

## **MISSOURI BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

Minutes of the 9701 Meeting  
May 22, 1997

**Attendees:** Chris Barnett, Ryan Burson, Elizabeth Cook, Jim Goodrich, Kieth Hassler, Don Lance, Craig Manning (non voting member), Gordon McCann, Margot McMillen, Jane Messenger (recorder, non-voting member, and Executive Secretary), Gloria Miller, Russ Mueller, Walter Schroeder (Chair), Claude Strauser, Ken Winn (Vice-Chair)

**Absent:** Robert Flanders, Antonio Holland, Jerry Vineyard

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.

Jim Goodrich moved and Ken Winn seconded to waive reading of last meeting's minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

Jim Goodrich moved and Don Lance seconded to approve the minutes as mailed to members. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary was asked to remind Bob Flanders, that he had now missed two consecutive meetings and that with adoption of the bylaws, he would need to attend or send a representative to the next meeting so that he would not be removed from the MOBGN.

### **Committee Reports:**

Bylaws committee presented draft four (copies had been mailed to members 60 days prior to meeting).

Claude Strauser noted that the name of his organization is U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, not U. S. Corps of Engineers as presented in the Executive Order from the Governor's Office.

Two typing errors were noted in Article III, Sec. 1, paragraph (d) - Appints should be appoints, slected should be selected.

Jim Goodrich moved and Margot McMillen seconded that the Bylaw be approved subject to the above corrections. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Names:**

Christisen vs Christenson: Proposal submitted by Mr. Donald M. Christisen to correct a spelling error.

Don Lance moved and Margot McMillen seconded that MOBGN approve the proposal to correct the spelling error. The thirteen voting members present approved motion and Jerry Vineyard's proxy approving the proposal was submitted, none disapproved motion, no abstentions.

Executive Secretary was asked to inform Mr. Christisen, the Perry County Commissioners, and the US BGN of MOBGN's recommendation.

Streile vs Streiler: In Mr. Christisen's Domestic Geographic Name Report he mentioned that he believed a stream immediately south of Christisen was also misspelled. The name appears on the map as Streile and he believes that it should be Streiler. The MOBGN decided to research this possible error and provide

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information to the Executive Secretary 10 weeks prior to our next meeting so that all research could be collated, summarized, and submitted to MOBGN members in accordance with the bylaws.

**St. Mary vs St. Marys:**

Craig Manning presented his preliminary findings on the name controversy. Mr. Manning stated that he still had some research to do and hoped to personally visit the area. Claude Strauser presented old map and chart evidence in regards to the name. Kieth Hassler reported on MO DOT's historical and current treatment of the name.

Ryan Burson questioned the legality of the US Census Bureau listing a name in their reports and maps if the local and "official for Federal usage" name differs from the legally incorporated name. Evidence was provided which indicated that the US Census Bureau does use the name deemed "official for Federal usage" whether that is the legally incorporated name or not.

The MOBGN decided to defer further discussion on the name until more research could be done. The Executive Secretary was directed to notify appropriate authorities and report to local newspapers that the MOBGN was studying the question and would discuss the name issue at the next meeting of the MOBGN where a possible vote on the issue would be taken.

**Manitou Bluffs vs Moniteau Bluff:**

Lynn Morrow from the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State sent a letter to Walter Schroeder informing him of an article by Mr. Jim Denny of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in which he states that the National Park Service intends to include a notation on the Manitou Bluffs (in Boone County) in its next version of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail map. In Mr. Denny's article he stated there were many spelling variances of Manitou and cites several. Mr. Schroeder reported that the article had since been published in Boone's Lick Heritage. The MOBGN decided to research this name. Walter Schroeder will contact Ray Wood in regards to this issue. All members will provide the Executive Secretary with information 10 weeks prior to the next meeting so that all research could be collated, summarized, and submitted to MOBGN members in accordance with the bylaws.

**College Names:**

Don Lance presented information about two Missouri colleges which have had name changes. Missouri Baptist College is now Hannibal - LaGrange College and Northeast Missouri State University is now Truman State University. Don will give the information to Mr. Craig Manning who will pass it along to appropriate Domestic Names Committee Staff personnel for GNIS purposes.

**Western States Geographic Names Conference:**

Don Lance was appointed to represent MOBGN at the 1997 meeting of the WSGNC. If he should be unable to attend, Jane Messenger will be the alternate and Mr. Craig Manning the second alternate.

Five MOBGN members were appointed as the committee to organize MOBGN's hosting of the WSGNC in the year 2000. These members are Bob Flanders, Don Lance, Craig Manning, Margot McMillen, and Jane Messenger. Jane will notify committee members of the first meeting date and place.

The next meeting of the MOBGN will be November 13, 1997, at the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, Jefferson City, MO. Due to possible length of meeting, the starting time has been moved to 9:30 AM. The MOBGN will order in lunch if

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necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.