

CONSTITUTION
of
THE NORTHERN INDIANA GROTTTO

- I. The name of this organization shall be The Northern Indiana Grotto of The National Speleological Society, Inc.
- II. The purpose of this organization shall be the same as those of the National Speleological Society (hereinafter referred to as The N.S.S.) with the additional purpose of organizing N.S.S. members in the Northern Indiana area to better promote the objectives of the N.S.S.
- III.
 - (1) The Northern Indiana Grotto shall be governed by an Executive Board made up of the following officers, all N.S.S. members, elected annually by the membership:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice-Chairman
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Board Member (as amended Feb, 10, 1976)
 - (2) The Executive Board shall have complete power to manage the business, to formulate and enact bylaws, to raise funds in any manner not inconsistent with the policies of The N.S.S., and to perform all other necessary functions,
 - (3) Decisions or actions of: the Executive Board may be overruled by a 2/3 majority vote of the members.
- IV.
 - (1) Executive Board and general meetings shall be held at such times and places as are determined by the Executive Board.
 - (2) A petition signed by 2/3 of the membership shall be mandatory upon the Executive Board to call a special meeting for the purpose stated in the petition.
- V.
 - (1) Full membership in The Northern Indiana Grotto is limited to members of the N.S.S.
 - (2) Associate members may not hold office within the organization and have no voting right.
- VI. The Constitution and Bylaws shall be binding on The Northern Indiana Grotto. Any action inconsistent therewith shall be null and void.

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- VIII. In the event of dissolution, any property of Northern Indiana Grotto shall revert to the N.S.S.
- VIII. Amendments to this Constitution shall be made by 2/3 favorable vote of the voting members present at any meeting of the general membership called by the Executive Board expressly for the purpose, or by written consent of one-half of the total membership.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTHERN INDIANA GROTTTO

1st Amendment:

1. It is understood that the term "Executive Committee" and "Executive Board" are one and the same body.
2. This amendment shall be inserted as Article III (4).
3. This amendment shall be effective as of Feb, 10, 1976.

2nd Amendment:

1. There shall be a fifth member on the Executive Board, designated as a Board Member.
2. This amendment shall be inserted as Article III (1) e.
3. The Board Member shall be the preceding Chairman, or, if he/she declines or is otherwise ineligible, a Board Member shall be elected from the Floor pursuant to the established election procedures set forth in the Bylaws.
4. This amendment shall be effective as of Feb. 10, 1976

3rd Amendment:

1. All references to "Executive Committee" in the Constitution shall be changed to Executive Board.
2. Eliminate the amendment in Article III (4).
3. Eliminate the first sentence in Article V (1). It reads: Associate membership is limited to one year's duration, at which time membership of the N.S.S. is mandatory as a condition of membership in Northern Indiana Grotto.
4. This amendment shall be effective as of Oct. 10, 1980.

4th Amendment:

1. Insert the words and "and enact" in Article III (2) to read..... to formulate and enact Bylaws.....
2. This amendment shall become effective as of Oct. 10, 1980.