

WYOMING BOARD OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
MINUTES OF MEETING

November 19, 2015

In attendance: Herb Stoughton, Jack Studley, Venice Beske, Devin Traff, Adrienne LaRue, Jeff Cowley

By teleconference: Calvin Williams, Cindy Brown, Dan White, Janie Nelson, Jason Feltner, Larry Schmidt, Mary Agnes McAleenan

Absent: Mary Garman, R.J. Pieper, Scott Scherbel, Tom Kropatsch

- I. Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m. in the State Engineer's Office, Cheyenne, WY by Herb Stoughton, Chairman, Wyoming Board of Geographic Names.
- II. Roundtable introductions were completed.
- III. Minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- IV. Old Business:
  - A. Devils Tower Proposal: A bill has been proposed in congress regarding the name of Devils Tower. All members present at the meeting and by teleconference voted to table the issue until the May meeting. Adrienne LaRue will begin work creating a website for the WyBGN to aid in disseminating information to the public.
  - B. Venice Beske is working with the USGS to correct multiple apparent clerical errors in the GNIS. Venice has obtained feedback from a family who will proceed to propose a change to a geographic name for a spring in Goshen County from "Zenar" to "Zenor". Venice expects the proposal to be submitted prior to the May meeting.
  - C. J. Carlo Cannell, a resident of Jackson, Wyoming, applied to become a member of the Wyoming Board of Geographic Names prior to the May 2015 meeting. During discussion of his application, the board recognized a possible cap of fifteen (15) board members (15 members currently sit on the board). The board voted unanimously to approve his application, contingent on the board's ability to add an additional member. Adrienne LaRue will obtain information regarding this requirement.
- V. New Business:
  - A. Paul Scherbel, a long-standing member of the WYBGN, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2015, the day after his 98th birthday. His impact on the board has been far-reaching and he will be deeply missed.

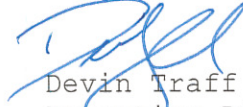
B. Devin Traff will be leaving the SEO in November and, as such, will be stepping down from the board. Adrienne LaRue will be taking over.

C. Officer elections. Herb Stoughton and Jack Studley were voted unanimously to be retained as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

VI. Next meeting scheduled for **May 19, 2016** at 3:00 p.m. in Cheyenne to be held in the State Engineer's Office conference room.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Devin Traff  
Executive Director/Secretary  
WY Board of Geographic Names