

1996 NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting

The following is Draft 3 of the Proposed Agenda for events to be sponsored by the NSS Chapters' Assembly during the 1996 ISDC. I have checked with most of the parties involved, including ISDC Chair Greg Zsidisin, who has confirmed that our events have been added to the 1996 ISDC schedule.

1. **NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting: Day 1** — This will be a 2 to 3 hour session focused on the creation of any resolutions to be presented to the NSS Board of Directors at their meeting on Sunday. The event is currently scheduled for Friday, May 24, starting at 8:30 p.m.
 - a. **Administrative Duties** (15 minutes) — Includes the following:
 1. Registration and Attendance
 2. Election of meeting officers (e.g., Parliamentarian)
 3. Requests for additions and/or changes to the Agenda
 - b. **Simple Issues and Resolutions** (45 minutes) — Issues expected to take less than 15 minutes to resolve, including the following:
 1. ~~Review and approval/rejection of Chapter Space Policy Survey results (survey not ready)~~
 2. Other simple issues addressed by NSS chapters
 - c. **Other Issues and Resolutions** (1 hour) — Issues expected to take up to 30 minutes to resolve, including the following:
 1. Possible issue to address: “Should high school or college students be allowed to create and operate NSS chapters? If not, should we encourage college students to join/form SEDS chapters? What about high school students?”
 2. Other important issues addressed by NSS chapters
 - d. **Debate on the Future of NSS Chapters** (1 hour) — Formal debate over the issues regarding the NSS chapter system.
 1. The next 30 minutes to address the following question: “Should membership to NSS chapters be automatically included with membership to NSS? If so, how much dues should chapters get, and how much higher (if any) should NSS dues be raised?”
 2. The first 30 minutes to address the following question: “Should NSS chapters maintain self-rule or should the NSS Chapters' Coordinators restructure the chapter system to best suit the national organization?”
 - e. **Post-Meeting** (30 minutes) — Chapters' Assembly officers are expected to remain for 30 minutes after the meeting — or on Saturday morning — to help draft any resolutions for the NSS Board of Directors meeting.
2. **NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting: Day 2** — This will be a 3 hour session focused on other business of the NSS Chapters' Assembly. The event is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 25, from 2 to 5 p.m.
 - a. **Administrative Duties** (10 minutes) — Includes the following:

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1. Registration and Attendance
 2. Requests for additions and/or changes to the Agenda
 - b. **Elections of Officers** (10 minutes) — Nominations and elections of replacement officers for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer for the term 1996 through 1998. The current Secretary and Treasurer will be expected to close out all business conducted at the 1996 ISDC and enable a smooth transition for the new officers.
 - c. **Elections of Administrative Council Members** (20 minutes) — Nominations and elections of new members for the Chapters' Assembly Administrative Council. One counselor is required from each NSS region (eight in the U.S., plus one international).
 - d. **Choosing Chapter and Chapter Activist of the Year** (20 minutes) — Review of nominations and voting for the recipient of the NSS Chapter of the Year Award, and the recipient of the NSS Chapter Activist of the Year Award.
 - e. **Proposed Changes to the CA By-Laws** (20 minutes) — Final review and approval or rejection of proposed changes to the By-Laws of the Chapters' Assembly. Here are a few suggestions:
 1. Proposed Change 1: By-Law IV – Chairman, paragraph 2.b. Revise sentence: “must be a member of the NSS,” to “must be a member of the NSS; must not also concurrently hold a position on the NSS Executive Committee, Board of Directors, nor Board of Governors;”
 2. Proposed Change 2: By-Law IV - Chairman, paragraph 2.f. Replace sentence with: “The Chairman of the CA may serve up to two consecutive terms.”
 3. Proposed Change 3: By-Law V - Executive Secretary, paragraph 2.f. Replace sentence with: “The Executive Secretary may serve up to two consecutive terms.”
 - f. **Reports of Working Committees** (40 minutes) — Each Working Committee will have up to 10 minutes to summarize their activities over the past year, to submit a written report, and make its recommendations for continuance or abolishment.
 - g. **Overview of Chapter Projects Foundry** (30 minutes) — An oral/viewgraph presentation by Foundry Chairman Gregory Allison of his newly proposed means for providing assistance for large projects by one or more chapters. Information packets will be available for all NSS chapters.
 - h. **Overview of Chapter Resource Library** (30 minutes) — An oral/viewgraph presentation by Chapters' Assembly Chairman Ronnie Lajoie of his newly proposed means for improving information exchange among chapters. Information packets containing ideas on paper and diskettes will be available for all NSS chapters.
3. **Meet Your Chapters' Coordinators/Organizers** — This will be an informal gathering for NSS Chapters' Coordinators and Regional Organizers to sit down with the leaders of their respective NSS chapters. This event is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 25, from 5 to 6 p.m. Remember to bring your Chapter Survey forms (if completed) and other concerns.