

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NSS)
And
THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

An understanding between the NSS and the GSA can promote the following (not an all-inclusive list):

1. The extension of benefits to members of both organizations
2. The exchange of information on key programs and initiatives
3. The expansion of membership of both organizations through possible joint programs
4. The organization of joint meetings
5. Additional educational opportunities, professional services, and student programs

In recognition of mutual interests among their members and as a means of furthering the common goals and objectives of each organization, the executive officers of the Geological Society of America (GSA) and the National Speleological Society (NSS) agree to a mutual alliance of the two organizations under the following terms:

1. Neither organization shall have any financial obligation to the other.
2. No member sponsorship shall be required of NSS members applying for Associate or Active Membership in the GSA or GSA members applying for NSS membership.
3. The business offices of both organizations shall exchange announcements and promote the scientific and technical meetings of their respective organizations.
4. GSA shall send the NSS business office two copies of each issue of *GSA Today*. The officers and executive directors of each organization will meet at least once annually at either the Spring meeting of the GSA Associated Societies or the Fall meeting of the GSA for the purpose of considering and making recommendations to the respective organizations regarding areas of cooperation, such as joint workshops or programs, continuing-education courses, advocacy and outreach.
7. Each organization shall offer the other organization a booth at its annual meeting, discounting the price at least by 50%.
8. The organizations shall consider jointly publishing books on subjects of high interest to their respective memberships.

9. The organizations shall consider jointly holding small research conferences and/or the co- organization of joint topical meetings or joint sessions at each other's meetings/conferences or other organization's meetings/conferences.

10. Each organization will offer members of the other organization member rates to attend their annual meeting. In addition, each organization shall annually offer two complimentary registrations (One to the current President and one additional for use at the discretion of the ED/CEO) to the others annual meeting

11. This agreement shall be reviewed every three (3) years.

12. This agreement may be dissolved by either organization at any time with 30-day written notice to the executive office of either organization.




NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NSS)

12/14/18
Date

NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (NSS)

Date



THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
(GSA President)

7 December 2018

Date



THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
(GSA Executive Director)

7 December 2018

Date