

**Minutes of the NSS Survey & Cartography Section
Annual Meeting NSS Convention, Kerrville, Texas
July 25, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 am Minutes from 2008 were reviewed and motion to accept made by Thom Engel and seconded by Bob Gulden, motion passed.

Reports:

Presidents Report - none

Treasurer's report: none

Prizes purchased for cartographic salon went \$100 over budget. Items purchased included Leica Disto's for merit awards, survey bags for honorable mention and a digital tablet for the medal.

Cartographic Salon:

Jim Kennedy reported that 66 maps were entered in the salon this year.

New Business:

Discussion ensued about potential digital entries and how they would be displayed. Suggestions were made for renting an LCD projector and PC

There are currently no judging criteria for digital entries. Howard Kalnitz and Aaron Addison volunteered to work on guidelines for digital entries.

There were a number of cave atlas entries in this year's cartographic salon. Several of the judges put together new judging standards for these types of maps.

There was discussion on SACS representation for UIS. Pat Kambesis had been informally serving in that role. Motion by Howard Kalnitz for SACS to have an official representative, seconded by Carol Vesely. Motion was passed unanimously. Pat will continue to serve as SACS rep to UIS.

"Lightening Topics" organized by Kambesis and Kalnitz were very well attended. Speakers were Roger Brucker, Luc LeBlanc, Howard Kalnitz and Scott House. Its was suggested that we do same at future conventions.

Old Business:

It was suggested that all SACS presentations be made available online. Also, it would be good to find someone to do "pod casts" which could also be posted on the website. Aaron said he would try to find someone to do this.

George Dasher reports that the text review for the next version of On Station have been completed.

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.

Aaron Bird volunteered to scan issues of Compass and Tape to be posted online as PDF's.

Elections: Following was 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, Motion was made to accept the entire slate.
Gulden Second – Motion passed.

Carol Vesely was selling raffle tickets to support donations for the Phillipines Cave Project, specifically to purchase survey gear for the Phillipino cavers. Tickets were \$5.00/each.

Aaron Addison gave a map demonstration of Mapviewer, which can display large scale maps over the web. Maps are zoomable and there is scale and navigation controls. Map image is rasterized in Illustrator. Map layers can be used, attributes displayed and the maps can be password protected.

After the presentation, Pat Kambesis made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by George Dasher.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am