

MISSOURI BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Minutes of the 99-02 Meeting
November 18, 1999

Attendees: Walter Schroeder (Chair), Ken Winn (Vice-Chair), Chris Barnett, Bob Flanders, Jim Goodrich, Kieth Hassler, Tony Holland, Don Lance, Craig Manning, Margot McMillen, Gloria Miller, Russ Mueller, Frank Nichell, Claude Strauser, Henry Sweets, Dwight Weaver (acting for Jerry Vineyard), Jane Messenger (Exec. Sec.)

Proxies: Bob Flanders for Gordon McCann, Walter Schroeder for Ryan Burson

Absent: Liz Cook

Guests: Lynn Morrow, Jim Denny

Walter called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and welcomed the guests and new MOBGN members. Members introduced themselves. Claude mentioned that he now has a new title: Chief of Hydrologic and Hydraulics Branch.

Don moved and Bob seconded to approve the 98-02 minutes with the following correction:

Change Gordan to Gordon in first word of first paragraph under Sayers Creek vs Sawyer Creek.

Continuing Business:

Re-appointments: Walter mentioned that all Gubernatorial and agency re-appointments had been received.

Big Manitou Bluffs:

Mr. Jim Denny gave a presentation on the background of the rocks and bluffs along the Missouri River between Rocheport and Huntsdale, Missouri, and provided historical evidence to support his proposal for naming of the cliffs on the north side of the river.

Don Lance provided evidence from his field research for local usage of a name for the cliffs. His research revealed that generally there is no known name in local usage.

Don moved and Jim seconded that the MOBGN approve the proposed new name Big Manitou Bluffs.

There was much discussion on the proposed spelling. It was mentioned that the word had been spelled many ways and was in all likelihood an Anglicized corruption of the French corruption of the Algonquin word for the pictograph. None of the administrative bodies contacted objected to the proposed spelling of the name. Ken moved the question.

The motion was approved unanimously (18-0).

Council of Geographic Names Authorities Conference, September 1999 meeting report:

Don Lance reported on the Spokane meeting. He reported the significant increase in the cost of the Spokane meeting broke the ground should we need to have a similar cost. He also reported that the Spokane meeting had two toponymic tours which would lead the way for us to do the same. Jane mentioned because the Spokane meeting was so full of meetings and events many attendees didn't feel they had sufficient time to network or hold one-on-one meetings without missing some scheduled event and that they hoped the St. Louis meeting would allow more free

time.

Committee Reports:

COGNA 2000:

Don presented a proposed program for the COGNA 2000 meeting in St. Louis. He mentioned that he had communicated with all of the proposed presenters but did not have commitments from all of them yet. The MOBGN discussed the proposed agenda and made some suggestions to rearrange some of the presentation times for a better flow. It was mentioned that if all the presentation times were used to their fullest we would have an extremely full program. Concern was expressed over keeping the presenters within their allotted times and Don said it would be handled. Don stated that the COGNA council approved the idea of trying to get corporate sponsors and having display booths during the conference.

Concerns about audio/visual equipment were raised and Don explained that the hotel did not supply these but that hopefully corporate sponsors would help with either equipment or money to offset renting equipment. Several Board members stated they would check to see if their organization would be willing to supply some of the equipment.

Claude and Don were asked to check further into scheduling busses for the toponymic tours and learning more about a possible optional dinner cruise on the Mississippi. The COGNA 2000 committee decided to meet in February to begin finalization of the program and authorize contracts with a tour bus company. A new program would be mailed to MOBGN members. Unless comments were returned to Don by 3/15/00 it would be assumed that the proposed program met with MOBGN approval.

COGNA 2000 committee members were requested to get to Jane their availability for a February meeting in St. Louis. Available dates need to be provided to her by mid-January.

News Releases:

Ken apologized for not getting out news releases on St. Mary and Streiler Branch. He will do so.

Required Business:

Election of officers for new three-year term

Walter mentioned that the current Executive Secretary had been doing an excellent job and had been reappointed by the USGS for another three-year term. Jane reminded MOBGM members that the Executive Secretary position is a non-voting position. Don moved and Jim seconded that Jane be reappointed as MOBGN Executive Secretary. Motion carried unanimously (18-0). Bob Flanders asked that the Board thank Jane for the excellent job she has been doing and all concurred.

Ken Winn asked that he not be re-elected as Vice-chair although he did volunteer the continued use of the Secretary's of State facilities for meetings. Walter mentioned that he had no great desire to continue as chair and then excused himself from the meeting. Jane mentioned the rotating chair method followed by the Domestic Names Committee of the US BGN but MOBGN members decided that elections were more appropriate and follow the by-laws. Bob moved and Jim seconded that Walter be re-elected Chair. The Board approved unanimously (18-0).

Bob nominated Claude as Vice-chair be he declined. Chris then nominated Gloria and Jim seconded. The Board approved the nomination unanimously (18-0).

MOBGN Executive Committee for the next three years is:

Walter Schroeder, Chair
Gloria Miller, Vice Chair
Jane Messenger, Executive Secretary

New Business:

USGS vs USFS names

Craig provided a list suggesting which of the USGS/USFS names discrepancies were likely typographic errors. These names are Rutherford Cave vs Ruther Ford Cave, Alex Mountain vs Aley Mountain, Kelley Valley vs Kelly Valley, Piquet Cave vs Pique Cave, and Sankey vs Sarkey.

Gloria moved and Jim seconded that the names indicated with a bullet on Craig's list go through a full MOBGN process. These names are East Channel White Water River, Whitewater River vs Whitewater Creek, Little Whitewater River vs Little Whitewater Creek, Spring Creek vs Bryant Creek, and Smith Branch vs Smith Creek. Motion passed unanimously (18-0).

Piquet Cave vs Pique Cave

Dwight presented information on Piquet Cave. Bob Flanders presented information, including a copy of a Pulaski County map, from Gordon and Jane read an e-mail from Jerry concerning Piquet Cave. All information indicated that the name is spelled "Piquet," probably of French derivation and associated with nearby orchards. Jim moved and Kieth seconded to inform the DNC that the current GNIS listing, Piquet Cave, is correct and that Pique is correctly listed as a variant. Motion approved unanimously (18-0).

Rutherford Cave vs Ruther Ford Cave

Dwight, Jane, and Walter provided information that the name "Rutherford" was a family name in Boone County and that the cave is located close to Rutherford Bridge. Jim moved and Keith seconded that the MOBGN inform the DNC that the current GNIS listing, Rutherford Cave, is correct and that Ruther Ford Cave is correctly listed as a variant. Motion approved unanimously (18-0).

Orchard vs Orchard Switch

Gloria mentioned that there is a current sign indicating the name of the locale is Orchard Switch not Orchard and was probably named Orchard Switch because it was, at one time, the location of a railroad switch. The locale is along an old railroad grade. Gloria moved and Jim seconded the MOBGN inform the DNC that the GNIS record for this locale is incorrect. Orchard Switch is the name and Orchard is a variant. Motion carried unanimously (18-0).

Sankey vs Sarkey vs Sanke

Jane pointed out that research into the name Sankey vs Sarkey revealed a third spelling, Sanke, so additional research is needed on that name. Bob said the Swiss population would not add the "y" and that Steelville has a large population of Swiss heritage. The Board decided more research was needed on this issue and Craig, Jim, and Kieth would work on it.

Spring Creek vs Bryant Creek

Bob said that Spring Creek is a tributary of Bryant Creek but he would do additional research on this issue.

Hackleton Hollow vs White Oak Hollow

Craig and Gloria will do additional research on this issue.

Kelley Valley vs Kelly Valley

Gloria mentioned that she is still waiting on information from Forest Service personnel concerning the spelling of this name. She and Craig will do additional research on this issue Craig will check field materials for field notes.

Alex Mountain vs Aley Mountain vs Haley Mountain

Craig will do additional research on this issue by checking field materials for field notes. Jane pointed out the preliminary research on Alex Mountain vs Aley Mountain revealed a third variant, Haley Mountain, from the 15-minute map. This additional spelling indicates that Aley Mountain may be a typographic error from Haley Mountain but she suggested that additional research on current local usage should be performed to verify if any of these typographic errors had in any way influenced current usage.

Smith Branch vs Smith Creek

This feature flows through Fulton, MO, Margot's home town. She will do additional research on this issue.

Little Whitewater Creek vs Little Whitewater River

Frank, Russ, and Claude will do additional research on this issue.

Whitewater River vs Whitewater Creek

Jane described the issues which have resulted from preliminary research on this and the East Channel Whitewater River name issue. During the discussion on this and the East Channel Whitewater River, it was mentioned that every river reach will have a name in the National Hydrologic Database and that the MOBGN should research the streams concerned to determine local usage. If current local usage is such that two drains carry the same name, check to see if another name would be accepted. Additional research will be done by Claude, Frank, Russ, and Jane.

East Channel Whitewater River

Jane described the issues which have resulted from preliminary research on this and the Whitewater River name issue. Additional research will be done by Claude, Frank, Russ, and Jane.

Requested information on all names research should be to Jane by March 1, 2000, so that she may collate the information and distribute the information to MOBGN members for discussion during the May and September meetings.

Land area surrounding Lake Wappapello which is under the control of the Army Corps of Engineers

Jane and Gloria asked Claude if the land area outside inundation by Lake Wappapello has a name. He will research and get back to Jane.

State Forest name changes

Jane asked Russ to provide her with a list of the State Forests which have had an administrative name change. She will provide this list to the DNC.

MOBGN logo, business cards

It was mentioned that the MOBGN should probably develop a logo for the COGNA 2000 meeting. Kieth and Russ volunteered their respective staffs to help design anything needed for the conference. **[Not discussed but added here by Jane—please submit ideas for a logo to Don or Jane by Feb. 1, 2000.]**

Next meeting of the MOBGN will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000. Walter hopes this date does not conflict with finals. An additional meeting to coincide with the COGNA 2000 conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2000, from 3:30 - 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.