

**Minutes of the NSS Survey & Cartography Section**  
**August 11, 2008**  
**NSS Convention, Lake City, Florida**

**Submitted by Pat Kambesis**

Stan Allison, Pauline Apling, Aaron Bird, Paul Burger, Chris Chenier, Hubert Crowell, Thomas Cottrell, George Dasher, Thom Engel, Bob Gulden, Gael Herve, Bob Hoke, Howard Kalnitz, Pat Kambesis, Jim Kennedy, Erin Lynch, Jaleh Siyan, Bob Thrun

Meeting called to order at 12:20pm

Minutes from 2007 were reviewed. Howard Kalnitz made a motion to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Bob Gulden, motion passed.

**Reports:**

Presidents Report - none

Treasurer's report: The Section has \$5300 in the bank. Last year the Cartography Salon had expenses that total several hundred dollars.

Editors Report: One issue of Compass & Tape published in 2007. Two issues will be published in 2008.

**Cartographic Salon:**

Jim Kennedy reported that the number of submissions last year was down and this year there were even less. If there is a medal this year, it will be engraved and shipped to the recipient.

Location of this year's Cartographic Salon was not obvious and there should have been more signage.

Jim Kennedy reports that for convention planning we usually ask for 100 feet of wall space in a well lit area. The experience of the convention staff affects how our salon is displayed. This will not be a problem for next year's salon in Texas. The Vermont Convention Cartographic Salon needs a chairperson.

SACS Session. At last year's session there was a full slate of papers. This year we didn't have a lot but we did end up with 4 good presentations. Two of this year's presentations did require more time than usual so the scheduling worked out well.

**Old Business:**

George Dasher reports that he is working on an updated version of On Station. No

timeline as been set yet.

Discussion on renting for HDTV for next year's Salon. Jim Kennedy will talk to Carolina Shrewsbury about this. Another option is to leave a computer projector up and running.

### **New Business – none**

**Elections:** Following is the slate of nominations for officers for the Survey and Cartography Section:

Aaron Addison - Chairman  
Howard Kalnitz - Vice Chair  
Bob Hoke -Treasurer  
Pat Kambesis – Secretary

Since all officers are running unopposed, Thomas Cotrell made a motion to accept the entire slate. Gulden Second - Motion passed.

### **Discussion on the Cartographic Salon for next years combined NSS Convention, International Congress of Speleology:**

Jim Kennedy reports that individuals will be allowed to enter up to five maps. Maps that were submitted in previous years can be submitted to the Salon EXCEPT for those maps that won awards in 1981. Categories for next year will be based on cave length and are as follows:

Less than 100 meters  
100-500m  
500-1000m  
1000-5000  
5000-10000  
>10000m  
Map Atlases

The awards will be slightly different. There will be Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Maps that deserve recognition will be given Honorable Mention Awards. There will be a Best of Show map, and People's Choice which will be determined by votes from Congress participants. ICS will give SACS a cost for the awards and the SACS will write them a check.

If non-traditional maps are entered, for example, an interactive map, those will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis in terms of resources that we can provide. However, if someone brings their own hardware and resources they can submit maps in any format they choose.

Next years judges - will be selected on site.

Howard Kalnitz. to talk to Hazel Medville about ICS sessions papers.

In order to promote the Cartographic Salon we will publish in Compass & Tape, on our website, and will post a notice on the NSS Discussion Board.

Since we did not submit a symposium topic for next year we do not have a special cartographic symposium. However we can have special topics in our Session. Suggestions included digital cartography, and large cave map projects and also any of the topics listed in our standard call for papers.

### **Making Compass & Tape Available on-line.**

We will post our back issues of Compass & Tape in PDF format on our website. Aaron Bird volunteered to scan any outstanding issues. Ultimately all scanned issues need to be OCR'd so they become searchable documents. Until we get all issues of C&T online, it would be good to have a searchable index of titles.

Kalnitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Kennedy

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm