

**Minutes of the NSS Survey & Cartography Section  
Annual Meeting NSS Convention, Essex Junction, Vermont  
August 2, 2010**

Vice Chair Howard Kalnitz called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM. There were 17 people in attendance. Aaron Addison (Chair) and Pat Kambesis (Secretary) were not at the convention. Howard summarized the minutes from the 2009 meeting in Texas and they were approved after being corrected to note that Bob Gulden, not Bob Hoke, seconded the motion to approve the 2008 minutes.

**Presidents Report:** none

**Treasurer's report:** Bob Hoke passed out a 2009 financial report. He said there was very little activity other than paying for the ICS Cart Salon awards, because no issues of *Compass & Tape* were produced in 2009. He said the Section is good financial shape with \$3,267 in available funds after subtracting the amount prepaid for future *Compass & Tape* issues.

**Cartographic Salon:** Jim Kennedy reported that there were only about 15 maps submitted this year, but the quality is generally quite good. Several new cartographers submitted maps. He said the low submission rate was expected after the ICS last year.

**Survey & Cartography session:** Howard Kalnitz said there were only three papers this year, plus several brief "lightning talks". There was a suggestion to move the session to Monday afternoon, but most people felt that Monday morning was better because of the lack of competing sessions.

**Old Business:**

**Guidelines for digital entries:** Howard said that nothing has been done yet and that there were no digital submissions this year. He said that he and Aaron Addison would look into developing guidelines for next year.

**On-line availability of Session presentations:** Last year it was suggested that all SACS presentations be made available online. Howard said that nothing has been done about that yet, but that Aaron will look into it for next year.

**Lightning talks:** Howard said they seem to be popular and will be a continuing part of the Survey & Cartography session.

**On Station:** George Dasher said that the third review of the book was done in early 2010. He had problems with the format of the photos, but they have all been resolved. The main problem now is that the reviewers didn't like the chapters on data reduction and digital cartography. He said he needs someone to actually write that material rather than just complaining about what's there. He said he is reluctant to discuss the various cave data processing programs in detail, but his reviewers seem to want that.

He said that the book is currently "dead in the water" until he can get someone to write the chapter on the survey programs. He also said that some old, and probably obsolete, material is being put back in as filler.

He said that he plans to let the book sit for the rest of 2010 and will revisit it early in 2011.

Howard asked George what help he needs. George said he needs someone to write or fix three sections: digital mapping, data processing, and digital instruments. He said he needs actual material, not just criticisms. Howard and Rod Horrocks said they would help George with some (unspecified) sections.

**Compass & Tape:** Bob Hoke reported that Issue #61 went in the mail a couple days before the convention. George Dasher said that the dearth of *C&T* issues has hurt the revision of *On Station*.

**Digital presentation of Cart Salon maps:** There was a brief discussion of having a HDTV for displaying maps next year. Someone suggested using a projector instead. Another possibility is to use the video display equipment that is available for self-service video viewing. Howard said that the issue needs a coordinator to work with the convention staff starting about 6 months before the convention.

**Scanning *Compass & Tape* issues:** Bob Hoke said that all back issues have been scanned and are available for downloading on the SACS Web site.

#### **New Business:**

**Editor and Webmaster positions:** Pat Kambesis has indicated that she is starting a PhD program and would like to give up the positions as *C&T* Editor and SACS Webmaster. Howard solicited volunteers, but the silence was deafening.

**Elections:** Howard solicited nominations for any of the SACS officer positions. None materialized so there was a motion to reelect the current slate. The motion was seconded and passed. The officers are:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM am

(Minutes taken by Bob Hoke)