

## **Indiana Cave Survey, Inc. Quarterly Meeting**

March 8, 1999

The first meeting of 1999 was called to order at 7:38 PM at the Indianapolis home of John Danovich, President Dave Black presiding. Board Member Ray Sheldon began the meeting minutes since the Secretary was running late. All Officers (except the Secretary) were present.

Black passed out the updated ICS Karst Database to the County Directors. Contributing members also received their copies. Black spoke briefly about the new update.

At this point, Secretary James Adams arrived and took over the recording of the minutes.

Treasurer Keith Dunlap reported that 25 of 33 members have paid their dues with \$1,734.32 in the Treasury.

The minutes of the December 1998 meeting were accepted as published in the March newsletter. Concerning the recent meeting and planned agreement with the Indiana Geological Survey, Kevin Strunk questioned if IGS Director John Steinmetz was going to draft an agreement. Black confirmed that this was the intention as he understood the situation from the December 7 IGS/ICS meeting.

The Indiana Cave Symposium is scheduled for April 17th. A hotdog roast/pitch-in will get things started at 5:30 PM local time in Milltown at the campground. Presentations will begin at 7:00 PM. There are a number of good presentations on the agenda. Adams will bring an overhead projector and a slide projector. Black will bring a large projection screen. Black will also do the shopping for the meal.

The IKC's annual Under Earth Day is scheduled for April 18th and the Sullivan Property.

The status of the Indiana Geological Survey agreement with the ICS remains unchanged. Black has been in recent contact with Steinmetz who still intends to draft a proposed agreement. There was a desire from the membership to move ahead with drafting our own agreement. Strunk will be in contact with Black and work on initiating a draft.

Oil & gas drilling issues, confined feed lot regulations and the legislature's redefinition of "karst" were mentioned. Dunlap spoke briefly about SB392 that would re-define karst in Indiana. Many "caves" as recognized by the ICS might not be considered a cave by the proposed official Indiana definition.

Strunk noted that this definition would only pertain to the land fill regulations, but also noted that other interests would try to use this new definition. Strunk proposed a one day "What is Karst?" workshop at the Government Center in Indianapolis.

Adams reported that the ICS website has had about 40 hits per week. Members were asked to send photos and text from articles that have appeared in the newsletter for posting.

Sheldon noted that a person at Versailles State Park had seen the website and checked the information for Ripley County. They knew of more caves than the ICS had in the files. They are now filing out Cave Report Forms for those caves.

Nick Noe has sent out an updated draft of the licensing agreement. It appears that not everyone received his copy. Noe will re-send. Sheldon asked that the members be prepared to discuss and vote on this agreement at the next meeting.

Continuing with the database update, Black noted that he found and corrected some major errors, added reference information from grotto newsletters, and added UTM and LAT/LON to entries that had one but not both. Dunlap noted that a notation needs to be included in the database to indicate which numbers were generated instead of plotted as original data.

Tony Cunningham applied for and was granted Regular Membership status.

Black opened discussion on the availability of printouts. There were lots of ideas as to who should be able to get a printout and under what conditions. Strunk moved to change the bylaws to allow distribution of printed copies of the most recent version of the database to Regular Members upon payment of the printing costs. Seconded by Jerry Bailey. Motion approved 13-0-2.

Dunlap moved to amend Section 3.2 of the bylaws to change the minimum waiting period from one year to two years. Bill Baus seconded. Motion passed 13-0-2.

It was noted that depending on the interpretation of the bylaws, either 11 or 13 favorable votes are needed for approval. Dunlap moved to amend Section 11 (Amendments) to change "existing" to "voting" members. Strunk seconded. Motion passed, 14-0-1.

Bruce Trotter noted that Jack Countryman, who recently resigned as a County Director, has not turned over his records to the new Directors. According to Trotter, Countryman feels that he does not need to return the files since the data is available from the Archivist. This appears to be contrary to the ICS Bylaws. Black will talk to Countryman.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 7 at Bruce Trotter's at 7:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 PM.

After the meeting, Black demonstrated the updated database and OziExplorer.

Submitted by James Adams, Secretary

***[Secretary's Note: These meeting minutes were approved by the membership at the June 7, 1999 meeting.]***