# The Constitution of the Central Ohio Grotto of the National Speleological Society

I. The name of this organization shall be the Central Ohio Grotto of the National Speleological Society.

II. The purpose of the Central Ohio Grotto shall be the same as those of the National Speleological Society (NSS), namely, to promote interest in the study and science of speleology, to advance the protection of caves and their natural contents, and to promote fellowship among those interested therein, with the additional purpose of organizing NSS members in central Ohio and the surrounding area to better promote the objectives of the NSS. The Grotto is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the equivalent section of any future federal tax code.

III. The Central Ohio Grotto shall be governed by an Executive Committee, the decisions of which shall be subject to approval by the Grotto, by means, if called for, of a majority vote of the Grotto members present at any regular meeting at which the decision(s) is (are) announced.

IV. The Executive Committee shall manage the business of the Grotto, formulate by-laws, raise funds in any manner not inconsistent with the policies of the National Speleological Society, and perform all other duties necessary to maintain a healthy grotto organization and to investigate the several pertinent aspects of Speleology.

V. General meetings shall be held as determined by the Grotto. Executive committee shall be held as determined by the Committee.

VI. Decisions made by a majority of the Grotto members present at a regularly announced meeting shall be binding to the entire Grotto.

VII. Membership in the Central Ohio Grotto shall be open to persons interested in Speleology who have complied with conditions of membership set forth in the By-Laws.

VIII. Dissolution: In the event of dissolution of the Grotto, any property or equipment loaned to the Grotto shall be returned to the original donors; NSS property held by the Grotto shall revert to the NSS; and all assets remaining after meeting outstanding liabilities shall be distributed to the NSS or another suitable nonprofit organization organized and operated exclusively for the charitable, educational, literary, or scientific purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the equivalent section of any future federal tax code.

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