

1996 NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting Minutes

(Please note that detailed minutes were not taken at all meetings; thus some of the following information may be in error. Meeting participants are more than welcome to submit corrections and additional information. Retractions will be published when requested.)

Day 1 — Friday, May 24, 8 – 11 p.m.

1. Administrative Duties (8:00 – 8:35 p.m.)

A. Registration and Attendance

The following 16 NSS chapters were represented (but not necessarily present for all votes):

Ann Arbor Space Society (Tim Wright)
Austin Space Frontier Society (John Strickland)
Chicago Space Frontier L5 Society (Larry Ahearn)
Clear Lake Area Chapter of NSS (Pat Jackson)
Cuyahoga Valley Space Society (George Cooper)
DC L5 (Bennett Rutledge)
Heart of America Chapter NSS (Tom Huffman)
Huntsville Alabama L5 Society (Greg Allison)
Illinois North Shore NSS (Joe Ausmann)
Metro Orlando Space Society (Michael Gilbrook)
NSS of North Texas (Carol Johnson)
Oregon L5 (Tom Billings)
Silicon Valley Space Society (Allen Sherzer)
Space Frontier Society of New York (Steve Wolfe)
Sydney Space Frontier Society (Kirby Ikin)
Triangle Space Society (Steve Nixon)

In addition to the above, the following people were also present: Ronnie Lajoie (Chair, Chapters' Assembly), Craig Ward (NSS Vice-President for Chapters), Shirley Smith (U.S. Chapters' Coordinator), Marianne Dyson, Karen Mermel, Jeffrey Liss, and possibly others.

B. Election of Meeting Officers

In the absence of Treasurer Theresa Holmes, Chairman Lajoie acted as Registrar. Also, Allen Sherzer volunteered to be Sergeant-of-Arms. (Note: because of a late start, no election was held; this will be corrected in the future.)

C. Requests for Additions/Changes to Agenda

Jeff Liss requested 10 minutes to seek advice on ISDC planning/execution from the members for his Conference Committee meeting at 9 p.m. (Note: this was granted by the Chair prior to the meeting and not confirmed by a vote from the assembly; this will be corrected in the future.)

2. Simple Issues & Resolutions (8:35 – 9:30 p.m.)

Note on voting results: a vote of 5-4-3 means 5 yeas (for), 4 nays (against), and 3 abstains.

A. Resolution 3 Proposed at SWSDC:

"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 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."

Tom Huffman seconded the resolution and discussion ensued. Many (including Strickland, Nixon) expressed support. Others (including Mermel, Smith) said that the existing system ("hotlist" by request) should be adequate. A friendly amendment to remove "monthly" was accepted (as shown). By a vote of 7-2-2, the resolution was passed on to a working committee (chaired by John Strickland) so that the cost impact to NSS HQ could be determined.

B. Resolution 4 Proposed at SWSDC:

"New members should be sent a letter of welcome that includes contact information for their regional organizer, closest chapters, and the next ISDC."

After the resolution was seconded, the only change was a friendly amendment to add an "s" to "chapter". Agreement was reached that the existing new NSS member welcome letter could be modified, if necessary, to include these items, with little additional cost. By a vote of 9-0-2, the resolution passed.

C. Lajoie Proposed Resolution:

"Resolved, that the NSS Chapters' Assembly recognize Jeffrey Liss for his excellence in producing *Inside NSS*."

After the resolution was seconded, there was little discussion. By a vote of 11-0-0, the resolution passed unanimously. Jeff Liss was then allowed 10 minutes to ask his questions about ISDCs.

To get the Agenda back on track, the Chair requested a motion to bypass Simple issues D to H and move on to Complex Issues (the former would be addressed as time allowed). Instead, Allen Sherzer made a motion to discuss D to H as a single item, which Michael Gilbrook revised to vote on each one without any discussion. This was approved; thus, for D to H, the vote and results immediately follow the resolution text.

D. Resolution 5 Proposed at SWSDC:

"More should be done to advertise the ISDCs, including an ad in every issue of Ad Astra and all nationally distributed NSS publications." NO DISCUSSION. By a vote of 4-7-1, the resolution failed.

E. Resolution 6 Proposed at SWSDC:

"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." NO DISCUSSION. By a vote of 3-6-2, the resolution failed.

F. Resolution 1 Proposed at SWSDC:

"All critical functions [of NSS] should be paid for, even if only token amounts are offered, to ensure professional

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quality products and services, except for professional services which are donated." NO DISCUSSION. By a vote of 3-6-2, the resolution failed.

G. Resolution 2 Proposed at SWSDC:

"No one person shall have total responsibility over any critical function in the [NSS] organization to ensure continuity and professional products and services." NO DISCUSSION. By a vote of 4-7-1, the resolution failed.

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." NO DISCUSSION. By a vote of 3-6-1, the resolution failed.

3. Complex Issues & Resolutions (9:30 – 10:30 p.m.)

A. Resolution Proposed at CSDC:

"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."

Tom Billings seconded the resolution and discussion ensued. A motion to discuss and vote on the two changes to the bylaws separately was accepted.

Pat Jackson stated that Marianne Dyson (who had to leave) was opposed to term limits in general. Many concurred. By a vote of 3-6-4, the resolution failed.

A discussion ensued on whether the Officer bylaw change should apply to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, whose position is somewhat honorary. A friendly amendment to remove that position from the list was accepted (as shown), as was one for "General Council". By a vote of 4-8-4, the resolution failed.

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?"

A discussion was held questioning why this issue was being raised. The Chair responded that it had been published in *Inside NSS* and seemed important. Smith and Mermel pointed out that many current NSS chapters are based at universities; and that although their success rate is not high, they are not forbidden. The Chair agreed to withdraw the issue.

4. Debate on Future of Chapters (10:30 – 11:30 p.m.)

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?"

These two issues were discussed as a group. Craig Ward recommended sending them to a committee made of himself and Stephen Wolfe. The Chair agreed as long as he could also be on it and the committee could present its results in 6 months, to give chapters time to review it and vote (as necessary). By a vote of 8-4-1, the motion passed. Lajoie, Smith, Ikin, Allison, and Jackson volunteered to be on the committee; and Ward also requested David Brandt.

The remaining time, until 11:30 p.m., was used for general discussion on the issues, to provide input for the Futures Committee (temporary name).

Debate on assigning NSS members to chapters was fairly heated. Many chapter presidents (incl. Allison, Nixon) prefer the current system. Kirby Ikin described the system used in Australia, whereby each NSS member is assigned to a chapter. Active chapters get \$15 per

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member; inactive ones get only \$5 per member. He added that 4 of the 8 chapters are currently inactive.

Steve Wolfe also favored automatic assignment, because chapters would not have to waste valuable resources trying to get NSS members to join them, and they would have a larger member base from which to draw. Ron Lajoie responded that most NSS members in the North Alabama region have no interest in joining their local chapter, HAL5, despite its major ongoing projects. He added that non-active members can be a burden to a chapter's limited resources of hardworking active members. Greg Allison nodded in concurrence. Steve answered that the additional chapter money from those members would offset the increased costs of mailings and announcements.

It was clear from the discussion that there was no consensus and that the issues' time had come.

Chapters' Assembly Resolution Voting Summary

Ref	Issue	Yeas	Nays	Abst	Result
2-A	Notify chapters	7	2	2	Com
2-B	Notify members	9	0	2	Pass
2-C	Recognize Liss	11	0	0	Pass
2-D	Advertise ISDCs	4	7	1	Fail
2-E	Share ISDC profits	3	6	2	Fail
2-F	Critical functions	3	6	2	Fail
2-G	Responsibility	4	7	1	Fail
2-H	NSS Media Fund	3	6	1	Fail
3-A1	Limit Directors	3	6	4	Fail
3-A2	Limit Officers	4	8	4	Fail
3-B	School chapters	—	—	—	With
4-A	Chapter members	(merged with 4-B)			
4-B	Chapter futures	8	4	1	Com

With = Withdrawn, Com = Sent to Committee

Day 2 — Saturday, May 25, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Administrative Duties (2:00 – 2:20 p.m.)

A. Registration and Attendance

The following 7 NSS chapters were represented (but not necessarily present for all votes):

- Ann Arbor Space Society (Tim Wright)
- Austin Space Frontier Society (John Strickland)
- Clear Lake Area Chapter of NSS (Pat Jackson)
- Cuyahoga Valley Space Society (George Cooper)
- Huntsville Alabama L5 Society (Peter Ewing)
- NSS of North Texas (Carol Johnson)
- Silicon Valley Space Society (Allen Sherzer)

In addition to the above, the following people were also present: Chair Ronnie Lajoie, Shirley Smith, Karen Mermel, and Gregory Allison.

B. Requests for Additions/Changes to Agenda

Karen Mermel requested 10 minutes to discuss her multimedia CD outreach program. Robert Pearlman requested 5 to 10 minutes to discuss the NSS Web page (but did not show). Allen Sherzer requested that the Agenda be adjusted to allow him to chair the reports of the Working Committees.

2. Elections of Officers (2:20 – 2:30 p.m.)

No one present volunteered for either position of Secretary or Treasurer for the term 1996 through 1998. Each office shall remain open until someone volunteers and is accepted by an E-mail vote.

3. Elections of Council Members (2:30 – 2:40 p.m.)

The following individuals volunteered for 1-year service on the Chapters' Assembly Administrative Council:

- NSS Region 3 — John Strickland
- NSS Region 5 — Peter Ewing
- NSS Region 6 — George Cooper

Positions for the remaining NSS regions (1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and International) are still vacant.

4. CD-ROM Outreach Program (2:40 – 2:50 p.m.)

Karen Mermel described her concept for conducting NSS outreach via multimedia software on CD-ROM, which would build on the slide show created by Robert Zubrin. She stated that a manufacturer she knows could produce copies so that chapters could buy a copy for only about \$1.

5. Reports of Working Committees (2:50 – 3:10 p.m.)

Allen Sherzer chaired this part of the Chapters' Assembly meeting.

A. Space Policy Committee

Allen Sherzer reported that, after 3 terms, he would be resigning as Chairman of the committee. John Strickland accepted a nomination to succeed him.

B. Solar Power Satellite Demonstrator

Due to inactivity, the Chapters' Assembly voted to dissolve this working committee.

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C. Single-Stage-to-Orbit

Allen Sherzer reported that this committee has made progress, and continues to push for full funding of the RLV program.

D. Return to the Moon

Allen Sherzer reported that this committee was dissolved in 1995.

E. 24-Hour Space Television Network

Ron Lajoie reported that Jules Ross is attempting to start such a network, although he has not contacted him. Lajoie received the Chapters' Assembly approval to continue with this working committee. (On Monday, May 27, as if by fate, Jules Ross walked into the ISDC Exhibit Room 20 minutes before Lajoie had to leave for the airport. They exchanged business cards and Lajoie gave Ross a copy of his Outer Space Network concept presentation from 1993. Ross was very happy to receive it, and both agreed to stay in touch.)

F. Call for New Working Committees

No one present requested any new committees.

6. Changes to CA Bylaws (3:10 – 3:30 p.m.)

A. Proposed Change 1, to provide more voting options:

Bylaw 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.”

Carol Johnson seconded the motion. She also made a friendly amendment to change the “and/or” to just “and”, as shown. By a vote of 4-0-0, the motion passed.

Following the vote, several chapter-members expressed concern about further revising the bylaws with so few chapters present. A motion was made to discuss and vote the rest of the proposed bylaw changes by E-mail. By a vote of 5-0-0, the motion passed.

B. Proposed Change 2, to prevent conflicts of interest:

Bylaw 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, nor Board of Directors, nor Board of Governors.”

A friendly amendment was made to remove the restriction on the “Board of Governors”, as shown.

C. Proposed Change 3, to provide more stability:

Bylaw 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.”

D. Proposed Change 4, to provide more stability:

Bylaw 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. Choosing 1995 NSS Outstanding Chapter

The Chair read the list of submitted nominees, which included the Huntsville Alabama L5 Society (HAL5) and the South Dakota Space Society. He described their 1995 activities. Accomplishments for HAL5 included making significant progress on Project HALO's propulsion system and developing a first draft of its HALO educational program. The South Dakota chapter hosted a successful Return to the Moon space contest. Shirley Smith added some more good words for the South Dakota chapter, which formed only one year prior.

The Chair then requested nominations from the floor. Carol Johnson nominated her chapter, the NSS of North Texas, and described her chapter's many activities in 1995. These included holding monthly meetings, publishing a monthly newsletter, hosting events during SpaceWeek, distributing over 3000 Apollo 13 newsletters, and planning a regional space conference.

A vote was then taken, and the NSS of North Texas chapter received the most votes.

8. Choosing 1995 NSS Outstanding Chapter Member

The Chair read the list of submitted nominees, which included Gregory Allison. He described his 1995 activities, which included presiding over the Huntsville Alabama L5 Society, managing its Project HALO rockoon program, developing its HALO Achievement educational program, and chairing the Foundry.

The Chair then requested nominations from the floor, but there were none. A vote was then taken, and Greg Allison won unanimously.

9. Foundry for Chapter Projects (4:00 – 4:30 p.m.)

Greg Allison gave an oral presentation of the Foundry and how he intends to use it as a means for providing assistance for large projects by one or more chapters.

The Chair then requested a motion for the Chapters' Assembly to adopt the Foundry to assist in the development of chapter projects. The motion was made and seconded. By a vote of 6-0-0, the motion passed.

10. Chapters Resource Library (4:30 – 5:00 p.m.)

Ron Lajoie gave an oral presentation of a Chapters Resource Library (temporary name) and how he intends to use it as a means for providing for information exchange among NSS chapters via the World Wide Web and mail.

The Chair then requested a motion for the Chapters' Assembly to approve development of the Chapters Resource

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Library. The motion was made and seconded. By a vote of 6-0-0, the motion passed.

The Chair then requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and the meeting adjourned.

11. Meet Your Chapters' Coordinators (5 – 6 p.m.)

NSS Chapters' Coordinators Craig Ward, Shirley Smith, and Kirby Ikin sat down with chapter-members Carol Johnson, Peter Ewing, Ronnie Lajoie, George Cooper, and possibly others. Kirby could not stay the entire time. Shirley said that no organizers had attended the ISDC.

Craig officially introduced Shirley and Kirby and stated that they are responsible for dealing with NSS chapters, while

Craig serves as an interface to NSS Headquarters and the Board of Directors.

The group discussed the lack of Chapter Organizers in many NSS regions. Shirley stated that she is looking for replacements, but would rather have no one in those positions than persons who would not do a good job. She said that chapters in those regions can contact her in the meantime.

Other topics were also discussed (but no minutes were recorded). The group agreed that such conversations are well worth while and that they should be done at regional conferences as well.

Day 3 — Sunday, May 26

(The following minutes are from activities for which the Chairman of the NSS Chapters' Assembly was involved.)

1. Board of Directors Presentation (4:00 – 4:15 p.m.)

A. Overview of Revived Chapters' Assembly

The following is the text of the opening comments from the CA Chair to the NSS Board of Directors:

“Ladies and Gentlemen of the NSS Board of Directors, I am happy to report to you today, that the NSS Chapters' Assembly is alive, and . . . well . . . we do have a plan. As you know, in the past, the Chapters' Assembly has focused almost exclusively upon issues of NSS space and internal policy — many times for good reason. I believe that relations between chapters and the Board have improved sufficiently for the Chapters' Assembly to focus more upon other parts of the Chapters' Assembly charter.

The new, hopefully improved, Chapters' Assembly, now consists of four parts. The first, NSS/Space Policy, I believe, you know. The second, Working Groups, was begun by my predecessor David Anderman, and allows the Chapters' Assembly time to better prepare for resolutions and chapter projects.

The third, Chapter Projects, provides a means for chapters to develop and engage in large projects which can expedite our movement into outer space. Yesterday, the Chapters' Assembly voted to adopt and provide a home for the Foundry, which will be used as a project incubator for chapter projects.

The fourth, Resource Library, provides a means for chapters to quickly access the critical information (such as Shirley Smith's chapter training) and materials (such as Dr. Zubrin's space slides) they need to function at peak efficiency. Yesterday, the Chapters' Assembly voted to approve the creation of a Chapters Resource Library and to begin the development process.”

B. Review of NSS Chapters Needs Survey

The CA Chair passed out copies of a bar chart showing the results, thus far, of the Chapters Needs Survey. He explained that the results are preliminary and that trends cannot be extrapolated from only 13 of 80 responses. He promised to update the chart once more responses come in and resubmit it to the Board of Directors.

The CA Chair then briefly described the results, which shows that 4 of 13 chapters stated that their most critical need is officers; and that 6 listed (active) members as their top first or second need. The only chapter needing money as its top need was Huntsville, for its Project HALO. Many need ideas and guidance as well. The Chair added that he would not wait for more responses to come in before acting on the ones that have. He said he will work with the Chapters' Coordinators and Organizers to get help to chapters as soon as possible.

C. Summary of Top Three Chapters' Assembly Issues

The CA Chair described briefly to the Board how Chapters' Assembly resolutions would be processed. Space policy resolutions would not be presented to the Board; rather they would be passed on to the NSS Policy Committee. (He added that no such resolutions were passed.) Internal Chapters' Assembly resolutions would not be presented at all. Per agreement with Lori Garver, the top three resolutions dealing with NSS policy affecting chapters would be presented to the Board, where they could be discussed and hopefully resolved.

The CA Chair then described the first CA issue, pertaining to the notification to new NSS members of NSS chapters in their area, and read the text of the passed resolution. Discussion followed and the Board agreed to let Lori Garver and the CA Chair work together to revise the new member welcome letter so that it encourages them to contact their local chapter(s).

The CA Chair then described the second CA issue, pertaining to the notification to NSS chapters of new NSS members in their area. He told the Board that this issue has been sent to an internal committee.

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The CA Chair then described the third CA issue, pertaining to the definition of NSS chapters and the organization of the NSS chapter system. He told the Board that this issue has been sent to a committee composed of members of the Chapters' Assembly and Chapters' Coordinators, and that they would have six months to draft and present a proposal to the chapters. He added that at least half of all NSS chapters would have to ratify such a proposal before it would be sent to the NSS Board of Directors for final approval. The Board asked that the draft proposal be presented at the Executive Committee meeting in December.

2. Chapter Organization Committee (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

A. Brief Summary of Kick-off Meeting

The first meeting of the Chapters Future Committee met on Sunday, May 26, 1996. The following members were present: Craig Ward (chairman), Stephen Wolfe, Ronnie Lajoie, Shirley Smith, Kirby Ikin, Greg Allison, Pat Jackson, and David Brandt. Michael Gilbrook observed. Stephen volunteered to be the group's Secretary.

Craig suggested that we rename the committee to the Chapter Organization Committee, which was approved. Craig said he was pleased that this issue has been brought to the forefront. He said the committee needs to determine if the current system needs minor fixing or a major overhaul.

He asked committee members to research the chapter systems of the NSS and other chapter-based, activist organizations, and to decide if the current system is the best for the National Space Society. If not, the committee must suggest a new system and draft a proposal for its transformation.

Shirley Smith told the committee to expect any major transition in the chapter system to take years; and she added that the proposal must address those chapters who refuse to go along with it.

The group then agreed on a preliminary schedule. June and July would be spent researching this and other chapter-based organizations (and even a few non-chapter-based ones). August would be spent reviewing the findings and deciding on the best system for NSS chapters. September through November would be for the Committee to draft any proposal to be submitted to the NSS chapters for review at the end of November. (See the July issue of *Inside NSS* for more details.)

3. NSS Awards Presentations (8:00 – 10:00 p.m.)

A. Presentation of 1995 NSS Chapters' Assembly Outstanding Chapter Award

The following is the text of the CA Chair's presentation:

"Good evening. My name is Ronnie Lajoie, and I would like to present two awards on behalf of the NSS Chapters' Assembly. First, I would like to thank my outgoing Treasurer, Theresa Holmes, who unfortunately

could not be here; and also, my outgoing Secretary, John Strickland, who over the past year, has provided much knowledge and guidance to me for my position as Chair. John, please stand and be recognized. (By the way, I need your minutes in two days!)

The first award I would like to present is for the Chapters' Assembly Outstanding Chapter of 1995. This award goes to the NSS chapter that best served in 1995 as a role model for all NSS chapters. This year, the award goes to the NSS of North Texas chapter.

Why? Let me tell you. In 1995, this chapter held 12 monthly meetings with more than half its membership in attendance, published 12 monthly newsletters, sponsored a joint dinner meeting with the AIAA, set up a space information table for Astronomy Day, distributed over 3000 Apollo 13 newspapers, ran a slate of speakers, held a children's space art contest, and set up a Space Station exhibit during Space Week 1995 — and began planning for an NSS regional space conference which was successfully held this past March. (Did I mention that they have only 16 members?) Please join me in a round of applause for president Carol Johnson and the other members of the NSS of North Texas chapter."

B. Presentation of 1995 NSS Chapters' Assembly Outstanding Chapter Member Award

The following is the text of the CA Chair's presentation:

"The second award I would like to present is for the Chapters' Assembly Outstanding Chapter Member of 1995. This award goes to the NSS chapter member who has done the most for the NSS chapter system in 1995. This year, the award goes to Gregory H. Allison, president of the Huntsville Alabama L5 Society.

In addition to his role as president of a chapter which last year saw a record membership of 42, Greg also served as Program Manager of HAL5's Project HALO and as Chairman of the Foundry. As Program Manager for Project HALO, Greg assembled and led a team of dedicated volunteers in the development of the first amateur-built, space-capable, hybrid rocket propulsion system. He also led a team in the development of a space education program called HALO Achievement, designed to take space education into the classroom in the same manner as Junior Achievement does for business education. As Chairman of the Foundry, Greg led the development of a permanent advisory committee to serve as a project incubation team for NSS chapters.

- a. For his obvious dedication to the cause of the National Space Society and its chapter system, the NSS Chapters' Assembly is proud to name Greg Allison the 1995 Chapters' Assembly Outstanding Chapter Member. Please join me in a round of applause for Greg!"