

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

September 13, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 PM at the home of Bruce Trotter in Columbus, Indiana, President Dave Black presiding. Officers present were Black, Vice President Trotter, Secretary James Adams, Treasurer Keith Dunlap, and Board Member Ray Sheldon. Board Member Kevin Wools was absent. Members and guests included Nick Noe, Carita Noe, Bill Baus, Andrea Karpoff, Mike Kern, Gretchen Schenk, Tom Rea, and Tony Cunningham.

Introductions were made and Black gave a brief explanation of the ICS for all the visitors.

Dunlap reported \$1,743.55 in the Treasury with 31 members.

The June meeting minutes were approved as published in the September issue of the Indiana Cave Survey Notebook.

There were no membership upgrade requests. Black explained the membership structure.

The committee to draft a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indiana Geological Survey is reviewing a draft proposal and giving input to Black. The proposal was circulated to those in attendance. Cunningham suggested that we put the draft of the ICS/IGS MOU on the website (Members Only) for review and comments. Black commented that the intent was to keep the basic wording very general but add more specific points as an attachment. Sheldon urged that the proposal be specific and not too general. Baus felt that we need to try to work with the IGS to move forward. The IGS map is supposed to be on hold and Black acknowledged that the map will probably be produced and the MOU will insure that there is acknowledgement of the ICS's role in providing the data used in producing the map.

The ICS website is in good shape. Adams asked the membership if there are any things that should be included on the ICS site. Baus mentioned that a TAGNet-like list server might be a worthwhile project and perhaps the ICS could incorporate this into our website. Rea is working on a list server project and will be working out the details of a system.

Concerning the ICS database licensing wording that Noe has been investigating: No new input has been received from the membership. Noe will send the current draft for posting on the website in the Members Only section.

Adams brought up the possibility of including maps in the database. There are about a thousand maps in the paper files. There was much discussion. What format? Who would be in charge? All maps or selected maps? There were no objections to the basic concept. Black will investigate what format and resolution might be best to use with the database. There was also much discussion on future possibilities.

The next database update from the County Directors will be targeted for January. County Directors should send in their updated county files to Black as soon after December 31, 1999 as possible.

Cunningham spoke about a major project cave that he has been working on. There is survey work being done and the group is looking for ICS volunteers to work on the project.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 6th at 7:30 PM at the home of Bill Baus in Bloomington. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Submitted by James Adams

*[Secretary's Note: These meeting minutes were approved by the membership at the December 6, 1999 meeting.]*