

ISS Meeting Agenda

September 26, 2009 – Hunan Restaurant, 710 E. Main St., Carbondale, Illinois

Call to order:

Introduction of Directors and Officers:

President: John Lovaas

Recording Secretary: to be determined

Vice-President: Bob Weck

Treasurer: John Lovaas

Director: Philip Moss

Director: Tony Schmitt

Director: Steve Taylor

Director: Bob Weck

Director/webmaster: Jack Wood

IDNR Director: Mona Colburn

Data Request Committee: Frank Wilhelm- chair; Bob Weck, Jack Wood;
members

Dr. Leslie Melim

Richard Raber

Edmund Tucker

Guests

7:00PM- program: Dr. Leslie Melim (Western Illinois University) will be presenting "Looking for Life in all the Right Places: Microbes and Minerals in Cave Pools"

Break- 5 minutes?

ISS Election of new Directors: Bob Weck

Motion: The minutes of the May 17, 2009 meeting are approved.

Second:

For:

Against:

Reports:

Treasurer's report: John Lovaas

Membership report: Bob Weck

Data Request Committee activity: John Lovaas

Not-For-Profit Filings: Philip Moss, Registered Agent

Shawnee Forest Project: Jack Wood, Chair, SNF Committee

Website: Jack Wood, webmaster

ISS Patches: Richard Raber

Grotto/Agency Activity Reports

Old Business:

President's letter to ISS data recipients.

New Business:

Organizational Membership Committee: John Lovaas, Philip Moss, Bob Weck.

Report on application by CLIFFTOP(Conserving Lands in Farm, Forest, Talus or Prairie- Maeystown, IL)

Moss moves: Clifftop Alliance is invited to become an organizational member of the Illinois Speleological Survey.

Second:

For:

Against:

Bylaw Amendment

Moss moves: - CHAPTER II - DIRECTORS is amended by the addition of the following (new language is underlined):

B. Each Elected Director shall:

5. Have been a member of the ISS for at least six months prior to their nomination.

This amendment becomes effective six months after passage.

Discussion: I believe that it was merely an oversight that when we switched from being an organization of organizations to a membership organization, we omitted a requirement for our Directors to be members. In light of the fact that there is a nonmember nominated for Director in the current election and not wanting to

muddy the outcome if he is elected, I have included language that permits him to become compliant with this bylaw, if he wins and chooses to do so.

As I see it, the ISS essentially has members for life. A member is not in good standing when they have not paid their dues or have been disciplined by the Board. However, once a membership application has been accepted, one is a member. I state this for the record in the event that someone is nominated, who may have a lapse in their dues in the six months prior to their nomination. It is my understanding that such a person would still be eligible to be nominated. If that is not also your understanding, now would be a good time to air those differences of opinion or other discussion you may have on these motions.

Second:
For:
Against:

Moss will withdraw the motion below if the bylaw amendment above does not pass.

Moss moves: The Mail Ballot Procedure is amended as follows (new language is underlined):

90 days prior to meeting: Confirm nominees have been members of the ISS for at least six months and are willing to serve. Post list of candidates on ISS listserv for informational purposes. (Preceding and following language remains the same, see http://www.caves.org/iss/minutes/board_acts.htm).

Second:
For:
Against:

Bylaw Amendment

Weck moves: - **CHAPTER IV - VICE PRESIDENT** – of the Bylaws is amended as stated below. Language to be removed is stricken; new language is underlined.

The Vice-President of the Board shall:

I. Serve as the membership liaison between ISS members and the board by performing the following duties:

1. Be the person receiving all applications for membership.
- ~~2. Present all written applications to the board for consideration.~~
2. Approve applications for membership for individuals meeting the conditions described in Chapter VIII – Membership of the ISS By-laws.
3. Maintain the membership list for all members.

Justification: The only requirement for membership stated in the By-laws is sufficient evidence be cited that the applicant supports the purposes of the ISS. The vice president should be qualified to make this determination rather than tying up an application until the next meeting.

Second:
For:
Against:

Bylaw Amendment

Weck moves: - **CHAPTER VIII – MEMBERSHIP** – of the Bylaws is amended by removing the following language (stricken below).

- A. Membership in the ISS will require an individual to agree to the purposes of the ISS and:
4. ~~Those individuals present at the ISS meeting at which these amendments are approved and passed by the board shall automatically and immediately have conveyed the full benefits of membership as described in the Constitution and By-laws of the ISS.~~

Justification: The deletion of #4 in Chapter VIII should be made because the statement is no longer needed. The “ISS meeting at which the amendments are approved” has already happened and those present are already members.

Second:
For:
Against:

Wood moves: That the ISS issue the ArcPad 6 license to John Lovaas.

Discussion: John has requested the license and in the 6 years I've held the software, no one has asked for it. Also as a reminder, the ISS has 3 licenses for ArcView 8 and two, via acts of the board have been issued to Tony Schmitt and to the ISS/SNF project.

Second:
For:
Against:

Election of President.

Nomination:
Second:
For:

Against:

Motion: 10 minutes of open discussion.

Second:

For:

Against:

To move: The next meeting will be held at (location tbd) in (location tbd) on (date and time tbd).

Second:

For:

Against:

To move: adjourn.

Second:

Adjourned at: