

APPENDIX AQ

June 30, 2000

(Refer to Act 61-676)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN the KARST WATERS INSTITUTE, INC. and the NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

The National Speleological Society Inc. (hereafter, the NSS) and the Karst Waters Institute Inc. (hereafter, the KWI) are organizations with a mutual interest in the study of karst waters and the effective management of water resources.

1. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to:
 - a. Promote cooperation between the NSS and KWI.
 - b. Enhance the effectiveness of efforts on matters of joint concern to the NSS and KWI.
 - c. Recognize the achievements and initiatives of both the NSS and KWI.
 - d. Establish effective communication between the NSS and the KWI.

2. The NSS Board of Governors and the KWI Board of Directors do hereby ratify this Memorandum of Understanding and mutually agree to the following terms:
 - a. The NSS and the KWI shall acknowledge the contribution or participation of each organization in publicizing or advertising an event or accomplishment to which contribution has been made, or will be made, in whole or in part, by members of the other organization.
 - b. The NSS and the KWI will inform each other of communications relating to policy matters made to government agencies, private organizations, or individuals, when these communications concern subject matter of interest to the two organizations. This provision shall not be interpreted to pertain to ordinary business communications or to matters reasonably considered sensitive.
 - c. The NSS and the KWI shall cooperate in achieving common objectives and such cooperation shall include, but is not limited to, publishing announcements of the other organization in NSS or KWI literature.
 - d. The NSS and the KWI will each refer to the other organization any requests for assistance from other organizations or individuals outside the caving or karst science communities when such requests cannot be responded to with the resources of the referring organization.
 - e. By ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding, the governing bodies of the two organizations will establish the NSS-KWI Liaison Committee, which shall consist of one member from each organization. One shall be a member of the NSS, appointed by its Board of Governors. The other shall be a member of the KWI, appointed by its Board of Directors. The liaison committee shall be responsible for keeping each organization informed of projects, goals, and activities of the other organization. The liaison committee shall also promote understanding and cooperation between the NSS and the KWI.

3. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon ratification by the governing body of each organization and are indicated by the signature of both organization presidents below. This Memorandum of Understanding is not considered ratified until signed by both organization's presidents.

4. The NSS or the KWI may cancel or amend this Memorandum of Understanding at any time, provided 30-day prior written notification is given to the other organization.

//Signed//

David C. Culver
President, Karst Waters Institute

April 11, 2000

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Michael K. Hood
President, National Speleological Society

April 17, 2000