

1997 NSS Chapters' Assembly Meetings

- I. **NSS Chapters' Assembly Meeting** — This will be a 3 hour session focused on major issues pertaining to the Chapters' Assembly, NSS publications, NSS organizations, and NSS direction. The event is scheduled for Friday, May 23, starting **promptly** at 8:00 p.m.
 - A. **Administrative Duties** (15 minutes) — Includes the following:
 1. Registration and Attendance
 2. Election of Parliamentarian
 3. Requests for additions and/or changes to the Agenda
 - B. **Fate of the Chapters' Assembly** (30 minutes) — Includes the following:
 1. **What should happen to the Chapters' Assembly?**
 - a. Dissolve the organization — no longer needed
 - b. Suspend the organization until needed again
 - c. Keep as an informal (no dues) annual ISDC meeting only
 - d. Keep as informal (no dues) meetings at ISDCs and regional conferences
 - e. Refocus the organization (retain dues) — delete some functions
 - f. Keep all current Chapters' Assembly functions as is (weak)
 - g. Strengthen current Chapters' Assembly functions
 - h. Rededicated NSS chapters to a worth-while Chapters' Assembly
 - i. Other: _____
 2. **Disbursement of remaining funds** — (\$491.46) if dissolved or made informal
 - a. Divide evenly among all chapters
 - b. Divide evenly among THIS year's members of Chapters' Assembly
 - c. Divide evenly among LAST year's members of Chapters' Assembly
 - d. Divide evenly among PAST years' members of Chapters' Assembly
 - e. Donate all funds to NSS national
 - f. Donate all funds to a charity: _____
 - g. Other: _____
 3. **Proposed Changes to the CA Bylaws** — Final review and approval or rejection of proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Chapters' Assembly, including:
 - a. Proposed Change 2: Bylaw IV - Chairman, paragraph 2.f. Replace sentence with: "The Chairman of the CA may serve up to two consecutive terms."
 - b. Proposed Change 3: Bylaw V - Executive Secretary, paragraph 2.f. Replace sentence with: "The Executive Secretary may serve up to two consecutive terms."
 4. **Elections of Officers** — Nominations and elections of replacement officers for the positions of Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for the term 1997 through 1999.
 5. **Elections of Administrative Council Members** — Nominations and elections of new members for the Chapters' Assembly Administrative Council.

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6. **Choosing 1997 Outstanding Chapter and Chapter Activist** — Review of nominations and voting for the recipient of the 1997 Outstanding Chapter Award, and the recipient of the 1997 Outstanding Chapter Activist Award.

7. **Working Committee Reports** — Short verbal reports from the chairs of the various NSS Chapters' Assembly Committees.

C. **Issues with NSS Publications** (60 minutes) — Includes the following:

1. How do they rate with chapters? (Ad Astra, Space Notes, Inside NSS, SpaceViews)
2. Would chapters like to see annual readership surveys?
3. Chapters list in NSS publications
 - a. Are chapters satisfied with current NSS publications?
 - b. Which NSS publications should contain the list?
 - c. How often should the list appear (every issue, every other issue, etc.)?
 - d. How big should the list be (one page, two pages, alternating, etc.)?
 - e. Is list up-to-date? If not, why not?

D. **Issues with NSS Organizations** (20 minutes):

1. How do they rate with chapters? (Governors, Directors, Executive Committee, Chapters Coordinators, Chapters' Assembly, Headquarters Staff, Spacecause, Spacepac)
2. Would chapters like to see annual performance surveys?

E. **Issues with NSS Direction** (40 minutes)

1. What should we have in 20 years, by the year 2017?
 - a. Government-funded exploration team on Mars
 - b. Industry-funded processing plant on the Moon
 - c. Privately-funded space hotels in Low-Earth-Orbit
 - d. Other: _____
2. Which goals need the most NSS support to succeed?
3. Which goals will your chapter work towards?

II. **NSS Chapters' Resources Committee Meeting** — This will be a 1 hour meeting between the Board-created Chapters' Resources Committee (chaired by Larry Ahearn), members of the Chapters' Assembly Chapters Resource Library team, and other interested chapter members. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

III. **NSS Chapters Helping Chapters Meeting** — This will be a 1 hour informal meeting between interested chapter leaders and members. NSS Chapters' Coordinators and Regional Organizers are invited to attend and participate. The purpose is for chapters to bring up their specific problems and concerns and have other chapters provide suggestions and assistance. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.