

Missouri Board on Geographic Names  
May 2010 Meeting  
Interpretive Center  
James Kirkpatrick Building  
Missouri Office of the Secretary of State  
Jefferson City, MO  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Minutes

**Attendees:** Jane Messenger, Lynn Morrow, John Dougan, Henry Sweets, Dwight Weaver, Jerry Vineyard, Tony Spicci, Jay Turner, Ray Fox, John Fisher, Frank Nickell, Gordan McCann, Ken Dagal, Gary Kremer, Alan Foreman, Debra Greene, Arnold Williams, and Chris Barnett.

Also in attendance was Suzy Wolfe (recorder), Administrative Aide for Local Records, and Jill Hartke (recorder), Administrative Aide for Missouri State Archives.

**Absent:** Darrell Pratte and Gary Claspill.

**Guests:** Wayne Furr, COGNA Executive Secretary

Chris Barnett called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and gave a brief overview of the agenda for today's meeting.

#### **Call for Proxies**

Chris called for proxies. Lynn Morrow will carry proxy for Gary Claspill and Darrell Pratte.

#### **Call for Additions to the Agenda**

Chris called for any additions to the agenda. There were not any additions to be added.

#### **Minutes for November 2009**

Chris asked for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from November 2009. Ray Fox moved to accept the minutes as written. Henry Sweets seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Revisited Business**

Jane said this board voted not to approve Seeley Creek. She stated the Osage Tribe in Oklahoma does not approve of the name either and will be visiting the creek to discuss a new name. Chris offered to meet with the tribe when they visit the creek, if it is appropriate to have a board member present. Jane said she would have to ask if that is acceptable. She also explained that there is an executive order that any tribe, with an interest in the feature, be contacted during the process of naming the feature.

Jane said that if the tribe comes up with a name, it will become a counter-proposal and counter proposal will be presented to the MOBGN and both proposals will be presented to the U. S. Board at the same time. This creek is in Johnson County and they have been heavily involved in this process. So, Jane said we should keep them informed as the discussion continues to progress.

#### **New Business**

## Pattonsburg vs. Old Pattonsburg

Jane started off the discussion with a request that we go to the USGS and ask them to remove the word "Historical" from "Old Pattonsburg".

Pattonsburg was moved in 1995 due to the 1993 floods. They received a 12 million dollar grant and moved the town. They started calling it just "Pattonsburg" and called the original location of Pattonsburg "Old Pattonsburg". Chris Barnett said that if something is going to include the word "Historical" it would have to be non-existent. Jane suggested the word "Historical" be removed from "Old Pattonsburg". Questions then began to arise about whether the board has any authority to rename the town. Jane said she just basically wanted to gather information from the board and that it was an issue between her and the Chief of Staff of the U.S. BGN.

Chris asked if any members had any other information or suggestions to offer, please contact Jane.

## Continuing Business

Lunch was served and business was continued.

### Nardeton Creek

Chris discussed his latest findings on this subject. He said he has found even more names! He visited the Henry County Assessor in March and found more spellings of the name. He also found an official federal land patent which has three different spellings of the name on it. So, he said, there are many names to be considered and voted on at the next meeting.

Chris is going to recommend that "Harrolson Creek" be nominated. He also stated that he will contact the Henry County Commission again. He needs for them to respond with an official opinion on the proposed name change.

Jane informed everyone that the St. Louis stream names will be up for discussion at the next meeting. Jane said there are some women from St. Louis that have put together a naming contest for tributaries of Deer Creek Watershed in the streams of St. Louis County. This contest is an attempt to clean up the streams in this watershed. One of the ladies running the contest will present the board with about 30 name proposals. There will be a vote on all of the names.

A list of the names to be considered will be provided around August for review. The lady running the contest is working with the Army Corp of Engineers, the St. Louis Municipal Water District and each of the communities involved. Chris Barnett proposed that Jane should provide Alan Foreman's contact information to the lady so that she will have contact with the Corps' board member.

## COGNA National Conference – Springfield, MO

The National Conference is being held at the University Plaza Hotel, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 through October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The MOBGN meeting will take place on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the John Q Room at 2:00 pm. Lynn Morrow mentioned that expense reports will be handed out to board members. They will be able to claim mileage for Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> only. Chris Barnett encouraged each of the board members to attend the conference. Jane also stated she would have the cookbook ready for Suzy Wolfe to review and edit by the end of June.

Wayne Furr then discussed the committee reports for the 2010 COGNA Meeting. He went over the budget first by saying that the bill for the bus tour has been paid. He said that none of the meals are covered in the price, only the open night reception. He also said they are still waiting

to find out what the audio visual costs will be. He then went over the preliminary program. He reminded everyone that the MO Board will meet on Tuesday at 2:00 PM.

Wayne said to keep in mind that the National Board likes to observe the hosting state's board meeting. Jane told everyone that Missouri is the second largest board and is the only pro-active board. She said Missouri also has the best attendance record.

Wayne said registration for the conference will open Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Henry Sweets and Dwight Weaver have offered to help with registration. There is a need for two people, other than board members, to help with registration during the afternoon meeting.

Jane reviewed the Tuesday evening reception. She said Jerry Vineyard has asked Dan Chiles, Deputy Mayor of Springfield, to be the key-note speaker at the opening reception. Jerry said Mr. Chiles is a nice person that gives wonderful speeches. Jane said the speaker for Wednesday morning might be Pete Herschend, co-owner of Silver Dollar City. Mr. Herschend has not confirmed his presence yet.

Jane and Chris went through the preliminary program, event by event. They discussed the state and federal roundtables. Also discussed, were the presentations at the conference. Jane asked if any of the board members would do a presentation on geographic names v. geological names. She said if anyone is willing to volunteer, please contact Wayne by August 1<sup>st</sup> with an abstract.

Wayne said he is working on credit card payments. He is having some issues with some companies not accepting government credit cards and then some want to charge major fees. Tony Spicci said that he will do some research regarding this and get back with Wayne via email. Wayne told the board that his email address, for future reference, is [twfurr@coqna50.usa.org](mailto:twfurr@coqna50.usa.org)

Then, Lynn Morrow said that he & John Dougan had asked the Archives Curator of Exhibits and Special Collections, Greg Olson, to design the notebook cover for the conference. Lynn said they will pass a model on to Greg as soon as it is available.

Chris then opened the floor for nominations for a representative of MOBGN at the National Business Meeting at the conference. Henry Sweets nominated Chris Barnett. Gary Kremer second, it was approved.

It has been tradition that when a National Meeting occurs in the State of Missouri, the Governor shall make a proclamation to recognize the board. MOBGN members then reviewed and made suggestions for Governor Nixon's proclamation. Any further suggestions can be emailed to John Dougan or Lynn Morrow.

Chris then opened the discussion on the toponymic tour. Jane gave a complete overview of the tour as outlined on the handout. She asked for volunteers to write synopses of the tour sites. John Dougan suggested that he could try to get photographs of the sites and include the synopses on a pamphlet. Jay Turner offered to write about the College of the Ozarks. Jane said if anyone else will contribute a paragraph, they should email it to her.

## **Reports**

Lynn Morrow started by congratulating Gordon McCann on his honorary doctorate from Missouri State University. John Dougan then announced that Frank Nickell has won the State Archives Jonas Viles Award.

Lynn said the scanning of University of Missouri Soil Maps is over halfway completed. The first 40 have been returned to Chris and will have 35 or more for the conservation lab and imaging soon. Chris said the Department of Geography will offer another project after the soil maps are completed.

Lynn then said the DNR Land Survey project's first increment of scanned materials is complete. It included colonial surveys in the Cape Girardeau District; territorial records from Bent's Surveys; and a St. Louis County Court, *St. Louis County Atlas*, published in 1862. Lynn said they will return DNR's records to Darrell Pratte and suggest a second project.

John Dougan spoke about three active projects. A Registre D' Arpentage project of several hundred colonial surveys are on Missouri Digital Heritage website. The Greene County Aerial Photograph Collection is also there. County Plat Books are not up yet, but the Missouri State Library is working on them.

Jane mentioned that USGS is digitizing their maps and they will be up on the USGS store and are free to download.

Gary Kremer said the first 75 years of *Missouri Historical Review* are online on State Historical Society's website. 1906-1975 are currently up and the volumes dated up to the year 2000 will be released soon.

#### **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The next MOBGN meeting will be held in the John Q. Room, University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO on **October 5<sup>h</sup>, 2010 at 2:00 pm**. Tony Spicci moved to adjourn the meeting. Henry Sweets seconded the motion. Everyone was thanked for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.