Missouri Board on Geographic Names
November 2009 Meeting
Interpretive Center
James Kirkpatrick Building
Missouri Office of the Secretary of State
Jefferson City, MO
November 10th, 2009 Minutes

Attendees: John Dougan, Lynn Morrow, Jane Messenger, Walter Schroeder, Darrell Pratte, Jerry Vineyard, Chris Barnett, Tony Spicci, Debra Green, Ken Dagel, Gordan McCann, John Fisher, Tony Holland, Dave Kreighbaum, Ray Fox, Jay Turner, Henry Sweets, Arnold Williams, Dwight Weaver, and Gary Claspill.

Also in attendance was Suzy Wolfe (recorder), Administrative Aide for Local Records, and Jill Hartke (recorder), Administrative Aide for Missouri Archives division.

Absent: Gary Kremer, Frank Nickell, and Mary Lyon

Guests: Ron Neutzel of The Friends of La Barque Creek, and Wayne Furr, COGNA Executive Secretary

Walter called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and gave a brief overview of the agenda for today's meeting.

Call for Proxies

Walter called for proxies. Chris Barnett will carry proxy for Gary Kremer.

Call for Additions to the Agenda

Walter called for any additions to the agenda. There were not any additions at this time.

Minutes for May 2009

Walter asked for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes from May 2009. Jane said they would like to thank Lynn Morrow for getting the minutes up on the web for easier access and viewing. Dave Kreighbaum moved to accept the minutes as written. Chris Barnett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOBGN Reorganization and Operating Procedures

MOBGN Reorganizing –
Lynn Morrow worked through all of the printouts that were handed out to the board members. He asked all the members to look over the contact list and give any updates to Suzy or Jill. The guidelines and bylaws were given to all members. Lynn read through them and called attention to certain issues for revisions.
      Article I – Name, Objectives, Duties
      Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Missouri Board on Geographic Names (hereinafter referred to as the MOBGN). The MOBGN is authorized by Section 109.225 RSMo (L. 2009, SB 480). This was taken directly from the statute.
      Section 4: MOBGN can apply for grants through federal and state programs to publish surveys of the condition and needs of geographic records in the state of Missouri and to solicit

or develop proposals for projects to be carried out in the state for preservation of geographic records and publications.

Article II – Membership
Section 6: Members must serve without compensation. However, members may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as the members of the board.
Lynn asked Jill Hartke to distribute forms to board members. One is the travel expense report and the other form is the request to become a payee of the state, or "vendor". We will offer mileage reimbursement for travel to this meeting.

Article III – Officers and Executive Committee
Section 5: Jerry Vineyard pointed out duplicate wording on item (b).
Section 6: Item (d) states that the Executive Secretary shall transmit all decisions of the USGS to the MOBGN members, Secretary of State's Communications staff and other interested parties. Lynn mentioned that this will be a great asset to the board since the communications staff can work with the newspapers on published information.

Article IV – Meetings
Section 1: Lynn mentioned that this section states the board shall be required to meet once per year. However, they can meet more than once a year if the Chair or board decides.

Lynn then continued to go over the remainder of the articles and sections. He then asked for any comments, questions, or revisions of the guidelines.

Article II, Section 3. Chris Barnett asked if any last minute changes or proxies need to be appointed, should this be taken up with the Vice Chair. Lynn and John Dougan state that this would be an acceptable process.
Article IV, Section 1. John Dougan noted that the items under this section need to be reassigned. There is not a "(b)" in this sequence.
Article II, Section 1. Jerry Vineyard says there is an "s" in the word "citizen" in the third paragraph that needs to be removed.

Lynn Morrow stated that he has made notations of the corrections and comments board members have made. He then asked the members to please continue to review these guidelines and email him with any corrections or suggestions and he will get a new copy out to everyone after it has been finalized.

Walter Schroeder stated that it should be noted that there are new guidelines and bylaws to follow and they are now operating by these guidelines.

Voting for New Officers

Walter Schroeder stated that a new Vice Chair needs to be elected. He then asked for any nominations. John Fisher nominated Chris Barnett. Gordon McCann seconded the motion. Jerry Vineyard moved for approval of nomination. Ray Fox seconded the approval of nomination. It was approved. Chris Barnett is the new Vice Chair for MOBGN.
Walter says that he has been privileged to serve on the board. Jane compliments Walter on his leadership and contributions to the board. Lynn Morrow asked if Walter would serve as an advisor and Walter agreed.

Tony Holland is retiring and Chris said the board would like to thank him for his service.
The board then welcomed Debra Green as his replacement. Chris also welcomed Tony Spicci. Tony is now representing the MDC as Russ Mueller nor Mary Lyon are no longer with MOBGN.

New/Revisited Business

Jane gave a presentation regarding the naming of Johnston Mountain vs Edge Branch High Top. Jane said that Edge Branch Hightop was a name Kenneth Long said by which he knew the summit. The US Board has asked the MOBGN to either reaffirm the decision of Johnston Mountain or contact them to tell them we remove our decision to name it Johnston Mountain.

Jane said there were two people found by an independent researcher who interviewed locals who called it Edge Branch Hightop. These were Mr. Kenneth Long and his mother who lives with him. Although asked several times to supply bibliographic evidence of the name Edge Branch Hightop, Mr. Long never again contacted the US BGN or the MOBGN. Darrell Pratte moved to reaffirm Johnston Mountain. Ken Dagel seconded. Board approved the motion to reaffirm of the name "Johnston Mountain".

Chris Barnett said the next item is LargaVista Fork. Jane made a presentation on the name. The US Board has concerns with the name because it seems commercial in aspect. The US BGN also did not like that the name LargaVista is two words "bumped" together. The US Board voted against the name as LargaVista Fork. A representative from the Army Corps of Engineers asked the US Board to revisit the issue. They suggested having the name as Larga Vista Fork with 3 separate words. Jane took this issue to the proponent and she was happy with it being 3 words. Dave Kreighbaum voted to have it approved as 3 words. Henry Sweets seconded the motion. Larga Vista Fork was approved.

Chris asked Jane to present the Seeley Creek issue. Jane said that according to Johnson County, the Seeley family did not own land that the creek flows through. Land ownership is not evidence enough to name a creek after a person. The proponent still wanted to name it Seeley Creek. Jane stated that Johnson County has done the field work and local owners of land or nearby areas did not want the creek named Seeley Creek. Based on this research the Jonhson County Commissioners did not approve the name Seeley Creek. Chris asked for a motion to approve or deny the naming of the creek. Jay Turner moved to deny the name. Dave Kreighbaum seconded the motion. The board approved the denial of the name "Seeley Creek". The board voted this way in support of the recommendation of Johnson County.

Chris asked Jane to present the La Barque Creek issue. Jane stated that this is a populated area near the La Barque Creek Watershed. The proposed name for the area used to be only 2 words (LaBarque Creek) and the USPS approved it as a name and is allowing mail to be addressed to LaBarque Creek, MO. Jane found in her research that other features with a similar name are written as 3 words (La Barque Creek). La Barque is French for the canoe, and canoes were used by local Indians to fish the stream and for transportation to other streams. La Barque Creek (3 words) and La Barque Hills (3 words) are the names of the stream and range respectively. Since the proposal stated that the area was to be named for the watershed of La Barque Creek, Jane wrote to the proponent asking that since the area is to be named for the stream's watershed, did they mean the area name to be two words or three words. The proponent stated that the graphic artist hired by the LaBarque Creek Watershed Committee suggested that bumping La and Barque together as LaBarque was more graphically pleasing and that is why the committee chose that specific form not realizing that this created a difference between the area name and the stream name.

Ron Nuetzel, the guest from the watershed committee, stated he and the proposing committee was fine with it being 3 words. He said he has visited with census bureau and USPS and the county. He said the county supports the name as 3 words. Jerry Vineyard commented that a state park will be created in the area. Mr. Nuetzel said that the park will be Don Robinson Park. Gordon McCann moved to accept it as 3 words. John Fisher seconded the motion.

Chris then questioned Mr. Nuetzel about the boundaries of this area. DNR has worked with Jefferson County to create this new identity in one county because they were lumped in with Eureka (St. Louis County), Pacific (Franklin County), and House Springs (Jefferson County). The USPS has agreed to recognize the name if it is approved. Chris brought up the concern that towns can often be named for natural features. Ray Fox asked if there is any opposition to the name. Tony Spicci stated that there is a feature named LaBarque, as one word, but they do not oppose the name as two separate words. The board then approved the name as La Barque Creek.

Chris introduced and presented information on a creek that needed a name correction. The creek is located in Henry County near Clinton, MO. The possible names found already in print are as follows: Nardenton Creek, Nardeton Creek, Narolston Creek, Harolston Creek, Nordston Creek, and Nardston Creek. Chris stated that there are multiple sources for each of these names. Locals do not have a name for the creek. Chris said this is not an official names case because there is no proponent. A board member would need to propose a name. Chris would like to propose a name to the US Board. Ray Fox asked if Chris needed a motion to do more research. Jane said he probably does need a motion. Chris proposed that he bring his research to the board as a citizen in May. It was mentioned that this case would be an excellent case to discuss at the October meeting of the MOBGN before the COGNA conference attendees.

Continuing Business

Lunch was served and business was continued.
Dave Kreighbaum announced that he has taken a new job and will be suggesting a replacement for himself on the board.

Chris turned the meeting over to Wayne Furr to discuss the 2010 COGNA (Council of Geographic Names Authorities) conference.

Wayne started out going through the agenda for the conference day by day. He requested that a MOBGN meeting be held at the conference rather than having the normal November 2010 meeting at the Kirkpatrick building. Wayne then discussed the totes, binders, design of the covers of the notebooks, and programs. 60-70 people generally attend the meeting and he expects it to be about the same in 2010.

Registration will be held by COGNA possibly or someone locally could handle it if Wayne can get a branch bank account in Missouri. He will also look into a Paypal account. He has had an issue with a purchase order when a fiscal office wouldn't pay registration until after the fact and then had a problem with the format of the invoice.

Wayne asked for a budget to written up and submitted early so that they can figure how much to request for registration fees. The conference will be held in Springfield, MO, at the University Plaza Hotel. Wayne said that a keynote speaker needs to be decided upon.

There is a state and federal roundtable workshop. This will be held as an educational forum for each state to give a report on activities they have done. Other people can come and give reports as well. Council business meeting must also take place. Voting members of each state should attend.

Academic papers and workshops are opened and presented on Friday. Wayne said that Chris' case of Nordeton/Nordenton would be a good workshop topic.

The banquet closes out the conference. There also needs to be a banquet speaker. This speaker should be entertaining and at least mention geographic names. Jane mentioned that she communicated with Yakov Smirnov and his fee was too high. The speaker needs to be entertaining but also geographic names knowledgeable. The banquet usually has an attendance of around 70 people.

A Saturday field trip is an option. The trip will need to be educational and concerning geographic names. There also needs to be a handout and narrative to go with the trip. There is usually an average of 42 people on the trip.

The dates are set for October 5th through 9th, 2010.

Wayne suggests opening registration about 4 months ahead. Gordon McCann talked about the bus options for the tour on Saturday. Jane then asked about how to accept donations for the conference. Wayne said that $5000 was the limit. It goes to COGNA and then he will write a letter to the donor. Their name will also be listed in the program folder. Chris introduced Jane's cookbook idea. Jane asked that a MOGBN cookbook be included in the program for the 2010 conference. She will accept recipes from board members. She would like to include this in the registration packet and then make additional copies available (asking for donations) at the conference.

Chris asked for the board's opinion on the cookbook idea. Everyone seemed to think it would be a good idea. He said to contact Jane with the recipes and ideas. Jerry asked for a deadline. Jane said the deadline is June 1st for the rough draft, and August 15th for the printable copy. She asked that everyone have their recipes to her by mid-April if possible. Jane also asked that pictures be included with the recipes if possible.

Jane and Chris then discussed the tour/field trip. Jane went over the stops planned for the tour and stated that she would like to have different board members to be speakers on the bus. Chris asked Jane to type up the list of stops for the tour and her ideas. And then send them out to the board members by the beginning of April.

Reports

Chris asked Lynn Morrow to report about the scanning work. Lynn said they have 40 historic soil maps from Chris and they are being treated in the lab prior to scanning. Darrell Pratte sent three pre-statehood Missouri items that are in the lab. Lynn requested that Chris and Darrell both consult with the conservators after the meeting. He stated that both projects are on-going, multi-year projects, and in the end, both are projected to go online.

John Dougan spoke about Whipple maps that went onto MDHI. Tri-state mining maps also went up online. An aerial photograph collection and pre-1930 plat maps are also active projects.

Chris Barnett reported on 2009 COGNA Conference in Charleston, SC. The COGNA newsletter is looking for a "how your board was formed" article. The first edition is set to go out in January. Chris said there was a presentation by USGS that stated newer digital maps will be out to replace older topographic maps. He said that the COGNA meetings will be held in Missouri in 2010, Hawaii in 2011 and Minnesota in 2012.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment
The next MOBGN meeting will be held in the Interpretive Center on **May 25^{h}, 2010**. Jerry Vineyard moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Kreighbaum seconded the motion. Everyone was thanked for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.