

# 1989 MEETING MINUTES

The 1989 meeting of the NSS Vertical Section was held Monday, July 31, 1989 in Guerry Hall of The University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. Executive Committee members present were Allen Padgett, who presided, Jim Hall, Sara Gayle, Bruce Smith and Bill Bussey. Scott Fee was absent. Approximately 60 members were in attendance.

Allen Padgett opened the meeting at 12:49 p.m. by describing the Vertical Forum and Session to be held after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$5303.92. \$2424 is devoted to future years due to multi-year memberships. \$2879.92 available now.

Secretary's Report: 803 voting members in the Vertical Section. The Section has grown four-fold in the last five years. We are the largest Section in terms of membership.

Vertical Techniques Workshop: Ed Sira said Workshop to be held Thursday was full. Needs instructors.

Editor's Report: Nylon Highway #27 won Medal Award in 1989 Graphic Arts Salon. Mail of Nylon Highway weighs 300 lbs. Likes quality of articles he's been getting. Maureen Handler was recognized as Assistant Editor this year.

Training Committee Report: Jim Hall said committee still at work. They have an outline.

Caver Information Series Report: Gary Bush named committee of Shari Lydy, Paul Smith, Jim Hall and himself. Described status of each article the committee reviewed. After discussion with Executive Committee, decided that with membership approval, committee would write a bibliography, for insertion in the CIS, which would list which publication(s) information on specific items could be found.

Contest Committee Report: Bill Cuddington said contest will run as usual. Workers would get priority to climb. Need help. Bill and Miriam were congratulated on running the contest over the years.

Bylaws Research Committee Report: Bill Bussey named committee of Gary Bush, Shari Lydy, Dick Desjardins and himself. Gary Bush finished report by describing how proposed bylaws were developed. Bussey said Executive Committee has approved bylaws as reported by committee and will be published in upcoming Nylon Highway.

Allen Padgett offered the motion: the VS Secretary send a letter to the Chair of the Caver Information Series Committee that the Vertical Section recommends that copies of the CIS articles dealing with Vertical Techniques be allowed to lapse with the current print run. A single CIS document would be prepared as a Bibliography and Source List for information related to Vertical Techniques. The Vertical Sections chair would appoint a committee to write such bibliography. Maureen Handler seconded. After discussion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

In response to a members question, Padgett discussed the function of Vertical Training Committee project.

Under New Business: Padgett gave background on the contest and the situation involved. It was to be moved during Friday's BOG meeting that the Vertical Contest become a separate committee under the NSS Administrative Vice President (AVP). (Note: the motion was withdrawn from consideration at that meeting.) Padgett proposed that the following questions need to be asked of Vertical Section membership:

1. Do we (the Vertical Section) want (to run) a contest at all?
2. Do we want the Vertical Contest to continue the Contest as it is now?
3. Do we want the Contest Committee to become a separate committee under the NSS AVP?

Padgett also asked: Should we conduct a mail poll of the entire Vertical Section membership or should we argue the above questions here?

Bill Cuddington objected to some of the proposed bylaws and supported the Contest Committee under the NSS AVP and gave his reasons.

Padgett moved that the newly elected Executive Committee develop an unbiased poll of the membership (of the Vertical Section) within 30 days, mail to membership within 60 days. Membership would have a deadline of two months from the time mailed to reply. The purpose is to poll the membership about the status of the contest, (the three above numbered questions) and other functions of the VS. The poll would be unbinding.

It was noted that before considering this motion, a straw poll of the above noted three questions be taken of membership at the meeting.

The vote on Question 1 (to keep the Contest) was unanimously approved.

The vote on Question 2 (to continue the Contest as it is now) the vote: Yes 32; No 15.

The next question was determined to be: Do we keep the Contest under the Vertical Section but change the Contest? Vote was: Yes 21; No 0.

The following question was Question three above (the Contest would be under the AVP). The vote: Yes 11; No 43.

The question was called to poll the membership (as written above Padgett moved above). Motion passed Yes 45; No 9.

Bill Frantz moved that: Pending the outcome of the poll, an unbiased committee be formed to prepare a list of considerations for changes in the contest. The committee would report to the Executive Committee within 30 days after formation. Maureen Handler seconded. Motion was passed: For 35; Opposed 2.

Bruce Smith moved that: For a member of the Executive Committee of the Vertical Section to be re-elected, they must fulfill the duties and obligations associated with that position during their term of office, specifically: Correspond as needed; arrange for significant articles to *Nylon Highway*; act as council on committees as assigned; review and critique Vertical Information as requested; act responsibly to represent the desires and concerns of the majority of the Section; perform other duties as defined in the Bylaws as needed. Performance would be determined by the chair.

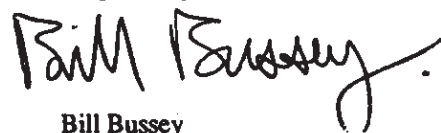
Seconded by Maureen Handler. Vote failed: For 1; Opposed Rest. The meeting concluded with elections. Those elected were:

Bill Bussey      Secretary/Treasurer  
Bruce Smith     Editor  
Gary Bush  
Bill Cuddington  
Maureen Handler  
Allen Padgett

The meeting ended at 2:43 p.m.

Later that day, the Executive Committee met and elected Allen Padgett as Chairman. Maureen Handler will organize and emcee the Vertical Session at the 1990 convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Bill Bussey

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

## NSS VERTICAL SECTION

FOR PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 17, 1988 AND ENDING JULY 21, 1989

Number of Single Members .....	739
Number of Family Members (Number of People) .....	69
Total Number of Vertical Section Voting Members .....	803
Number of Nylon Highway Subscribers .....	69
Number of Nylon Highways Sent Free (ex. libraries) .....	10
Number of Nylon Highways Exchanged .....	25
Total Number of Nylon Highways to be Mailed.....	875

Number of Members or Subscribers Paid through 1989.....	387
<i>(This number of 1988 members or subscribers have NOT YET renewed)</i>	
Number of Members or Subscribers Paid Through 1990 .....	213
Number of Members or Subscribers Paid Through 1991 .....	173
Number of Members or Subscribers Paid Through 1992 .....	37
Number of Members or Subscribers Paid After 1992 .....	23

Number of Members who desire the Vertical Section to represent them at the NSS Congress of Grottos Meeting ..... 108

### Income:

Memberships .....	\$2624.00
Subscriptions .....	283.00
Back Issue Sales .....	971.00
Symbolic Item Sales .....	2065.00
Vertical Techniques Workshop (88) .....	310.00
Bank Interest .....	332.36
Interest on CD's to date .....	59.32
Advertisements .....	60.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$6,704.68</b>

### Expenses:

#### Editor:

Printing Nylon Highway #27 .....	1042.14
Mailing Nylon Highway #27	
Internat .....	122.90
Domestic .....	48.60
Resends .....	10.35
	<b>\$181.85</b>
Printing Nylon Highway #28 .....	1530.20
Mailing Nylon Highway #28	
Internat .....	107.33
Domestic .....	103.86
	<b>\$211.19</b>
88 Climbing Contest Expenses .....	41.99
Typesetting .....	10.73
Other Postage .....	65.53
Bulk Permit .....	60.00
Mailing Envelopes .....	239.95
Supplies .....	53.34
Photos for NH #28 .....	58.45
Section owes Editor .....	50.25
<b>Total Editor Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$3,543.62</b>

<b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b>	
Postage .....	\$401.90
<b>Supplies:</b>	
Dues Renewal Notice .....	26.90
Envelopes .....	30.74
Printer Ribbon .....	21.37
Membership Forms .....	50.72
Other .....	17.20
	<b>146.93</b>
Vertical Techniques Workshop Expenses .....	178.72
Advertisements .....	60.00
Symbolic Items Cost .....	1181.23
Pulley and Carabiner for Contest .....	46.25
<i>On Rope</i> for Overseas Member .....	25.00
Reprint <i>NH #11</i> .....	98.18
Reprint <i>NH #1</i> .....	20.00
Refund .....	5.00
Reimbursement for Patch Change .....	18.00
<b>Total Secretary/Treasurer Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$2,181.21</b>
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$5,724.83</b>
<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>979.85</b>
<b>Balance as of June 16, 1988 .....</b>	<b>4324.07</b>
<b>Net Income .....</b>	<b>979.85</b>
<b>Balance as of July 21, 1989 .....</b>	<b>\$5,303.92</b>

## Supplementary Treasurer's Report

**July 21, 1989**

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Future Years Via Multi-Memberships

Balance as of July 21, 1989 (from Treasurer's Report) .....	\$5303.92
Funds Dedicated through 1990 .....	1338.00
Funds Dedicated through 1991 .....	699.00
Funds Dedicated through 1992 .....	180.00
Funds Dedicated beyond 1992 .....	207.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2424.00</b>
<b>Balance of Funds Available for Immediate Use .....</b>	<b>\$2879.92</b>