



## United States Board on Geographic Names

### *Advisory Committee on Undersea Features*

322<sup>nd</sup> Meeting  
March 16, 2007  
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
Bethesda, Maryland

### *Minutes*

#### 1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

### *Attendance*

#### *Members:*

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Laboratory (retired)  
Sandy SHOR, National Science Foundation  
Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Gerry WALTER, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

#### *Ex Officio:*

Trent PALMER, ACUF Secretary

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda (Attachment 1).

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 321

The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the 321<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### 4. COMMUNICATION

Mr PALMER reported the following:

- A demonstration of the new Search capabilities of the GEOnet Names Server interface will be held at 1:00 p.m on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at NGA. Any interested ACUF Member may attend.
- There is no news on the BGN Bylaws revision or the BGN Executive Secretary position.
- He has been notified by Ms. Judy DAURO, CNMOC, that two name proposals will soon be submitted for ACUF consideration.

Dr. SHOR reported the following:

- The R/V *Marcus Langseth* is in Galveston, Texas to be outfitted for research cruises scheduled for this summer.
- The ALOHA Observatory, an un-manned underwater ocean observatory, is undergoing a six month period of engineering testing. The observatory is collecting data and sending it to Hawaii via old fiber-optic cables.

Mr. THEBERGE informed the group that there will be an open house on the shallow-water ship the *Thomas Jefferson* at the Washington Navy Yard on July 25-27, 2007.

#### 5. REVISED GEONET NAMES SERVER (GNS) WEBSITE

The website was viewed using the conference room computer and wall-mounted flat screen monitors. Several suggested were made and will be incorporated into the website.

#### 6. 23<sup>RD</sup> BGN/PCGN CONFERENCE

The BGN/Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use (PCGN) Conference will be held from April 23 – May 3, 2007 at the U.S. Department of State. In preparation for the upcoming conference, Mr. PALMER is preparing several papers concerned with undersea features and related issues.

ACUF Report

World Bathymetric terms glossary

Policing Project

Each topic was briefly discussed. The ACUF Report will be distributed for comment and review. Mr. WALTER intends to write a brief paper on a program in which NGA is cooperating with UK Hydrographic Office on foreign notice to mariners translations.

#### 7. NEW NAME: SPIESS SEAMOUNT CHAIN

Dr. SHOR provided background on this proposal in work. General consensus was given to acceptance of the idea. The proposal and supporting documentation will be prepared and submitted for intercessional vote. This will ensure that the name(s) are brought before the BGN at the April meeting.

#### 8. DATABASE MAINTENANCE XXII

Eleven features will be removed from the undersea features file and placed in the appropriate country file (see Attachment 2). The BGN Domestic Names Committee will be notified about the features in US waters. There was a discussion about ensuring that the features are still accessible in the database if a user was unaware of which country file to search. Mr. Palmer discussed the use of a secondary country code to identify coastal states into whose territorial sea extend areal or linear undersea features (e.g., ridges, canyons, basins).

#### 9. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 11:50 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2007.



**UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURES**

Three Hundred Twenty-second Meeting  
March 16, 2007  
1000 hrs  
Maury Hall 2 Conf Room  
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
Bethesda, MD 20816

**AGENDA**

1. OPENING:
  - 1.1. Approval of the Agenda
  - 1.2. Approval of the Minutes of the 321<sup>st</sup> ACUF Meeting
2. COMMUNICATION
  - 2.1. Palmer
  - 2.2. ACUF Members
3. REVISED GEONET NAMES SERVER (GNS) WEBSITE
4. 23<sup>rd</sup> BGN/PCGN CONFERENCE
5. NEW NAME
  - 5.1. Spiess Seamount Chain
6. DATABASE MAINTENANCE XXII
7. OTHER BUSINESS
8. CLOSING