

1996 NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting

NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting: Day 1

Friday, May 24, 8:15 – 11:15 p.m.

1. Administrative Duties (15 minutes)

- A. Registration and Attendance
- B. Election of meeting officers (e.g., Parliamentarian)
- C. Requests for additions and/or changes to the Agenda

2. Simple Issues and Resolutions (45 minutes, spread over "Discussion Times")

- A. SWSDC Proposed Resolution 3: "NSS should set up an automatic monthly notification system to inform chapter organizers and chapter leaders about new NSS members in their regions and local areas." Also John Strickland Proposed Resolution 4: "Resolved, that the NSS should notify chapters at least twice a year of the new NSS members who have just joined or moved into their areas. This should be automated, and should require minimal staff time. Most of the notifications can be done by email, and the rest can be included in regular chapter mailings, so no special mailings would be required." (Discussion Time: 2–15 minutes)
- B. SWSDC Proposed Resolution 4: "New [NSS] members should be sent a letter of welcome that includes contact information for their regional organizer, closest chapter, and [about] the next ISDC." (Discussion Time: 2–5 minutes)
- C. Lajoie Proposed Resolution: "Resolved, that the NSS Chapters' Assembly recognize Jeffrey Liss for his excellence in producing *Inside NSS*." (Discussion Time: 2–5 minutes)
- D. SWSDC Proposed Resolution 5: "More should be done to advertise the ISDCs, including an ad in every issue of Ad Astra and all nationally distributed NSS publications." (Discussion Time: 2–5 minutes)
- E. SWSDC Proposed Resolution 6: "Some of the 50% of profits from each ISDC should be spent on speakers' expenses for the next ISDC, to help attract the best speakers." (Discussion Time: 2–15 minutes)
- F. SWSDC Proposed Resolution 1: "All critical functions [of NSS] should be paid for, even if only token amounts are offered, to ensure professional quality products and services, except for professional services which are donated." (Discussion Time: 2–10 minutes)
- G. SWSDC Proposed Resolution 2: "No one person shall have total responsibility over any critical function in the [NSS] organization to ensure continuity and professional products and services." (Discussion Time: 2–10 minutes, as time allows)
- H. Strickland Proposed Resolution 3: "Resolved, that the NSS should spend a larger portion of its budget (between 1 and 5 percent more) on television and other media recruitment and member services. Also, the NSS should establish a Media Fund, which would accept donations which would only be used for media productions for public outreach." (Discussion Time: 20–40 minutes, as time allows)

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3. Complex Issues and Resolutions (1 hour, up to 30 minutes per issue)

- A. CSDC Proposed Resolution on term limits for members of the NSS Board of Directors: "It is moved that the Bylaws of the Society [NSS] shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERM: Second to the last sentence in the section, current wording: *'An individual may serve any number of successive terms of office on the At-Large board and may also serve a term as a Regional Board member immediately following a period of time as an At-Large Board member.'* Proposed wording: *'After an individual serves two successive terms on the At-Large Board, that individual shall be ineligible to run for the Board in any capacity in the following election. Transition clause (to be deleted after completion): The first term that will be counted for the purpose of the two successive term limit is the term that begins in 1997.'*

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS, SECTION 5. REELECTION: Current wording: *'Officers shall be eligible for re-election without limitation.'* Proposed wording: *'Officers shall be eligible for re-election, with the exception that no individual may serve in any officer capacity for more than three consecutive terms. Transition clause (to be deleted after completion): All individuals serving as an officer at the time of passage of this amendment shall be considered to be serving their first term for the purposes of this section.'*

Under NSS Bylaws, the voting members of the Executive Committee are the 12 elected Officers, other than the General Council and Assistant Officers. Elected officers are Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board of Governors, President, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, four Vice Presidents, General Council, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer."

- B. Address the following questions: "Should high school or college students be allowed to create and operate student-only NSS chapters? If not, should we encourage college students to join/form SEDS chapters? What about high school students?"

4. Debate on the Future of NSS Chapters (1 hour, up to 30 minutes per issue)

- A. Address the following questions: "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? What happens to chapters whose dues are currently higher than what NSS could "donate"? What happens to chapter members who are currently not NSS members due to either lack of funds or interest?"
- B. Address the following question: "Should the NSS chapter system remain as is (members determine their chapter makeup) or should the NSS Chapters' Coordinators restructure the chapter system to better suit the national organization?"

5. Post-Meeting (up to 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.

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NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting: Day 2

Saturday, May 25, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Administrative Duties (10 minutes, 2:00 – 2:10 p.m.)

- A. Registration and Attendance
- B. Requests for additions and/or changes to the Agenda

2. Elections of Officers (10 minutes, 2:10 – 2:20 p.m.)

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.

3. Elections of Administrative Council Members (10 min., 2:20 – 2:30 p.m.)

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).

4. Choosing NSS Chapter of the Year (10 minutes., 2:30 – 2:40 p.m.)

- A. Huntsville Alabama L5 Society — Project HALO and HALO Student Achievement
- B. South Dakota Space Society — Return to the Moon space contest
- C. Other Nominations: _____

5. Choosing NSS Chapter Activist of the Year (10 minutes., 2:40 – 2:50 p.m.)

- A. Gregory H. Allison — Project HALO, HALO Student Achievement, and The Foundry
- B. Other Nominations: _____

6. Changes to Chapters' Assembly By-Laws (20 min., 2:50 – 3:10 p.m.)

- A. Proposed Change 1, to provide more voting options: By-Law III – Postal Voting. Revise title from “**Postal Voting**” to “**Postal and E-mail Voting**”. Also Revise introductory sentence: “**At any time, any member-chapter of the CA may call for a postal vote on any resolution.**” to “**At any time, any member-chapter of the CA may call for a postal and/or E-mail vote on any resolution.**”
- B. Proposed Change 2, to prevent conflicts of interest: 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.**”
- C. Proposed Change 3, to provide more stability: By-Law IV - Chairman, paragraph 2.f. Replace sentence “**No Chairman of the CA may serve consecutive terms.**” with: “**The Chairman of the CA may serve up to two consecutive terms.**”

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- D. Proposed Change 4, to provide more stability: By-Law V - Executive Secretary, paragraph 2.f. Replace sentence “**No Executive Secretary may serve consecutive terms.**” with: “**The Executive Secretary may serve up to two consecutive terms.**”

7. Reports of Working Committees (50 minutes., 3:10 – 4:00 p.m.)

Each Working Committee has 10 minutes to summarize their activities over the past year, to submit a written report, and make its recommendations for continuance or abolishment.

- A. Solar Power Satellite Demonstrator — Trent Telenko (10 minutes, 3:10 – 3:20 p.m.)
- B. Single-Stage-to-Orbit — Allen Sherzer (10 minutes, 3:20 – 3:30 p.m.)
- C. Return to the Moon — David Anderman (10 minutes, 3:30 – 3:40 p.m.)
- D. 24-Hour Space Network — Ronnie Lajoie (10 minutes, 3:40 – 3:50 p.m.)
- E. Space Policy Committee — Allen Sherzer (10 minutes, 3:50 – 4:00 p.m.)
- F. Call for New Working Committees (as time allows)

8. Overview of Chapter Projects Foundry (20 minutes, 4:00 – 4:20 p.m.)

An oral/viewgraph presentation by Foundry Chairman Gregory Allison of his proposed means for providing assistance for large projects by one or more chapters. Information packets will be made available for NSS chapters.

9. Vote on Adoption of The Foundry (10 min., 4:20 – 4:30 p.m.)

10. Overview of Chapters Resource Library (20 minutes., 4:30 – 4:50 p.m.)

An oral/viewgraph presentation by Chapters' Assembly Chairman Ronnie Lajoie of his proposed means for improving information exchange among chapters. Information packets will be made available for NSS chapters.

11. Vote on Approval of Chapters Resource Library (10 min., 4:50 – 5:00 p.m.)

12. Meet Your Chapters' Coordinators/Organizers (1 hour, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

An informal gathering for NSS Chapters' Coordinators and Regional Organizers to sit down with the leaders of their respective NSS chapters.

- A. Possible discussion item: “What can the NSS Chapters' Coordinators/Organizers do to make NSS chapters more effective?”
- B. Possible discussion item: “What should be the working relationship between the NSS Chapters' Coordinators/Organizers and the NSS Chapters' Assembly?”