

**CENTRAL ARIZONA GROTTO**  
**An Internal Organization of the National Speleological Society**  
**Constitution**  
**Ratified January 1990**

- I. The name of this organization shall be the Central Arizona Grotto.
- II. The purpose of the Grotto shall be to explore and discover caves, to promote cave studies, to conserve caves and cave life, and to promote fellowship among persons interested in caves, caving, and speleology.
- III. The government of the Grotto shall be subject to the constitution and by-laws of the National Speleological Society. The Executive Board may make local policy until the issue that is the subject of the policy can be brought before the Grotto for a vote at the next scheduled general meeting.
- IV. The life of the Grotto shall be perpetual or until terminated by a three-fourths vote of the total membership, or until dissolved by the Board of Governors of the National Speleological Society.
- V. The Executive Board shall be composed of: the Officers of the Central Arizona Grotto, the Grotto newsletter editor(s), and any other interested regular members of the Grotto who attend the Executive Board meetings.
- VI. Amendments to this constitution shall be made by a majority favorable vote of the voting membership.
- VII. Voting on any amendment, by-law, or Grotto policy shall be at the meeting following the publication of the proposed amendment, by-law, or policy in the Grotto newsletter. Voting may be conducted either verbally or by secret ballot. Members may proxy their vote to another member of the Grotto when done in writing for the date specified.

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**By- Laws**  
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I. MEMBERSHIP

- A . Membership in the Grotto shall be open to all persons interested in caves and caving.
- B . Dues paying individuals shall be entitled to all of the privileges of the Grotto including: including the right to vote, hold office, serve as committee chairpersons, and receive a copy of all publications issued by the Grotto.

II. DUES / ASSESSMENTS

- A. Annual dues shall be set by one-half of the membership present at any regularly scheduled meeting.
- B. There shall be no increase in dues during the twelve months following the date the last change became effective.
- C. A charge may be made for any special publication of the Grotto.
- D. A charge may be made to non-members for any Grotto publication.

III. OFFICERS OF THE GROTTA

- A. The officers of the Grotto shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Conservation Chairperson.
- B. Officers shall be elected annually with a twelve month term of office.
- C. The officers shall have the power to conduct and supervise all business for which the Grotto was formed.

IV. MEETINGS

- A. General membership meetings shall be held once a month.
- B. Executive Board meetings shall be held once a month.

V. AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended by a majority favorable vote conducted as directed in Article VII of the Grotto Constitution.

VI. GROTTA REPRESENTATION TO LAND OWNERS / MANAGERS

When a Grotto member represents themselves as an agent of the Grotto to a land owner or land manager, copies of all written communications shall be summarized at the next regularly scheduled Grotto meeting.