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## **National Speleological Society Appoints New President, Kristine Ebrey**

**NSS Headquarters, Huntsville, AL** — The National Speleological Society (NSS) appointed Kristine Ebrey as the new President of the society, effective March 19, 2022. Kristine succeeds Geary Schindel who served as NSS President until early March 2022. Kristine was unanimously voted into office during the Fall 2021 Board of Governors meeting and will oversee all activities under the [Department of the President](#).

President Ebrey became a member of the NSS in 2007. She has more than 18 years of volunteer experience within the society and her local grotto. Before assuming the role as President, Kristine served as the Secretary-Treasurer where she oversaw NSS finances. She has also served the society as Membership Chair, Director, Chair of the Directorate, and the 2019 NSS Convention Treasurer. Geary Schindel states, "It is clear, in working with Kristine as a Director, Chair of the Directorate, and as Secretary/Treasurer, that she will also make an outstanding President. Few are more dedicated to the NSS."

"While serving as the NSS Treasurer, Kristine reformed the financial status of the organization, and left that office being in the healthiest financial shape in our history. I'm excited to see her take the reins as President. With her new ideas and energy, it's an exciting time for the NSS," stated Administrative Vice President, Adam Weaver. Notably, Kristine has assisted the society by halting the decline of membership, created an effective financial workflow for budget management and streamlined ongoing finances. As National Speleological Society President, Kristine will assume responsibility for membership, fundraising, logistics, conservancy initiatives, and internal and external communications.

"The community is what makes the National Speleological Society stand out among other organizations. We explore, study and protect such an unusual and unique environment that allows us to create a very tight-knit atmosphere," stated President Ebrey. In the short-term, Kristine will establish new initiatives and focus much of her attention on increasing and retaining membership to grow this passionate community of like-minded cavers. Looking towards the future, she plans to work with the Executive Board and the Directors to hire an Executive Director.

National Speleological Society members understand that the future of caves and karst depends on the strength that comes from many individuals working together. "Cavers help cavers and only cavers save cavers; which I believe to be unique for any community or circle," explains Ebrey, "we are a huge family brought together by a desire to conserve this playground for future generations."

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For over 70 years, the National Speleological Society has promoted safe and responsible caving practices, effective cave and karst management, speleology, and conservation. Our members are bound together by their love of caves, their desire to learn about the underground wilderness, and their commitment to protect it for future generations.

NSS membership offers worldwide caver camaraderie, networking opportunities, and access to information about discoveries and developments in caving, speleology, equipment, and techniques through our publications, annual conventions, grottos, internal organizations, and NSS-sponsored projects, expeditions, and surveys.

With 7,000+ members and more than 200 grottos (chapters), the National Speleological Society is the largest organization in the world working every day to further the exploration, study, and protection of caves and their environments, and foster fellowship among cavers.