

# Nittany Grotto Inc. Annual Business Meeting 2025-June-07

### **Woodward Cave and Campground**

#### Quorum Established

Members Present: George Bange, Karen Bange, Rose Anna Behr, Aaron Clair, Jake Cramer, Bryan "Crow" Crowell, Charlotte, Emma Enos, Nadia Garzione, Abbe Hamilton, Eric Hill, Kathleen Kerrigan, Mathew Kisenwether, David Mayo, Andrew "Karst" McKinnon, Jeff Morrissey, Rebekah Nicholas, Eric Pelkey, Christopher "Foom" Sanders, Dave Seasholtz, Noah Synowiec, Nick Travisiano, Lars Vogel, Derek Von Nieda, Jake Weller, Keith Wheeland, Will White, Paul Winter

Proxy Votes: Dwight Kempf- George Bange, Jill Kempf-George Bange, Olivia McAllister-Paul Winter, Lizz Wagner-Paul Winter

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:44PM by President Hill

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion made to accept minutes from the 2024 Business Meeting.

Motion Seconded

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business**

President Hill thanked our hosts at this new meeting location: Woodward Cave!

Sharer Cave Gate functioning well,



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NGI Newsletter: Send in your trip reports, photographs, art, poetry, and other content to Olivia.

Treasurer's Report was given. [attached]

Tentative plans are made to remove remaining grotto equipment from Gary Dunmire's House fall 2025.

A quick update was made regarding quick links for Kooken: also it was noted that the cave is probably flooded right now.

Update on Cave Sim – CaveSim is coming to PSU arboretum and looking for volunteers on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The grotto has pledged \$250 to support CaveSim expenses.

NGI is hosting a Fall MAR 2025 Sept 26-28 at Lincoln Caverns. More information will be forthcoming.

#### **New Business**

Montenegro Expedition Support

Motion made for a \$300 donation to the 2025 Montenegro Expedition. An article will be submitted to the Nittany Grotto News.

Motion Seconded.

Motion passed.

#### Meeting Discussion regarding Director at Large, Devin Moore

The Director at large was arrested and is awaiting trial. The board has suspended Devin Moore's membership pending the results of the trial. The grotto takes this situation very seriously and will take this opportunity to review grotto policies and ensure there are systems in place to promote a safe and welcoming environment.

#### Appointment of Anti-Harassment Committee

There is now an Anti-Harassment Committee formed to review the circumstances of the grotto and give a report and recommendations for new policies and potential updates to the bylaws.



Treasurer

Nominations: Paul Winter

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This is an opportunity to evaluate our own policies and culture.

Will have a special membership meeting to review recommendations of the committee in the fall by end of July 2025.

It is noted that per the NSS, grottos require an anti-harassment policy. Nittany Grotto adopted the NSS' policy in 2023.

Printed copies were available at the meeting of the NSS Anti-Harrassment Policy and the

## NSS Code of Conduct. **Elections** President: Nominations: Eric Hill. Motion was made to close nominations and elect Eric Hill by acclamation. Motion Seconded. Motion Passed. Vice President: Nominations: Noah Synoweic Motion was made to close nominations and elect Noah Synowiec by acclamation. Motion Seconded. Motion Passed. Secretary Nominations: Olivia McAllister Motion was made to close nominations and elect Olivia McAllister by acclamation. Motion Seconded. Motion Passed.



Motion Seconded.

Nittany Grotto Inc. P.O. Box 685 State College, PA 16804 Nominations closed and elected by acclamation.

Motion was made to close nominations and elect Olivia McAllister by acclamation.

Motion Passed.
Director at Large
Nominations:
Eric Pelkey nominated
Emma Enos nominated
Eric Pelkey respectfully declined his nomination.
Motion was made to close nominations and elect Emma Enos by acclamation.
Motion Seconded.
Motion Passed.
Note on the 2026 NGI Business Meeting.
June is preferred by the membership for meetings.
Motion to Adjourn was made.
Motion seconded.
Motion Passes.
Meeting is adjourned at 713PM.
Submitted Respectfully,

Paul Winter, Treasurer, Secretary Pro Tempore



# Nittany Grotto Inc. Statment of Financial Position 2025-06-07

	Current
Assets	2025-06-07
Checking Account - First National Bank	\$3,652.55
PayPal Account	\$72.30
Petty Cash	\$305.00
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Subtotal - Cash Equivalents	\$4,029.85

Liabilitites	\$0.00

Net Assets	\$4,029.85
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### **2025 Statement of Activities**

2025-01-01 -2025-06-07

Support, Gains, and Revenue	Value
Dues	\$330.00
Donations	\$220.00
Net Income from 2025-01-01 to 2025-06-07	\$550.00

Expenditures	Value
equipment	162.15
Mailbox	\$182.00
Private Foundation Taxes/Fees	\$108.57
MAKC Dues	\$15.00
CaveSim Support	\$250.00
2024 NGI meeting	210
Net Expenses from 2023-01-01 to 2023-07-20	927.72

Total change in Assets from 2025-01-01 to	
present	-\$377.72