

1997 National Space Society Chapters' Assembly Meeting

Friday, May 23, 1997

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1997 International Space Development Conference

Omni Rosen Hotel, Orlando, Florida

1997 ISDC Chapter-Related Meetings

Friday, May 23

- 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting

Saturday, May 24

- 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Chapter Organization Committee
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Chapters' Resources Meetings
 - NSS Chapters' Resource Committee
 - CA's Chapters' Resource Library Committee
 - NSS Frontier Slide Show Committee
- 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Chapters Helping Chapters

1997 NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting Agenda

- **8:00 - 8:15 p.m. Administrative Duties**
- **8:15 - 8:45 p.m. Fate of Chapters' Assembly**
- **8:45 - 9:20 p.m. Chapters' Assembly Business**
- **8:45 - 9:20 p.m. (or Open Discussion if CA folds)**
- **9:20 - 9:30 p.m. Break**
- **9:30 - 10:00 p.m. Issues with NSS Publications**
- **10:00 - 10:30 p.m. .. Issues with NSS Organizations**
- **10:30 - 11:00 p.m. .. Issues with NSS Direction**
- **Note — “Issues with” become “Discussion of” if CA folds**

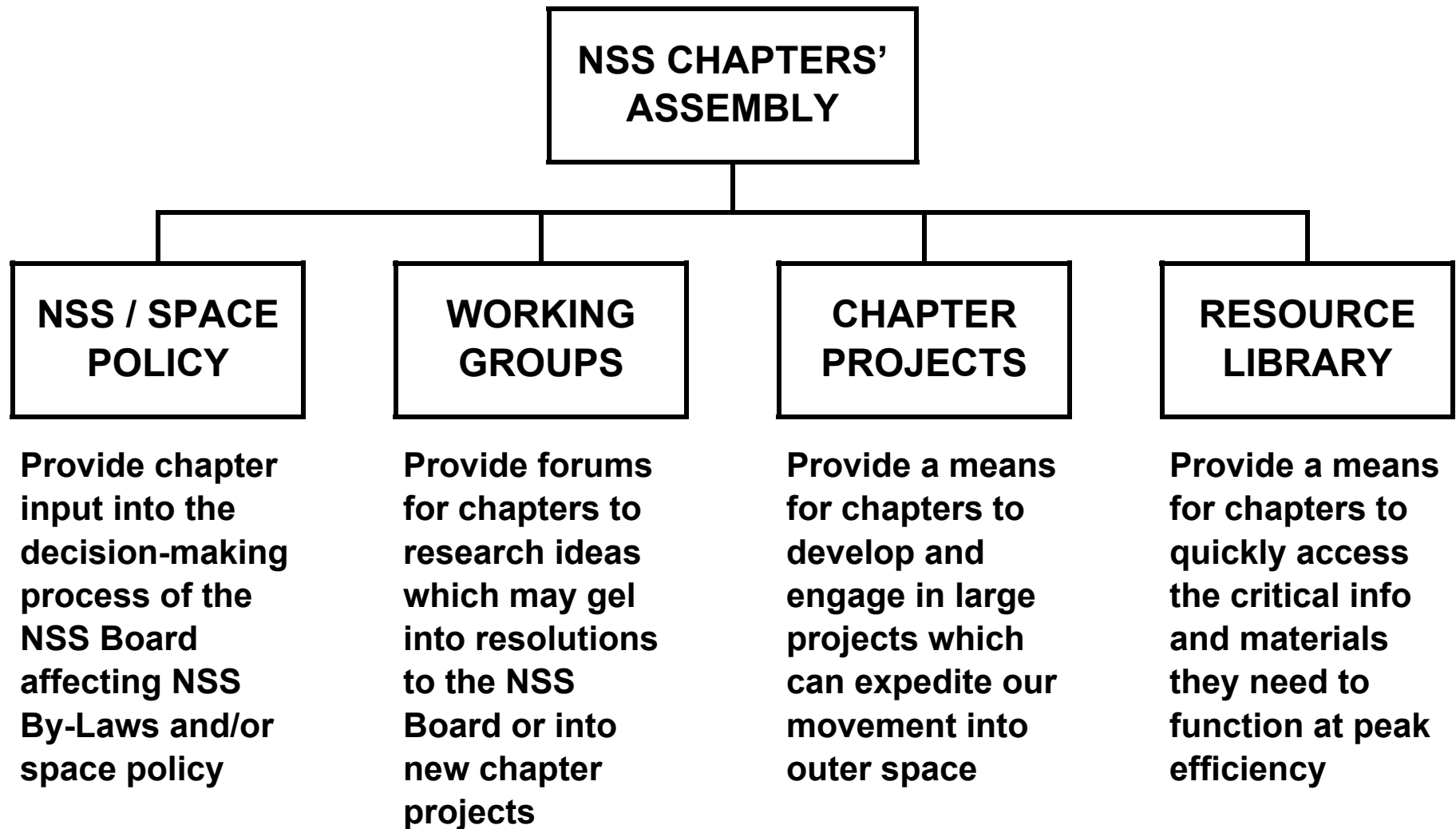
Fate of the Chapters' Assembly

- **Why the Concern?**
 - **Chapters' Assembly nearly dissolved at 1995 ISDC**
 - **Few chapters are represented at ISDC meetings (< 20%)**
 - **Without a Treasurer and Secretary since 1996 ISDC**
 - **Most NSS regions lack Administrative Councilors**
 - **Leadership has been weak and intermittent**
 - **Response from chapters to mailings has been weak**
- **Why the Chapters' Assembly Might Still be Needed**
 - **Many NSS regions lack Chapters' Organizers**
 - **Many NSS chapters are borderline inactive**
 - **Many NSS chapters lack people, ideas, or resources**
 - **Together, chapters have a better chance to shape policies**

Fate of the Chapters' Assembly

- **What should happen to the Chapters' Assembly?**
 - Dissolve the organization — no longer needed**
 - Suspend the organization until needed again**
 - Keep as an informal (no dues) annual ISDC meeting only**
 - Keep as informal (no dues) meetings at ISDCs and regional conferences**
 - Refocus the organization (retain dues) — delete some functions**
 - Keep all current Chapters' Assembly functions as is (weak)**
 - Strengthen current Chapters' Assembly functions**
 - Rededicated NSS chapters to a worth-while Chapters' Assembly**
 - Other: _____**

The Four Parts of the NSS Chapters' Assembly



Fate of the Chapters' Assembly

- **Fate of remaining Chapters' Assembly funds (\$ 491.46)**
 - Divide evenly among all chapters**
 - Divide evenly among THIS year's members of Chapters' Assembly**
 - Divide evenly among LAST year's members of Chapters' Assembly**
 - Divide evenly among PAST years' members of Chapters' Assembly**
 - Donate all funds to NSS national**
 - Donate all funds to charity: _____**
 - Other: _____**

Chapters' Assembly Business

- **Proposed Changes to the Chapters' Assembly Bylaws**
 - Final review and approval or rejection of proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Chapters' Assembly, including:
 - **Proposed Change 2: Bylaw IV - Chairman, paragraph 2.f:**
 - Replace:*** “No Chairman of the CA may serve consecutive terms.”
 - with:*** “The Chairman of the CA may serve up to two consecutive terms.”
 - **Proposed Change 3: Bylaw V - Executive Secretary, paragraph 2.f:**
 - Replace:*** “No Executive Secretary may serve consecutive terms.”
 - with:*** “The Executive Secretary may serve up to two consecutive terms.”

Chapters' Assembly Business

- **Elections of Officers for 1997 to 1999**
 - **Chair:** _____
 - **Secretary:** _____
 - **Treasurer:** _____

- **Elections of Administrative Council for 1997 to 1998**
 - **Region 1 (CW):** _____
 - **Region 2 (NW):** _____
 - **Region 3 (SW):** _____
 - **Region 4 (MS):** _____
 - **Region 5 (SE):** _____
 - **Region 6 (MW):** _____
 - **Region 7 (CE):** _____
 - **Region 8 (NE):** _____
 - **International:** _____

Chapters' Assembly Business

- **Choosing 1997 Outstanding Chapter (for 1996 activities)**

Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

- **Choosing 1997 Outstanding Chapter Activist**

Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

Nominee: _____

Issues with NSS Publications

- How do NSS publications rate with chapters?

NSS Publication	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
<i>Ad Astra</i>				
<i>Space Notes</i>				
<i>Inside NSS</i>				
<i>SpaceViews</i>				

- Would chapters like to see annual readership surveys?

NSS Publication	Yes	No	Maybe
<i>Ad Astra</i>			
<i>Space Notes</i>			
<i>Inside NSS</i>			
<i>SpaceViews</i>			

Issues with NSS Publications

- **Current Status of Chapters List in NSS publications**

NSS Publication	There Now?	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
<i>Ad Astra</i>	Yes				
<i>Space Notes</i>	No				
<i>Inside NSS</i>	Yes				
<i>SpaceViews</i>	No				

- **Recommendations for Chapters List in NSS publications**

NSS Publication	Should it be?	How often?	How many pages?
<i>Ad Astra</i>			
<i>Space Notes</i>			
<i>Inside NSS</i>			
<i>SpaceViews</i>			

Issues with NSS Organizations

- How do NSS organizations rate with chapters?

NSS Organization	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Board of Governors				
Board of Directors				
Executive Committee				
Chapters Coordinators				
Chapters' Assembly				
Headquarters Staff				
Spacecause				
Spacepac				

Issues with NSS Organizations

- **Would chapters like to see annual performance surveys?**

NSS Organization	Yes	No	Maybe
Board of Governors			
Board of Directors			
Executive Committee			
Chapters Coordinators			
Chapters' Assembly			
Headquarters Staff			
Spacecause			
Spacepac			

- **Note: such a survey would address each organization as a whole, and not be directed towards any individual within**

Issues with NSS Direction

- What should we have in 20 years, by the year 2017?

Goal for Our Future in Space	Yes	Later	No
Government-funded exploration team on Mars			
Industry-funded processing plant on the Moon			
Privately-funded space hotels in Low-Earth-Orbit			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

- **Note: this is wish list for 2017, not a prediction**

Issues with NSS Direction

- **Which goals need NSS support to succeed?**

Future Space Goal Requiring NSS Support	Most	Some	None
Government-funded exploration team on Mars			
Industry-funded processing plant on the Moon			
Privately-funded space hotels in Low-Earth-Orbit			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

- **Note: a vote for “None” means “someone else will do it”**

Issues with NSS Direction

- Which goals will your chapter work towards?

Future Space Goal Requiring NSS Support	Lead	Support
Government-funded exploration team on Mars		
Industry-funded processing plant on the Moon		
Privately-funded space hotels in Low-Earth-Orbit		
Other:		
Other:		
Other:		
Other:		
Other:		

- Note: a vote for “Lead” means “leading other chapters”