

SECTION 7 --- TEXT OF REPEALED AND OBSOLETE ACTS

The acts in this section have been repealed or deleted by the Board of Governors. They are included in the manual for reference only. Obsolete acts are listed in chronological order by the date they were repealed. Acts specifically marked deleted were removed from the manual because they were obsolete without repudiating the action taken when the act was passed.

- 58-011 Naval Research unknown
The borrowing of instruments from Naval Research was approved as outlined.
- 016 unknown
(This act dealt with speleological projects and programs.)
- 46-032 Cave Information unknown
Information on caves, including locations, will be made available to the public except where cave conservation, safety, or ownership dictate otherwise.
- 16-041 Current Expenses unknown
A revolving fund of \$3,000 will be established to meet current expenses, such money to be obtained from unallocated endowment funds and/or other revenues as prescribed by the Board of Governors.
- 25-046 Bonding of Secretary unknown
The Office Secretary will be bonded in the amount of \$4,000.
- 26-051 Real Estate unknown
The Executive Committee was empowered to continue its search for suitable real estate in Washington, DC, or the immediate vicinity.
- 46-047 Cave Files unknown
All persons who request loan of material from the Society's cave files will be required to make a deposit of \$100 to \$500. Such deposit shall be returned when the complete files have been returned.
- 16-079 Treasurer Expenses unknown
The Treasurer is authorized a sum not to exceed \$400 for bookkeeping expenses.
- 82-098 Budget unknown
The Board will give a sum not to exceed \$300 to the Speleo Digest for this year if the Treasury has an excess of \$300 at the end of this year, and the Treasurer will include an item in the plans for the next year's budget for the Speleo Digest and the money will be granted for the purpose of the Exchange Program only.
- 86-100 Cave Information unknown
In the interest of cave safety and cave conservation, the NSS will no longer publish cave locations, and will do all in its power to prevent and discourage other organizations from publishing cave locations.

- 09-109 Long Range Problems unknown
A substantial time at each Board meeting should be devoted to discussion of the long-range problems of the NSS.
- 46-111 Commercial Caves unknown
The list of commercial caves should be reprinted and brought up to date and revised yearly.
- 83-126 unknown
(This act dealt with an information booklet for new members.)
- 83-174 Membership List unknown
The annual membership list will be furnished to only those members who request it and this request will be obtained prior to establishing a print order. Members who request the list *after* the print order has been determined (other than new members) shall be required to pay a fee. Recommended amount: \$0.50.
- 81-180 Subscription unknown
The subscription rate for the *Bulletin* for non-members of the Society shall be \$6.00 per year.
- 72-186 Fixed Membership Year unknown
A committee was appointed to study the problems involved in the adoption by the Society of a fixed membership year and to prepare a workable plan for this purpose for consideration by the Board.
- 50-209 Guadalupe Policy unknown
An official NSS Conservation Statement has been established for Carlsbad Caverns-Guadalupe Escarpment Wilderness Area, New Mexico.
- 26-215 Huntsville Headquarters unknown
It is the intention of the Board to seriously consider purchasing this property and moving the national headquarters to Huntsville, AL.
- 56-219 Convention Guidebook unknown
The size of the Convention Guidebook is to be 8 1/2 x 11 inches.
- 64-110 Accompaniers 4-10-65
Grottos are encouraged to have "Accompaniers" who are non-NSS members. Accompaniership would last for a limited time, be non-renewable and non-voting, and would entitle the individual to take part in Grotto activities. Accompaniers would not count towards representation in the Congress of Grottos.
- 83-021 Handbook and Bibliography 6-19-71
It was approved, if raised by proper means, to have the Handbook and Bibliography to seek underwriters for both projects.
- 81-029 Name 9-19-71
American Caver was approved as the new name for the bulletin.

- 25-164 NSS Agent 3-25-72
Donald N. Cournoyer is designated NSS agent in Virginia.
- 72-047 Life Membership 11-18-72
The trip fees of C-3 expedition personnel will be applied to Life Membership if the individual so chooses at any time prior to refunding that fee.
- 64-053 Grotto Officers 11-18-72
The grotto officers shall become standardized and be known as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.
- 27-185 Arm Patches 11-18-72
The Membership Committee will be charged by the office for replacement cost (approximately \$0.47) of arm patches.
- 04-206 Timing 11-18-72
Board meeting agendas shall be sent out on time.
- 58-235 Extirpation 11-18-72
The Equipment Committee shall be extirpated and its holdings sold in a Society-wide auction.
- 56-240 Showers 11-18-72
The Convention Planning Guide should be amended to instruct the future convention chairmen to provide mixed showers as part of the regular facilities.
- 82-082 Purchase 6-23-73
The Society will purchase 85 copies of the Speleo Digest at cost for the Exchange Program. This money to be added to that allocated to the Library budget. Approximate cost to be \$1.75 per copy.
- 18-136 Headquarters Fund 6-23-73
All income from the Headquarters Fund will be reinvested in the Fund.
- 56-182 Site Rotation 6-23-73
The convention site will be rotated annually from eastern to central to western sections fo the country.
- 07-073 Endorsements 11-3-73
All requests for NSS endorsement of books or other published material shall be referred to a special committee appointed by the President to review the manuscript or latter copy of the specific text for which the endorsement is requested. This committee shall include members who will provide an adequate geographic, scientific, and/or technical and financial review of the request.
- 15-050 Proceeds 3-23-74
All net proceeds of the Society shall be impounded until the end of the fiscal year and the Finance Committee shall then present recommendations for its use.

- 17-201 Cave Acquisition 7-2-76
The NSF is requested to consider the establishment of a vigorous program of carefully planned cave preserve acquisition.
- 11-285 Travel Fund Established 7-2-76
A fund called the BOG Travel Fund is established. At present, the BOG Travel Fund shall be acquired by fund-raising campaigns. This fund shall be administered by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society in conjunction with a permanent Travel Fund Committee along the following guidelines:
a. Any board member may use up to one-sixteenth of the total amount in the fund for any current year not to exceed the actual travel costs incurred in attending official Executive Committee and Board meetings.
b. A board member shall not be compelled to use his share of the fund and any unused amount at the end of the year will be carried over and added to the next year's revenue.
c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall announce the amount of money available for the use by board members for the ensuing year at the last board meeting of convention.
d. A year shall be defined as the National Speleological Society fiscal year.
This program shall be tried for a period of five years. If at that time it is felt that this program is either unfeasible and/or unfundable it will be terminated and any remaining funds turned over to a fund to be decided upon by the Board of Governors at that time.
- 91-003 Accident Prevention 8-5-77
The Cave Techniques and Safety Committee is instructed to prepare and distribute to Grottos and members specific instructions on preventing accidents, and Grottos are instructed to have their own safety committees.
- 91-160 Rescue Telephone Number 8-5-77
The Executive Committee should consider the feasibility of establishing a single, nationwide telephone number for cave rescues, preferably in the Washington DC, area to be answered 24 hours a day.
- 83-243 Mineral Guide 8-5-77
The NSS will proceed with the publication of Carol Hill's *Field Guide to Cave Minerals*, all proceeds from sale of the book to accrue to the NSS.
- 83-259 Cave Minerals Book 8-5-77
The book, *Cave Minerals*, shall be available for retail sale only through the NSS bookstore at a price to be set by the Executive Committee.
- 64-027 Chartering 11-5-77
The Chairman of the Internal Organizations Committee is authorized to charter new grottos. When an application for grotto status is received from an area in which an established grotto is already active, the established grotto will be notified by the Chairman of the Internal Organizations Committee of the pending application and be given an opportunity to express its opinion on the application before action is taken.
- 64-188 Surveys 11-5-77
Surveys, like regular Grottos and Sections, shall have the same requirements for membership as stated in the Internal Organizations Policy.
- 64-254 Multiple Grotto Chartering 11-5-77

- 50-257 Cave Conservation Year 3-24-79
 1974 shall be designated Cave Conservation Year, and Internal Organizations and members are urged to carry out appropriate activities in support thereof including: programs to increase the conservation awareness of the membership; clean-up and restoration of caves to a natural condition; encouragement of good cave conservation practice among other segments of American society, including other caving and conservation organizations, non-affiliated cavers, and cave visitors, and agencies of all levels of government. It is further urged that the International Union of Speleology proclaim 1974 to be International Cave Conservation Year, and the speleological and caving societies in all nations should fully participate.
- 60-015 Speleological Aims 3-24-79
 The Board of Governors should develop a series of programs of the most urgent speleological aims of the Society, such programs to be sent to the Grottos with the request that several Grottos coordinate all their efforts toward selected projects.
- 60-191 Weekend Trips 3-24-79
 The Program and Activities Committee will promote weekend trips annually in those areas of the country not now having similar trips run by a region or the Society itself.
- 81-007 Budget 3-24-79
 No *Bulletin* will be published until the money is on hand to pay for it.
- 83-143 Manual for Beginners 3-24-79
 The booklet *So You Want to go Caving--Manual for Beginners*, by Terry Tarkington and others, will be made available to Grottos for distribution through them. The Secretary is directed NOT to distribute it to new members.
- 83-297 Publication for Non-NSS Members 3-24-79
 The NSS will develop a publication called "CAVING" directed to non-NSS Member cavers. CAVING will be published bi-monthly under the Membership Committee. The publication will be financed by fees for bulk mailing, subscriptions, and advertising.
- 18-087 Fund for Cave Preservation 11-17-79
 The Conservation Committee should study the recommended policy and procedure for establishment of a fund for cave preservation of the following nature: (1) Financial support to be obtained from Society or public contributions or private foundation sources. (2) Monies only to be used for cave preservation or to support work clearly related to cave preservation. (3) The fund will not be used for other general Society purposes. (4) Monies will be expended by action of the Board on recommendation of the Conservation Committee.
- 18-196 Save-the-Caves Fund 11-17-79
 A Save-the-Caves Fund is established along with a Fund Raising Committee for it.
- 50-224 Cave Preservation 11-17-79
 The NSS should seek to preserve caves and their natural contents by means including purchase, lease or easement by the NSS, Inc., or by internal organizations or government agencies or other like-minded organizations. Contributions will be sought for a Save-the-Caves Fund in order to implement this policy and to support other cave conservation.

- 25-223 Business Office 3-12-83 (deleted)
Those involved with the recently purchased Huntsville property are urged to give greatest priority to the establishment of an efficient business office for the improvement of member services.
- 56-151 Convention Guidebook 03-12-83
A standard format will be established for convention guidebooks and Society funds will be provided to purchase a quantity for sale through the Society Office.
- 79-359 Popular Appeal Recognition 3-12-83
Pursuant to the overwhelming vote of the 1976 Congress of Grottos (Item 4.0 of the COG Report), the Photo Salon Committee is requested to develop a separate recognition for the salon entry or entries with the most "popular appeal", possibly to be ascertained by a ballot stub.
- 16-056 Postage 7-1-83
Officer's accounts will be charged for all postage obtained from the Society's office.
- 43-166 Fellowship 2-25-84
The Awards Committee is authorized to nominate for fellowship as many members as it deems proper until the number of Fellows reaches 10% of the total membership of the Society. (See Bylaw I.D.)
- 81-128 Honorarium 2-25-84
The honorarium to be paid to the primary editor of the *Bulletin* shall be \$1,000 annually.
- 91-331 Caver Training Committee 2-25-84
The name of the Caver Training Commission is changed to the Caver Training Committee. (Committee eliminated)
- 91-332 Caver Training Manual 2-25-84 (deleted)
The Caver Training Committee shall have the responsibility for preparing and editing a manuscript for a *Caver Training Manual*. Publication of the manual shall be arranged by the Special Publications Committee only after approval and authorization by the Board.
- 01-055 Term of Office 2-25-84 (deleted)
It is the opinion of the Board that officers, especially the President, not serve more than three consecutive years unless deemed advisable for the best interests of the Society.
- 82-669 Speleo Digest Inventory 6-29-84
The Speleo Digest inventory level shall be an amount not to exceed \$35,000.
- 26-372 Charlie Owl Cave 10-20-84
The Executive Committee is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Nature Conservancy for the NSS to manage Charlie Owl Cave (Adair County, Oklahoma). This agreement may contain provisions which allow transfer of title to the property to the NSS at some future date.

- 26-506 Schoharie Caverns Property Donation 3-16-96
The President is authorized to accept on behalf of the NSS, the donation of Schoharie Caverns and associated property in Schoharie County, New York, as offered by Mary Gage. Management of this property will be provided by the Barton Hill Karst Preserve Committee.
- 26-516 Transfer from the Secretary Treasurer to the President 3-16-96
The Cave Ownership and Management Committee and all subsidiary cave preserve committees are transferred from the Department of the Secretary-Treasurer to the Department of the President.
- 26-568 Purchase of the Smith Property 3-16-96
The President is authorized to:
1) Contract for various services required to determine if the Smith property, located adjacent to and north of the NSS Office in Huntsville, Alabama, is a suitable site to construct a NSS building and the environmental impact of a building is acceptable. The total costs of such services shall not exceed \$5,000.00. 2) Purchase the Smith property at a price not to exceed \$75,000.00, including all settlement costs, and sign all required legal documents associated with the purchase. 3) Enter into a mortgage agreement at no more than the prevailing interest rate to fund the purchase. The current NSS property and the Smith property may be used as collateral. The mortgage term shall be no less than ten years and the mortgage shall allow prepayment without penalty.
The Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to:
1) Withdraw funds from the NSF Headquarters Fund for the above purposes. 2) Use NSS General Funds for a downpayment on the property not to exceed \$20,000.00. 3) Seek donations to fund the above purposes and pay off the mortgage. In the event that donations are not sufficient to meet mortgage payments, money from the NSS Headquarters or General Fund shall be used.
- 27-069 Office Sales 3-16-96
The national office is authorized the sale of all symbolic devices of the Society.
- 28-071 Membership Drop 3-16-96
Members of the Society who fail to pay dues or other debts to the Society within one month of rendering bills or upon expiration of their membership, whichever is later, shall be dropped from membership.
- 28-127 Inquiries Referral 3-16-96
Membership inquiries received by the Society will continue to be referred to appropriate local members as directed by the Administrative Vice-President.

- 40-385 Communication with Government Agencies 3-16-96
 Anyone who uses NSS letterhead when communicating with government agencies is requested to send copies to the appropriate officers.
- 40-499 Presidential Advisory Committee 3-16-96
 The Presidential Advisory Committee is dissolved.
- 43-469 Outstanding Service Award 3-16-96
 The Outstanding Service Award is renamed the William J. Stephenson Award for Outstanding Service.
- 46-036 Cave Surveys 3-16-96
 The grottos are encouraged to conduct cave surveys in their areas and provide complete reports of their findings, including maps, pictures, and completed report forms to the National Headquarters. The National Vice President for Research [now Research Advisory Committee] shall take whatever action is necessary to encourage grottos to conduct comprehensive cave surveys in their particular states, to cooperate with the grottos on scientific problems, and to encourage the use of standard cave reporting techniques.
- 50-037 Blasting Entrances 3-16-96
 Indiscriminate closing of caves by blasting shut the entrances for any reason is opposed and such action should be taken only after unanimous agreement by the Conservation Committee Chairman and the Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee and Safety and Techniques Committee.
- 50-096 Membership List 3-16-96
 The Executive Vice-President is authorized to make available the membership list of the NSS to conservation organizations whose activities may contribute to the preservation of caves.
- 50-200 General Conservation 3-16-96
 The NSS generally supports conservation efforts not necessarily involving caves. NSS members working for such causes may, after obtaining the approval of the Executive Committee, use the name of the NSS in support of their efforts.
- 50-202 Conservation Statements 3-16-96
 Official NSS Conservation Statements and Resolution have been established.
- 50-213 Publicity 3-16-96
 Before NSS members or internal groups submit resolutions for direct conservation action by the Society, or on behalf of conservation principles, or in support of the actions of other conservation organizations, the issues involved should be presented in an article submitted to the NSS NEWS and other appropriate publications in order to inform the members of the Society and to provide an opportunity for general discussion prior to the Board action.
- 50-260 Conservation Statements 3-16-96
 The Executive Committee is delegated authority to review and designate NSS Conservation Task Force reports as ``Conservation Statements of the NSS".

- 50-265 Cave Preserves 3-16-96
The President and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society are authorized to enter into, in the name of the Society, a protective covenant agreement to establish a cave preserve of the National Speleological Society with private cave owners or, for caves on public land, with the managing agency
- 56-261 Training Session 3-16-96
The NSS Planning Guide should recommend practical training sessions for convention activities
- 57-475 Education Grants 3-16-96
A fund is established to provide loans or grants to individuals or organizations to foster or enhance courses on cave science, cave management, or caving techniques. The FY 88/89 operating budget shall include \$800 for this fund. The program will be administered by the Educational Opportunities in Speleology Committee. Active fund raising by the Fund Raising Committee is not required. The Education Fund shall be part of the General Fund.
- 58-426 Equipment Committee Abolished 3-16-96
The Equipment Committee is authorized to auction its current equipment inventory at the 1985 NSS National Convention and transfer equipment to other NSS committees as appropriate. The Equipment Committee is abolished subsequent to the 1985 Convention.
- 60-075 NSS Services 3-16-96
Material supplied from the national files or library for use on official Society projects will be done without charge to the individual members of the project.
- 61-278 Committee Established 3-16-96
The federal Agencies Liaison standing committee is established in the President's Department with the purpose of informing agencies of the information and talent resources of the NSS and to otherwise facilitate an exchange of information and cooperation between federal agencies and the NSS committees and members.
- 61-414 Committee Abolished 3-16-96
The Federal Agencies Liaison Committee is abolished. The Conservation Committee shall be responsible for informing federal agencies of the information and talent resources of the NSS and to otherwise facilitate an exchange of information and cooperation between federal agencies and the NSS committees and members.
- 63-464 Distributions from the General Fund 3-16-96
At the spring Board of Governors meeting the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board an appropriate distribution of money from the General Fund to other primary and secondary funds, the operating budgets of officers and committees, and special projects. Recommendations also may be made on distribution of money in the other primary funds, consistent with the purposes of those funds.
- 64-130 Complimentary Publications 3-16-96
Internal Organizations will receive the NEWS and BULLETIN so long as they submit their required reports, the required number of their publications, and specifically request the Society publications annually.

The Executive Vice President may authorize publication of AMERICAN CAVING ACCIDENTS

- 86-291 Youth Group Liaison Committee 3-16-96
The name of the BSA/NSS Liaison Committee is changed to the Youth Group Liaison Committee. The scope of its work shall be broadened to include all youth groups.
- 91-195 Insurance 3-16-96
It is recommended that members of the NSS have insurance (standard, all risk, accident, and liability) to cover caving
- 91-312 Caver Training 3-16-96
The Caver Training Commission of the National Speleological Society is hereby established under the department of the Executive Vice-President and is charged with the specific duties of producing and distributing a Caver Training Manual under the basic guidelines suggested in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Caver Training submitted to the Board on February 28, 1976.
- 17-123 Incorporation 8-5-96
Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are accepted (See Appendix C). All funds now under the jurisdiction of the Trustees of the Society shall be transferred to the National Speleological Foundation, and a committee shall be appointed to fully identify such funds and to specify what conditions will be attached to each fund, and the recommendations of the committee, after approval by the Board of Governors, shall be binding as to these attached conditions.
- 17-133 Financial Report 8-5-96
The Foundation is instructed to submit annually, to the Board of Governors of the Society, a complete financial report on each of the various trust funds. This report shall be submitted prior to the first meeting of the Board following the close of the fiscal year of the Foundation, and shall constitute notification of income as described in the various trust agreements. In addition, the Foundation shall submit informal reports to the Finance Committee of the Society at any time on request of any member of that committee.
- 17-314 Cave Preserve Fund 8-5-96
The Trustees of the National Speleological Foundation are requested to establish a Cave Preserve Fund. Funds deposited in the Cave Preserve Fund shall be administered according to the Cave Preserve Fund Agreement which shall become part of the working agreement between the National Speleological Society and the National Speleological Foundation.
- 17-354 Reports 8-5-96
A report shall be given at each Board of Governors meeting summarizing the results of the meeting of the National Speleological Foundation which immediately precedes it.
- 56-415 Convention Sponsors 8-9-96
The Convention Development Committee shall solicit groups to sponsor NSS National Conventions up to three years in advance. These groups shall submit their site plan for BOG approval at the fall meeting before the convention preceding their convention.
- 03-171 Meeting Notice 11-2-96
It shall be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Minutes and Arrangements Committee to notify local grottos by letter a minimum of six weeks in advance of a Board meeting and a notice shall be in the News prior to the meeting for the information of all members.

- 40-514 Volunteer Resource Committee 11-2-96
 The Volunteer Resource Committee is established in the Department of the Administrative Vice-President for the purpose of finding candidates appropriately qualified to fill NSS positions. This committee is responsible for developing a database of those who are interested in volunteering for NSS positions and describing their qualifications. A data gathering or update form may be included in one of the annual mailings to the membership to solicit volunteers with special interest or expertise.
- 26-335 Cave Acquisition Policy 11-2-96
 The NSS shall begin a cautious program of cave acquisition, by purchase, lease, or easement by the NSS, Inc., or by donation to the Society. The general criteria to be considered in the acquisition of a cave shall include the endangered status of the cave; its scientific, archaeological, historical, or other significance; the ability of the Society, its members, or Internal Organizations to manage the cave; the availability of funds; and the interest of other groups (e.g. Conservancies) to responsibly manage the property.. In all cases the authority to authorize purchase or acceptance of a cave lies with the Board of Governors.
 All Society cave properties shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the Society's liability in case of accident. Specifically, caves shall be managed in such ways as to qualify under state or local landowner liability exemption laws; to legally define unauthorized visitors as trespassers under local law; and to inform authorized visitors of the hazardous nature of the cave by requiring them to sign a liability release.
 A permanent Cave Ownership and Management Committee is established in the department of the Secretary-Treasurer. This committee shall study and make recommendations to the Board on proposals to acquire or manage new cave properties, shall oversee and report to the Board on the management of all currently owned caves and future acquisitions to assure continuity in long term management, and shall actively seek to identify caves suitable for acquisition. Permanent management committees for Society owned caves report to the Cave Ownership and Management Committee.
 Caves owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the NSS may be designated Cave Preserves of the NSS by the Secretary-Treasurer. [See Act 26-516, 8-2-93]
- 79-263 Photo Salon Entries 3-22-97
 A policy is established, as detailed in Appendix U to the Acts, for acceptance of Photo Salon Entries.
- 79-387 Cartographic Salon Committee 3-22-97
 An NSS Cartographic Salon Committee is established in the Administrative Vice-President's Department effective August 1981. Annually at the NSS National Convention, the Committee will exhibit cave maps which have been judged by the Committee according to criteria developed by the Committee. Awards of ribbons will be given to cartographers whose maps are outstanding examples of the latest in cave map technique and art.
- 79-406 Graphic Art Salon Committee 3-22-97
 A Graphic Arts Salon Committee is established in the Administrative Vice President's Department

- 79-479 Salon and Contest Entries 3-22-97
The ``Criteria for Acceptance for Judging" that is stated in the Society's Policy for Acceptance of Photo Salon Entries (Appendix U) also are to be followed by the Committees which organize the other NSS Salons and contests.
- 18-523 U.S. Exploration Restricted Fund 3-22-97
The purpose of the "U.S. Exploration" restricted fund is to provide funds for grants to support U. S. cave exploration. These funds may be spent by the U. S. Exploration Committee chairman subject to AVP approval.
- 56-572 Junior Speleological Society Committee 7-23-97
The Junior Speleological Society Committee, in the Department of the Administrative Vice-President, is to provide administrative and program support for youth educational activities at NSS Conventions.
- 18-536 Edward J. Zawlocki Memorial Restricted Fund 6-23-97
The purpose of the "Edward J. Zawlocki Memorial" restricted fund is to support implementation of NSS ACT 18-555. These funds may be spent by the Executive Vice-President.
- 18-555 Ed Zawlocki Memorial Fund 6-23-97
The Edward J. Zawlocki Memorial Fund is established to receive donations for the purpose of publishing a bibliography of speleology and a translation of a manuscript describing a variety of Chinese caves. After five years all funds remaining in this account may be used to publish non-periodic NSS publications or support the NSS Library.
- 56-591 Convention Session Committee 11-08-97
A Convention Session Committee is established in the Administrative Vice President's department to manage the convention sessions and provide continuity and guidance to the convention staffs. The committee will work with the convention staffs to insure proper session contacts are maintained, calls for papers are timely, facility requests are collected and abstracts are forwarded to the program editor.
- 43-512 NSS Science Fair Award 11-08-97
The NSS will sponsor an award of \$500.00 for the best speleological project presented at each annual national science fair. The availability of the Science Fair Award shall be advertised in advance of the competition in the NSS *NEWS*. The winner of the award and a description of the project will also be published. The Research Advisory Committee shall administer the award, determine acceptance criteria, and report annually on the results. Science Service, the non-profit administrator of the Science Fair awards, will be paid an administrative fee of \$200.00 per year in addition to the award. \$700. will be added to the Research Advisory Committee's budget for this purpose.
- 86-405 Outdoor Group Liaison Committee 11-08-97
An Outdoor Group Liaison Committee is established in the Department of the President.

- 83-538 Publications Coordinator 11-08-97
 The position of Publications Coordinator is established in the Executive Vice-President's Department, with responsibility for design and publication of the following: *NSS News, NSS Journal, NSS Members Manual, NSS American Caving Accidents, Speleo Digest, Convention Guidebooks and Special Publications.*
 Within the broad policies established by the Board of Governors and the Executive Vice-President, the Publications Coordinator shall, after appropriate consultation with the editors of the aforementioned publications, develop and implement procedures for publication.
 (The above responsibilities are transferred to the Special Publications Committee.)
- 17-433 NSS/NSF Liaison 8-7-98
 The position of NSS/NSF Liaison is a committee chair in the Secretary-Treasurer=s Department for the purpose of facilitating communication between the two organizations.
- 57-276 Committee Established 8-7-98
 The Committee on Educational Opportunities in Speleology is established as a permanent Committee in the Administrative Vice-President's Department. The responsibility of the Committee on Educational Opportunities in Speleology includes the following:
 1. To compile information on courses and curriculum opportunities in North American colleges and to make this information available to NSS members in an annual report and notices in the NSS NEWS.
 2. To plan and organize an appropriate series of courses in speleology to be given in conjunction with NSS conventions.
 3. To maintain an outline of topics which might be covered in a course on speleology and provide that outline to others upon request.
- 88-288 Conservation Research Grants 11-07-98
 Up to five annual grants totalling no more than \$500 shall be made to qualified individuals or groups for scientific investigation of cave conservation problems, or for speleological research which will directly contribute to cave conservation, or the solution of environmental problems in karst or pseudokarst areas. Determination of grantees will be made by the Conservation Committee and grants will be administered by the Research Advisory Committee under the guidelines it uses for other research grants and under Directive 88-080. The funds will be taken from the Save-the-Caves Fund.
- 81-345 Copyright Transfer 11-07-98
 The JOURNAL editor shall require that all authors must sign a "Transfer of Copyright Agreement" before articles are published, as follows:

Transfer of Copyright Agreement
Copyright of my/our paper entitled "-----" is hereby (encircle one) (1) placed in the public domain, (2) transferred to the National Speleological Society, Inc., with the reservation to the author(s) of all proprietary rights other than copyright and of the right to use all or part of this paper in future works of my/our own, or (3) retained by the author(s), but the National Speleological Society, Inc., is authorized to republish this paper or any part of it, either separately or together with other materials, and to grant permission in my/our behalf for the non-commercial use of my/our paper by others.

The NSS Endowment Fund, a NSS restricted fund whose purpose shall be as specified by the Board of Governors, is established.

- 18-589 US Exploration Restricted Fund Transfer 10-23-99
Funds in the NSS US Exploration Restricted Fund are transferred to the NSS Sara Corrie Memorial Fund, held by the National Speleological Foundation.
- 18-595 International Support Restricted Fund 10-23-99
The NSS International Support Restricted Fund is composed of funds received from the NSS International Trust Fund held by the NSF and from other sources. Its purpose is defined by Act 65-431.
- 18-597 Edward J. Zawlocki Memorial Restricted Fund 10-23-99
All money currently in the Edward J. Zawlocki Memorial Restricted Fund is transferred to the Cave Research Foundation to aid them in publishing the *Guide to Speleological Literature*. If the *Guide to Speleological Literature* is not published the money shall be returned to the NSS and used for normal NSS operations. The Edward J. Zawlocki Fund is abolished. Any donations received to the Edward J. Zawlocki Fund on or after 27 June 1997 shall be used for normal NSS operations.
- 18-610 NSS Publication Trust Fund 10-23-99
The purpose of the NSS Publication Trust Fund is to provide funds to support the publication of books by the NSS. (See Attachment O of Appendix C.)
- 83-358 ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO 10-23-99
The INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS NEWSLETTER shall be retitled the ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO and shall be expanded in editorial scope to include material of interest to NSS workers as well as to IOs. This material is intended to be primarily informative in nature and to facilitate communications between all organizations and individuals involved in the conduct of NSS business.
- 83-417 Administrative Memo 10-23-99
The NSS Administrative Memo is established as a permanent committee within the President's Department.
- 86-606 NSS Outreach Committee 10-23-99
The NSS Outreach Committee is established in the Department of the President. This committee will seek to present the conservation, scientific, and exploration accomplishments of the NSS to segments of the public interested in caves. The committee will emphasize the resource potential of the NSS and seek to encourage philanthropic support. The committee shall strive to promote the goals and objectives of the Society without encouraging non-cavers to become cavers.

- 18-656 Fund for Litigation to Protect Caves 3-23-02
The Fund for Litigation to Protect Caves, Attachment Q to the contract between the National Speleological Society and the National Speleological Foundation, is established.
- 18-665 Transfer of Funds 3-23-02
\$3147.92 is transferred to the Landowner Assistance Restricted Fund from the Cave Legal Defense Fund. Their funds had been originally donated to assist the owners of Norman Cave, WV.
- 18-667 Cumberland Plateau CTF Grant 3-23-02
A \$3000. Grant from the Cave Legal Defense Fund is made to the Cumberland Plateau Conservation Task Force to pursue legal resources to stop a proposed sewage treatment plant in Spencer, TN, that would pollute Spencer Mountain Cave System.
- 18-692 Joe Ivy Endowment for Cave Exploration 03-15-03
The purpose of the Joe Ivy Endowment Fund for Cave Exploration is to provide grants to young cavers to fund cave exploration trips, primarily to Mexico. The Fund was established by donors and is managed as a temporarily restricted quasi-endowment fund. Annually the NSS withdraws 5.5% of the Fund's total value for this purpose. By a two-thirds vote, the Society's Board of Governors may require the return to the Society of any or all of the Fund that has not previously been distributed to the Society. >> Grants will be several hundred dollars each, large enough to fund the bulk of a four-to-six-week trip: transportation, food, lodging, maps, special equipment, etc. Grants will be given to individuals for personal expenses, rather than to projects or groups. Grants will be awarded based on the following criteria:
Applicants should have a reasonable amount of caving experience. Experience will be measured by enthusiasm, determination, and quality of caving, rather than number of years caving or a list of caves visited.
Applicants should be vertically competent. Desire to learn will count more than participation in training programs or a list of pits bounced.
Applicants should have skills to contribute to productive exploration. Being a good sport will be considered more valuable than surveying, drafting, photography, or ability to carry group gear.
Applicants should demonstrate the characteristics of a good team member including initiative; positive attitude; open-mindedness; willingness to lead and take direction; ability to amuse one's self; curiosity to experience new things and eat weird food; desire to find, explore, and document caves. (See Attachment R of Appendix C in the Board of Governors Manual)
- 18-454 International Exploration Fund 03-15-03
The International Exploration Fund is established to assist Society sponsored speleological expeditions to be supported by contributions raised for this specific purpose. Applications for grants from the International Exploration Fund will be directed to the International Exploration Committee which will develop appropriate guidelines and require an accounting of how money is utilized by expedition organizers. Grants from the International Exploration Fund may be made by the International Exploration Committee with the approval of the Executive Vice President. It is not the intent of this Act that grants will be routinely awarded for expeditions within the United States or Canada. Grants from this fund shall stipulate that the expedition will provide an article on the expedition for publication in the *NSS NEWS*, or an audio/visual program for distribution for the NSS A/V Library within one year from receiving the grant.

- 19-693 Joe Ivy Endowment Committee 07-12-04
The Joe Ivy Endowment Committee is established in the Executive Vice President's Department. The purpose of this committee is to administer the awarding of grants from the Joe Ivy Endowment for Cave Exploration.
- 18-689 Caves and Karst Education Program Restricted Fund 07-12-04
The purpose of the Caves and Karst Education Program restricted fund is to educate the American public on the value and fragile nature of cave resources in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement between Mammoth Cave National Park and the National Speleological Society, Project Underground, and American Cave Conservation Association. These funds may be spent by the Caves and Karst Education Program agent of the Treasurer subject to Administrative Vice President's approval.
- 97-491 AV Production Committee 03-05-05
The AV Production Committee is established in the department of the Administrative Vice President. The committee will work with committees within the NSS Education Division to develop educational digital media and films. AV Production Committee members may work with other NSS committees to produce visual digital or analog media to support their programs. Additionally, the AV Production Committee will serve as the NSS liaison for documentary film and television entities, to promote and assist with safe and conservation oriented filming techniques and provide assistance in developing films that conform to the NSS Conservation Policy and accepted safety practices. The AV Production Committee shall coordinate with the Audio-Visual Aids Library Committee.
- 97-473 Video Committee 07-08-05
The Video Committee is established under the Department of the Operations Vice-President as a sub-committee of the Audio-Visual Aids Library Committee. The purpose of the committee is to solicit, develop, and maintain video programs related to caves and caving and to encourage the production and use of moving-image presentations to disseminate information about caves and caving. The video programs shall be part of the Audio-Visual Aids Library.
- 01-461 Officers' Annual Reports 07-08-05
Annually, at the convention, officers will include in their reports to the Board a list of their objectives for the next year(s) and how these objectives relate to the overall goals of the NSS; provide executive summaries highlighting major activities and accomplishments of each committee for which they are responsible, and, if the Board has requested a task be performed by an officer or a committee; include responses specifically addressing the status of those requests which apply.
- 26-563 Headquarters Facilities Committee 11-05-05
The Headquarters Facilities Committee is in the department of the Operations Vice-President to manage and maintain the facilities and real property at the NSS Headquarters.
- 41-039 National Parks Association 11-05-05
The National Parks Association (now the National Parks & Conservation Association) is named an affiliate.

18-718 NSS Pacific Slope Cave Acquisition Fund 3-25-06:20

The purpose of the NSS Pacific Slope Cave Acquisition Fund is to acquire title or conservation easements to caves located within the Pacific seaboard. Grants from the fund must be made to 501(c)(3) public benefit corporations dedicated to the purpose of the fund. Applicants for grants must provide to the NSS Secretary-Treasurer the following proofs: 1) copy of certificate of 501(c)(3) standing, 2) Articles of Incorporation, and 3) written proof (such as a written acceptance of an offer to purchase real estate) of the existence of a pending purchase of a real property or conservation easement, consistent with the purpose of the fund. Grants shall be made from the fund by action of the NSS Board of Governors, hereinafter referred to as the granting body. In the absence of competing applicants, grants shall be summarily approved upon verification of proofs. The granting body shall make no determination of the significance or quality of properties proposed for protection by the applicant, except where two or more qualified entities have applied for grants in the period between regular meetings of the granting body. Where two or more qualified entities have applied, only the most significant proposal shall be granted funds during a regular meeting; rejected applications will be re-submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the granting body. Significance in the case of competing applicants will be determined on the basis of criteria used in federal significant cave nominations under the 1988 cave protection act: presence of endemic biota, cultural remains, geologic/mineralogical/paleontological values, hydrologic significance, educational/scientific value, and/or recreational potential. The amount of any single grant shall not be limited except by the amount in the fund or by the amount of the property or easement acquisition including associated costs, whichever is less. The fund consists of donations.

The Board approves the total distribution of the Pacific Slope Acquisition Fund to the Western Cave Conservancy toward the purchase of Rippled Cave, Calaveras County, CA. Distribution of the funds is to be made by 20 February 2006.

19-762 Grants Executive Steering Committee 8-7-06:18

The Grants Executive Steering Committee is established in the Department of the President. Two of the committee members will be NSS Board of Governors members appointed by the President. The Steering Committee is responsible for leading and managing the NSS grants program, but not responsible for writing proposals or grants. They will encourage and facilitate effective grant proposals from NSS Committee Chairmen and the NSS Board of Governors and act as the clearinghouse for proposals. The Committee is responsible for prioritizing proposals for the Grants Committee, reviewing the grant applications before they are submitted, and approving the obligations associated with the grant before it is accepted by the NSS.

28-168 Unsigned Applications 11-04-06:7

Upon receipt of an unsigned application, the office secretary shall (A) Place the applicant on the mailing list as a subscriber. (B) Reserve a membership number for the applicant in the regular sequence. (C) Notify the applicant by means of a form letter that (1) His application has been received unsigned. (2) He has been added to the mailing list as a subscriber until his application has been signed. (3) A statement certifying that the applicant supports the goals and conservation policies of the NSS has been included for his signature and should be signed and returned as soon as possible.

- 83-292 Copyright 11-04-06:13
All Society publications are to be copyrighted.
- 83-728 NSS Copyright Policy 11-04-06:13
Appendix AS, NSS Copyright Policy is adopted.
- 81-621 Copyright 11-04-06:13
The National Speleological Society requires all authors to grant a non-exclusive copyright to the NSS prior to publication of their manuscripts in the *JOURNAL OF CAVE AND KARST STUDIES* unless they place the paper in the public domain.
- 50-221 General Policy 11-04-06:14
A brief, official statement of the Society's fundamental ethical and conservation principles shall be prepared by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Board for their consideration. Upon joining, new members will be required to sign an agreement that they have read and understood said statement, and, by joining, do approve and commit to uphold the fundamental principles contained therein. Each new member should be made aware that gross intentional or repeated violations of these principles may be grounds for dismissal from the Society, as determined by the Board of Governors.
- 50-237 Pledge 11-04-06:14
The membership application of the NSS shall carry the following wording: "I support the purposes of the National Speleological Society and its Cave Conservation Policy. Please accept my application for membership."
- 25-388 Mailing List Availability 03-17-07:12
Whenever the NSS mailing list is made available to organizations, it will be at a rate of \$.10 per label to a non-profit organization, and a flat rate of \$2,000.00 to a for-profit organization. These rates may be adjusted for a specific use at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 25-434 NSS Mailing List Availability 03-17-07:12
Whenever the mailing list is made available for NSS use the direct cost of materials and related expenses will be assessed to the user at a flat rate of \$25.00, or \$5.00 plus \$.25 per label, whichever is less.
- 04-421 Advance Copies of Agenda 03-17-07:24a
Advance copies of the agenda for meetings of the Board of Governors shall be posted to the Society web site thirty days prior to the meeting and updated as required.
- 04-197 Timing and Completeness 03-17-07:24e
A preliminary Agenda shall be prepared and distributed to the Board a minimum of one month prior to the meeting. A final Agenda shall be prepared and distributed to the Board a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting, and every effort shall be made to have all motions presented in the Agenda.
- 19-609 NSS High School and Undergraduate Grant Program 03-15-08:16
The NSS High School and Undergraduate Grant Program is established for the purpose of investing in the future of karst science by supporting and recognizing outstanding research proposals by young society members. The program is funded by money approved in the yearly Research Advisory Committee operating budget. (See Appendix AL)
- 25-167 Monthly Mailing 03-15-08:29

Monthly mailings will be made available to individual members at a cost set by the Executive Committee, the fee to be used to defray the cost of postage, handling, and the additional copies needed. Any excess income from this source shall enter the general operating fund.

- 83-671 Non-Electronic Portions of NSS Publications 03-15-08:36
Copies of photographs and other materials that are not included in the electronic copies of publications shall be forwarded to the NSS Office (labeled for easy identification with publication, caption, and page number) for storage in a fireproof location. The copies will be of sufficient quality to allow them to be reproduced as originally printed. Items will be stored until no longer deemed necessary by the Executive Vice President and will be reviewed on an annual basis for currency.
- 83-677 Budget for *On Caves and Camera* 03-15-08:36
The Capital Budget is amended to include publishing 1,000 copies (500 hardbound, 500 soft bound) of *On Caves and Cameras* with the following budget line items:
\$0 Author expenses (postage, telephone, etc.)
\$500 Honorarium for designing & laying out the issue
\$0 Editing, proof-reading & indexing
\$0 Drawings & illustrations
\$75 B/W half-tones, scanned color images, & color separations
\$14,000 Printing & binding (\$2000 of this is for hardbound covers)
\$0 Shipping
\$75 Miscellaneous
\$14,650 TOTAL
- 83-678 Budget for *On Cave Conservation and Restoration* 03-15-08:36
The Capital Budget is amended to include publishing 1,000 copies of *On Cave Conservation and Restoration* with a budget of \$11,420. The Executive Committee shall review the text of *On Cave Conservation and Restoration* and confer with the authors to attempt to insure that the Society policy is clearly distinguished from individual or regional opinion and that the language avoids divisiveness and promotes mutual respect among cavers.
- 83-679 Budget for *Leave No Trace Caving Ethics* Booklet 03-15-08:36
The NSS will purchase \$1,000 worth of *Leave No trace Caving Ethics* booklets from the U.S. Forest Service. The funds for purchase of these booklets shall be taken from the Save-the-Caves Fund.
- 83-680 American Geological Institute Publication 03-15-08:36
The NSS shall grant \$6,500 to the American Geological Institute to support a national karst environmental awareness publication. The society will receive 2,500 copies of the publication for distribution or sale as it chooses. The NSS will reimburse the NSS Geology & Geography Section \$2,000 from any income it receives from sales of this publication. The Executive Committee will determine the source of funds for this grant and report to the Board at the November 2000 meeting.
- 83-727 Purchase Agreement Between the NSS and the 03-15-08:36
National Cave and Karst Research Institute
The National Cave and Karst Research Institute will provide \$5000 to the National speleological Society, to be added to the previous capital budget for the publication of *Cave Conservation and Restoration* for the purpose of additional color illustrations. In return the National Cave and Karst Research Institute will be identified on a title page as a co-sponsor, appropriate contact

information will be included in the book, and will receive 50 copies for distribution to Regional and Division Libraries, Parks, and other interested parties.

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Copyright Policy

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t The Board Acts 81-621 (regarding copyright licensed for Journal), 83-292 (regarding the copyright of Society publications), and 83-728 (regarding NSS copyright policy) are repealed and the NSS Copyright Policy is adopted. Appendix AS, NSS Copyright Policy is amended.