

Additional Tips for Writing Fellow Nominations.

You do not need to write long wordy letters, bullets are fine. What we are looking for:

When the candidate joined the NSS.

Served on grotto committees - years

Served as a grotto director - years

Served as grotto officer - years

Served on region committee - years

Served as region officer - years

Served on NSS committee - years

Served as a director - years

Served as an NSS officer – years

Member/Officer of a Cave Conservancy – years

Member/officer of a Cave Survey – years.

Volunteered at caving events - national, regional, etc

Other: (ex/ Served on Virginia Cave Board) –years.

Makes presentations to school groups/scouts/etc.

Promotes caving in a positive light to the public, via webinars, outdoor festivals, videos, guest spots on local TV stations, etc.

Trains new cavers

Leads/led beginner trips

Ran/runs vertical training classes

Involved with cave rescue

NSS awards – cover art, cave songs, maps, etc?

Ridge-walks looking for caves

Involved with surveying

Creates cave maps

Project leader or participant for cave conservation or sinkhole cleanup projects.

Meets/talks with landowners, fosters good caver/owner relations.

Sets up/manages cave access for landowner (including fencing or gating cave, being access contact for landowner.

Helped with cave gating projects (specify which ones).

Performs cave science

Publishes science papers

Presenter at an NSS Convention (gives paper, talk, etc. Specify)

Newsletter editor, frequent submitter to local grotto newsletter

Submits articles to the NSS NEWS

Submits articles to the NSS BULLETIN

Written cave/karst related books (or helped edit book)

A lot of identical letters carry less weight than similar letters with first hand experiences/information on the individual.