him several days of fiddling to get it working correctly. He did not want to spend his entire 1996 Convention fiddling with these problems.

Next was the election of officers. Dick Garnick made the motion that all four officers be reelected. Dave Taylor seconded this motion and it passed unanimously. Carol adjourned the meeting at 12:38 pm.

Bob Hoke then announced that everyone should check with him to see if they owe their Section dues. He also said that the Section typically sends out a few extra copies of the C&T to raise the number of mailed copies above the minimum number required for the Postal Service bulk rate discount. If any Section member has a friend or knew of anyone who might want to receive a free copy of the C&T, then they should contact Bob so that they could be added to the mailing list for one or two free issues.