

NSS Survey & Cartography Section Membership Meeting

NSS Convention, Filer, ID
July 15, 1999

Chair Carol Vesely called the annual membership meeting of the NSS Survey and Cartography Section to Order at 12:50 pm on Thursday, July 15 1999. There were approximately 27 Section members present.

Vice Chair's Report: Roger Bartholomew thanked the Survey Session presenters and noted that papers for the 2000 convention are welcome. Carol noted that Roger did an outstanding job in organizing the Survey Session and he received a round of applause from those present.

Secretary's Report: George Dasher was not present, but Bob Hoke read a brief report from him. He said that his secretarial responsibilities had been minimal during the last year. He also noted that his address was incorrect in Compass and Tape.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Hoke said that the Section is in excellent financial shape, with about \$2,800 in available funds. He said that he sends sample issues to anyone whose map appears in the newsletters received by the DC Grotto and suggested that members send the addresses of prospects to him so he can send them a sample issue. Copies of the 1998 financial report were available to be picked up, but there was little apparent interest.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Special Compass and Tape issue: Scott Schmitz suggested reprinting some of the winning Salon maps, along with their critique sheets, as a special issue of Compass and Tape. The maps would have to be reduced for publication, but some sections might be enlarged if they are discussed in the critiques. Bob Hoke noted that a normal issue of Compass and Tape costs about \$175 to print and mail. He then moved that the Section authorize the expenditure of up to \$400 to print and mail the special issue. The motion was seconded and passed. Scott Schmitz agreed to gather the material and prepare the special issue for printing.

Sketching workshop: Carol Vesely said that she and Pat Kambesis will probably run a map sketching workshop at the 2000 NSS convention. The workshop will include both a classroom session and a field exercise, perhaps in the entrance area of Bowden Cave (which is near the convention site).

Surveying workshop: Bob Thrun suggested that a basic surveying workshop be held at the 2000 convention, and he volunteered to run it. He may also use the entrance area at Bowden Cave for the class. Both he and Carol Vesely noted that they will need a lot of assistants to help with the workshops.

Computer drafting workshop: Hazel Barton suggested that a computer drawing class be held at a future convention. The consensus was that it is a good idea if enough computers and appropriate software can be made available and that it is probably not practical to do it at the 2000 convention, but it would be good in 2001. Someone noted that many software companies allow 30-day demos of their software.

Survey contest: Roger Bartholomew noted that there was no survey contest this year because Hubert Crowell was not present to run it. Bob Hoke said that there is always a survey contest at OTR (the site where the 2000 convention will be held) and that it may be possible to convince George Dasher to set one up for the convention. Hoke will discuss the possibility with Dasher, Roger Bartholomew, and Hubert Crowell. The OTR contests do not require anyone to be present to administer the contest so it can be run anytime during the convention.

Cave naming conventions: Russ Kennedy said that he is interested in reprinting, and possibly revising, his paper on recommendations for naming caves. He would like to print it in Compass and Tape (and other publications) and solicit suggestions for changes.

Map Salon: Steve Reames reported on his experience as a map salon judge. He said that was a lot of work and that he liked the new categories (apprentice, experienced, professional/medal winner). He noted that the contestants will be able to comment on the judge's comments this year for the first time. Bob Richards suggested that the maximum number ribbons allowed should be related to the number of maps entered and not be a fixed number. Rod Horrock will be run the map salon at the 2000 convention.

Election: Carol Vesely said that all the current officers are willing to run again, and asked if anyone else was interested in running for any office. There was a sudden silence. Someone moved that the current officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and quickly passed. The new (and old) officers are: Chair: Carol Vesely; Vice Chair: Roger Bartholomew; Secretary: George Dasher; Treasurer: Bob Hoke.

Bob Hoke
Acting Scribe