

~~Current~~ Bylaws as Revised, March 10, 2008

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* means not read at Oct 26, 2008 due to confusion over insertions and deletions.**

CHAPTER IV – MEMBERSHIP

A. Organizational Membership:

1. Organizations wishing to join the KSS shall apply to the Board.

2. Requirements of Applicants:

All organizations applying for membership must agree to the principals of the organization. The applicant shall submit the following documentation describing the following, to the Board prior to the next business meeting:

a. A complete an application form accompanied by dues.

b. Specify a Representative*.

c. Agree with the goals of the KSS, agree not to divulge data of the KSS, and agree that membership does not grant specific rights to information.

d. Organizations whose primary purpose is not speleology must also state the purpose of their membership request*. Membership is not limited to Kentucky organizations.

~~a. — An adopted plan of organization indicating the governmental structure, name, and address of the organization.~~

~~b. — A membership list, with a minimum of 5 members~~

~~d. — Minutes of meetings, where appropriate, indicating that the organization has been in existence and operating actively for a period of one year or more preceding the date of application for membership.~~

3. The Board shall vote on the application for membership.

4. Privileges of member organizations shall be subject to review at the discretion of the Board.

5. ~~Membership is not limited to Kentucky organizations.~~

6. A member organization ~~shall~~ may be asked to submit a report of their activities in support of the KSS by the board. ~~This report shall be sent to the secretary prior to the election meeting and shall include the name of the organization's Director for the coming year.~~

B. Individual Membership:

Individuals wishing to join KSS shall do so by filing an application with the Secretary. A part of this application shall include agreement with goals of KSS, agreement not to divulge data held by the corporation, and an understanding that membership does not grant specific rights to information. Individual membership is not limited to residents of Kentucky.

CHAPTER VI - AFFILIATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

Each organizational ~~member of within the the~~ KSS shall be assessed an ~~annual~~ affiliation fee to provide monies to the General Fund. The amount of the fee shall be as determined by the Board and shall be due on the submittal of the application ~~date of the annual meeting*~~. Individuals members shall be assessed a membership fee adequate to cover the cost of publications and other administrative expenses.

- a. The affiliation fee is ~~\$750~~ per year. ~~The following- A discounts of \$10 per year~~ will apply if paid in advance for multiple years.
 - ~~i. 2 years: \$ 90~~
 - ~~ii. 3 years: \$125~~
 - ~~iii. 5 years: \$200~~
- b. b. The individual membership fee is \$12 per year. ~~The following- A discounts of \$2.00 per year~~ will apply if paid in advance for multiple years. Life time membership is \$100.
 - ~~i. 3 years: \$12~~
 - ~~ii. 5 years: \$20~~
 - ~~iii. Life time: \$75~~

CHAPTER XI – COMMITTEES

The KSS shall have the following standing committees. All committee members will serve a one-year term.

~~A. Nominations Committee Abolished~~

~~The President shall appoint, with the Board's approval, a three member nominating committee who shall offer a slate of officers and Members at Large 45 days prior to the annual meeting. An alternative slate shall also be nominated if sponsored by at least ten Directors or members of KSS. The Nominating Committee shall oversee the election process.~~

B. Membership Committee

The President shall appoint, with the Board's approval, a three member Membership Committee to review and submit a report on organizations requesting membership status. The report shall make recommendations as to whether the organization should be allowed membership at that time.

C. Data Administration Committee

The President shall appoint, with the Board's approval, a Data Administration Chair to lead committee efforts dealing with the KSS library and database.

~~D. Appeals Committee Abolished~~

~~The President shall appoint, with the Directors' two-thirds majority approval, an Appeals Committee Chair to lead committee efforts. The balance of the committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Data~~

~~Administration Chair.~~

E. Data Access Committee

The President shall appoint, with the Directors' two-thirds majority approval, a three-person committee to consider requests to the KSS for data and information.

CHAPTER XII - DATA

The data of the corporation will be held in repository by the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) as agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding maintained between the KGS and the Board. This Memorandum shall be included as an addendum to the Bylaws.

A. The data of the corporation will be categorized as:

Non-Sensitive Data:

Information for which there are no access restrictions in that it poses negligible risk of harm to cave or karst features and their contents, or to the owners of such features. This applies only to data specifically released by the Board and may include number of caves per county, cave lengths, and similar statistical data unless classified as proprietary by the land or data owner.

Sensitive Data:

Information restricted from distribution in that it poses possible risk of harm to cave or karst features and their contents, to the owners of such features, or to individuals that may enter such features. Such information includes but is not limited to the precise locations of the features, the names and addresses of the owners, cave maps or other specific data.

Proprietary Data:

Information of any kind given to this corporation by the owner of a cave or karst feature, the owner's representative, or the person who has developed the data, with the condition that it shall not be released without the prior express consent of the submitter.

E. The requestor shall pay a data search charge of \$5 per occasion for all searches. There is no charge to individual and organizational members for the first two searches per year.*

~~E. F. If the request is denied, appeal can be made to the entire Board of Representatives at the next business meeting. Decisions of the Board shall require a 2/3 vote of all members of the committee to release data. Decisions of the Appeals Committee may be appealed to the full board by either the requestor or the Data Access Committee. Board decisions regarding appeals shall require a 2/3 majority of Representatives to overturn the Appeals Committee Access Committee decision.~~

~~F. G. Ownership, distribution, and replication rights are specifically not granted to any requesters. Requesters shall sign a confidentiality agreement stating that they shall not disseminate this information without written permission of the committee. Wherever applicable the requestor shall may be asked to make a report stating the scope of their use of the data and any findings to the KSS in a timely manner.~~

~~G. H. The committee shall report all data requests and their disposition to the President on a monthly basis. The President shall report this information to the Board at the next Board meeting.~~

~~H. I. Recreational Caving shall be defined as exploring, touring, visiting or exploiting caves for~~

amusement, sport or adventure without making, documenting, and reporting scientific observations to an established speleological or other scientific organization.