

Illinois Speleological Survey

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 6, 2014
2016 Stemler Road, Columbia, Illinois

1. Call to order: 6:30 pm

2. Introduction of Officers and Directors:

President:

Bob Weck - present

Recording Secretary:

Steve Taylor-present

Vice-President:

Tony Schmitt-present

Treasurer:

John Lovaas - absent

Directors:

Aaron Addison-present

Dan Lamping-present

Gary Resch-absent,

Resch proxy: Chad McCain-present

Tony Schmitt-present

Steve Taylor-present

Organizational Directors:

IDNR Director:

Mona Colburn-present

Clifftop NFP Director:

Carl Daubach-absent (conflict with other meeting)

Webmaster:

Jack Wood-absent (moved to Colorado)

Data Request Committee (DRC):

Dan Lamping -present

John Lovaas - absent

Mihai Lefticariu -present

Data Custodians:

Mona Colburn-present

Frank Wilhelm-absent

Registered Agent:

John Lovaas - absent

Guests:

Derik Holtmann
Norm Gallup

4. Motion: The minutes of the April 5, 2014 meeting are approved. Dan

Second: Aaron

For: unanimous

Against:

5. Reports:

A. Treasurer's report: Report by Lovaas \$638.47 (paid filing fee and web hosting out of pocket, considers it a donation to ISS)

B. Membership report: Report by Schmitt -

See Attachment 1, look at last year paid (LYP) column to see who is a member (i.e., if LYP is 2013, then not a member). There are 11 members.

C. Data request and DRC activity: Report by Weck

1. Requests:

A. Request by Culver et al. for cave names and locations for Appalachian LCC Karst Resources Project

- approved by DRC, sent confidentiality request, got the signed request back, and Colburn has largely filled the request with a spreadsheet, a few things remain to be cleaned up before it can be sent.

B. Request by Clifftop for information about ISS data relating to Wightman parcel

- data request fulfilled: ISS has no data.

C. Request by Seth Turner was submitted for a cave in Hardin County

- data request fulfilled: ISS did not have the requested data.

2. Recent Data Submissions:

- Slip Slop Pit (St. Clair) - Dan Lamping
- Lilly Cave (Union) - entrance & spring locations and a new map of the cave - Chad McCain
- 83 southern Illinois cave entrance photographs with GPS coordinates and length, as well as brief descriptions and locations of numerous additional sinks and springs - Edmund Tucker
- Milksnake Cave (Monroe Co), penciled draft map - Jim Sherrell

D. Filemaker database Report by Colburn

- work is in progress, currently populating the database.

E. Website update: Report by Wood

- up to date according to Wood (reporting to Weck)

F. Science Committee: Report by Weck

- Weck: *Illinois State Academy of Science* meets annually. The 2016 meeting is at SIU Edwardsville. Would ISS be interested in supporting a Special Symposium on Illinois Caves & Karst?
- yes, general nodding by Directors

ACTION: Weck will investigate further, contacting ISAS personnel

G. Organizational director's reports:

a. Clifftop NFP (Taylor and Addison on behalf of Daubach):

- Research & Management above ground
- Resurvey of Fogelpole Cave is underway, survey trips in June & November, with good progress thus far.
- *Paul Wightman Subterranean Nature Preserve*, a 535-acre Monroe County site owned by Clifftop NFP, received final approval for dedication by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. This new Nature Preserve protects karst features and subterranean ecosystems associated with Fogelpole Cave.

b. IDNR (Colburn)

- nothing to report

H. Grotto/Agency Activity Reports:

- INHS continues to be active in several cave biology projects in Illinois.

6. Status of action items from 4/5/2014 minutes, including:

A. Illinois Speleology Small Grant project (Taylor):

Subterranean Ecology Institute (SEI) has agreed to work with the ISS on Illinois Speleology Small Grant project.

- Some discussion, but no actions.

B. ISS newsletter (Weck): Volume 2, Issue 1 to be published January 2015

- accepting suggestions/contributions for inclusion, plan to publish before the end of January

7. New Business:

A. Election of Data Committee member (Lovaas' 3 year term expires)

Nominations:

- Aaron Addison

No other nominations

For: all

Against: none

B. Motion: Lamping moves that the ISS Board appoint Bob Weck an additional Data Custodian.

Second: Colburn

Rationale: Now that we have adopted a database there is a large amount to work to be done entering and managing data. An additional Data Custodian could expedite the timeline for getting the ISS database populated and would provide support to Mona Colburn, who has already dedicated a considerable amount of her time on data management and on filling data requests.

For: all

Against: none

Motion: Schmidt moves that Weck can use ISS funds to acquire a copy of Filemaker Pro for work on ISS database

Second: Colburn

For: all

Against: none

C. Review of Constitution & Bylaws and discussion of possible revisions

Colburn moves to adopt the following changes [~~red with strike through~~ for deletions, **blue with bold** for additions] to the ISS Bylaws.

Second: Schmitt

-----proposed changes to ISS Bylaws-----

Chapter I.A.2.

Conduct business only when **at least more than** half of all directors are present in person, ~~and at least three fourths of all directors are Present in person,~~ or by electronic means.

Chapter II.

B. Each Elected Director shall:

2. Serve a term of ~~two~~ **four** years.

5. A Director may be removed by two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors if she/he acts in a manner detrimental to the ISS.

CHAPTER III - PRESIDENT

The President of the Board of Directors shall:

~~B. Serve not more than two consecutive terms.~~

~~H. Verify that member's ballots have been accurately counted by the Vice President.~~

CHAPTER IV - VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice-President of the Board shall:

I. Serve as the membership liaison between ISS members and the board by performing the following duties:

~~2. Approve applications for membership for individuals meeting the conditions described in Chapter VIII—Membership of the ISS By-laws.~~

~~23.~~ Maintain the membership list for all members

Chapter VII.A.

~~Board Actions 2003. Membership is \$5.~~

CHAPTER VIII - MEMBERSHIP

~~A. Membership in the ISS will require an individual to agree to the purposes of the ISS and:~~

~~1. Shall be granted on application in writing or in person to the ISS, citing sufficient evidence that the applicant supports the purposes of the ISS.~~

~~2. Is not limited to residents of Illinois.~~

~~3. Have nominating and voting privileges only for election of directors, and as provided in the Constitution and By-laws.~~

A. Membership in the ISS is determined by vote of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER XIV - DATA ACCESS

B. The Board shall ~~appoint a 3-member Data Request Committee to review information requests. The appointees shall serve one-year terms. The committee must be unanimous in their decision to approve the information request. If the request is denied, appeal can be made to the Board. Requests for large amounts of data will also require approval of the Board. The committee will track requests and the history of use of information. Qualitative information may be given out by a single member of the committee.~~

C. All data ownership rights will be retained by the ISS. Requesters must sign a confidentiality agreement saying that they may not disseminate this information without written permission of the committee. Wherever applicable the requester must make a report of findings to the ISS in a timely manner. The cave catalogs complete or partial, do not belong to the requester and must be turned in when issued an updated one for the same area. Further restrictions may be imposed by the **Board Data Request Committee**.

H. The **Board Data Request Committee** shall consider all data requests from organizations with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ISS in such that the dissemination of data shall be in compliance with the MOU.

I. The **Board Data Request Committee** when considering requests by a contributing member of the ISS will consider the fact that the requester has contributed to the database to be a significant factor in favor of granting the request. A “contributing member” is defined as a member of the ISS who has previously submitted original cave locations, original maps, or other original data of scientific value to the ISS database.

Action: A vote on these Bylaws changes is to be taken by email, at least 45 days (20 January 2015 or later) after the proposed amendments are distributed.

D. The next meeting:
Next ISS Meeting will be:
Date – [18, 25 Apr, 2 May] 6pm
Time – 6pm
Location – Weck house

Action: Taylor will send out Doodle poll

8. Miscellaneous

- IDOT is revisiting the Gateway Connector, is a meeting on Wednesday at the Falls in Columbia.

Action: Weck will attend the meeting, and will report back to the Board of Directors via email

- Colburn suggests an ISS project to go out and get coordinates for caves that we do not have coordinates.

Some discussion but no action at this time

9. Motion to adjourn: Addison

Second: Lamping

For: all

Against: none

Adjourned: 9:07 pm, 6 December 2014

Attachment 1. Membership list. The last year paid (LYP) column shows who is a current member (i.e., if LYP is 2013, then not a member). There are 11 members. The "officer?" column is out of date, and contains inaccuracies.

Name	LYP	Address	City	State	ZIP	Email	officer?
Aaron	Addison	2016 14 Woods Trail Ct.	Saint Charles	MO	63303	addison@caveresource.com	
Kevin	Berdak	2015 6465 Parker Rd.	Florissant	MO	63033	mushroom1@mindspring.com	
Mona	Colburn	2013 1101 East Ash St.	Springfield	IL	62703	colburn@museum.state.il.us	d
Carl	Daubach	2014 3107 Sutterville Rd.	Fults	IL	62244	clifftop@htc.net	d
Phil	Goldman	2013 414 N Elm Street	Mount Prospect	IL	60056	phil@houseofgoldman.org	
JoAnn	Jacoby	2013 1116 W. William St	Champaign	IL	61821	jacoby@illinois.edu	
Dan	Lamping	2013 2501 S. Kings Highway	St. Louis	MO	63110	lampingdaniel@yahoo.com	d
Mihai	Lefticariu	2014 1314 E. Grand Ave	Carbondale	IL	62901	mihalefticariu@siu.edu	
John	Lovaas	2013 308 E. Kimball Ave.	Woodstock	IL	60098	jlovaas@mc.net	T
Richard	Raber	2013 PO Box 532	Effingham	IL	62401	rkrraber@effingham.net	d
Rodney	Raber	2013 PO Box 532	Effingham	IL	62401	rkrraber@effingham.net	
Gary	Resch	2013 6151 Farthing Rd.	Odin	IL	62870	garyresch@hotmail.com	d
Dawn	Ryan	2013 308 E. Kimball Ave.	Woodstock	IL	60098	dawn_ryan41@yahoo.com	
Tony	Schmitt	2014 1227 Perdiz Lane	Fenton	MO	63026	tonymary2601@yahoo.com	
Mary	Schubert	2013 38 Champagne Dr.	Lake Saint Louis	MO	63367-1602	choct3376@gmail.com	
Jim	Sherrell	2014 205 E Ofallon Dr	Caseyville	IL	62232	jimsherrell@sbcglobal.net	
Marc	Stamborsk	2018 2774 Foxwood Drive	New Lenox	IL	60451	marc.stamborski@gm.com	
Steve	Taylor	2015 1116 W. William St	Champaign	IL	61821	sjtaylor@inhs.uiuc.edu	d
Erin	Thomas	2017 511 N 22nd St	Murphysboro	IL	62966	ErinMThomas83@gmail.com	
Bob	Weck	2012 2016 Stemler Road	Columbia	IL	62236	Bob.Weck@swic.edu	d, VP, drc
Frank	Wilhelm	2016 613 S. Garfield St.	Moscow	ID	83843	fwilhelm@uidaho.edu	drc
Jack	Wood	2014 2326 N. Maplewood Ave.	Chicago	IL	60647	speleo30@gmail.com	d, drc

LYP = Last year paid or current through...