

U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
Domestic Names Committee

Six Hundred Fifty-Eighth Meeting  
Department of the Interior, Room 3004  
July 8, 2004, 9:30 a.m.

Members and Deputy Members in Attendance

Vice-Chair	Betsy Kanalley	Department of Agriculture (Forest Service) – not voting
	Bonnie Gallahan	U.S. Geological Survey
	Tony Gilbert	Government Printing Office
	Ronald Grim	Library of Congress
	Ed Harne	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management)
	Robert Hiatt	Library of Congress
	Curtis Loy	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)
	Joseph Marinucci	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
	Barb Ryan	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)

Ex Officio

Roger L. Payne	Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names
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Staff

Lesley Levi	BGN Administrative Assistant
Lou Yost	
Jennifer Runyon	

Guests

Scott Zillmer	National Geographic Society
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1. Opening

The Vice-Chairman called the 658<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She informed the Board that she has decided to vote at today's meeting only if there is a tie vote.

2. Minutes of the 657th Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted, with a correction on Page 6, Rhode Island to Aquidneck Island.

3. Communications and Reports

3.1 BGN Chairman's Report (Loy)

An Executive Committee meeting needs to be scheduled sometime in August or September to discuss several items. The Executive Secretary indicated that the appropriate members would be informed.

3.2 BGN Executive Secretary's Report (Payne)

The Board was informed that the geographic names course sanctioned by the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) will take place August 23 – September 4, 2004, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

How many Full Board meetings should take place in a year? This agenda topic will be discussed at the next Full Board meeting. If it is decided that only two meetings should occur in a year, then it will be recommended to be in April and October.

### 3.3 Report of the Publicity Committee (Payne for Wood)

Payne informed the Board that several reporters contacted him regarding the Board's decision to retain Rhode Island rather than Aquidneck Island. Several articles have been written in local newspapers. It was explained that all local governments and the State government recommended retention of Rhode Island.

Also, it was noted that Florida passed legislation requiring county governments to resolve existing references to the pejorative form of "Negro" and to examine other possible offensive names.

### 3.4 Executive Secretary's Report (Payne)

Payne informed the Board that a USGS volunteer, Lois Lynch, has joined the Geographic Names Office, and is a welcome addition to the office. Even though she works only one day a week, she is contributing much to the Office, and we are grateful to have her.

There will be a joint GIS Symposium of the BLM and USFS in April, 2005. The Geographic Names Office has been asked, and has agreed to conduct a training session, as well as to make a presentation regarding the relationship of GNIS to *The National Map*.

### 3.5 BGN Staff Report (Yost)

The following is a statistical report of the BGN/DNC staff activities since the June 10 meeting:

0	cases written
120	inquiries received and answered
150	letters written (answered and initiated)
96	e-mail messages

### 3.6 GNIS and Data Compilation Program (Yost)

No report.

## 4. Docket Review List

### I. Staff-Processed New Names, and Name and Application Changes agreed to by all interested parties

Change Leche-e Rock to LeChee Rock and Leche-e Wash to LeChee Wash, Arizona  
(Docket 375)

These proposals were initiated by the Board's staff following an inquiry from a cartographer at the National Park Service, who was revising a map of the Grand Canyon National Recreation Area and discovered an apparent discrepancy between the name Leche-e Chapter, as listed in the Geographic

Names Information System (GNIS), and the locally-used name “LeChee Chapter” (see Attachment A, #1). A motion was made and seconded to approve the change.

Vote: 8 in favor  
0 against  
0 abstentions

West Beach, California (Docket 384)

This proposal is to make official the name West Beach for the section of shoreline that lies within the harbor at the City of Santa Barbara. The name West Beach is already applied to U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps, but to a different feature located approximately 1 km (0.6 mi) to the southwest of the intended location (see Attachment A, #2). A motion was made and seconded to approve the change.

Vote: 8 in favor  
0 against  
0 abstentions

Change Halfbreed Rapids to Pine Island Rapids, Montana (Docket 384)

This proposal, to change the name of Halfbreed Rapids to Pine Island Rapids, was submitted by the Secretary of State of Montana, “on behalf of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and all of the members of [the Senate and the House]” (see Attachment A, #3). A motion was made and seconded to approve the change.

Vote: 8 in favor  
0 against  
0 abstentions

## II. Disagreement on Docketed Names

Change Mon Island to Buckle Island (Docket 378) or Porpoise Island (Undocketed) North Carolina and Virginia

Manns Island (Docket 378) vs. Mauns Island (Undocketed), North Carolina

Change Buckle Island to North Buckle Island, Virginia (Docket 384)

These proposals, to change and to make official names for various marsh islands located along the coast of North Carolina and Virginia, were first presented to the Committee at its May meeting, but were deferred pending further research and input by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. After a review of the various proposals and an analysis of the evidence, much of which is contradictory, the Committee decided to discuss and vote on each item separately. It was noted that the Fish and Wildlife Service had found no additional maps or documents that might help clarify the situation, so citing apparent local usage of the existing names, found no reason to make any changes (see Attachment B, #1). A motion was made and seconded to reject the proposal renaming of Buckle Island in Virginia to North Buckle Island, citing a lack of evidence that the proposed name has ever been published, along with longtime usage of the existing name.

Vote: 8 in favor  
0 against

0 abstentions

A motion was then made and seconded to change the application of the name Mon Island and to correct the spelling of the name to “Manns.” The collective name Manns Island is now considered official for the two islands located immediately to the east of the “former” Mon Island.

Vote: 8 in favor  
0 against  
0 abstentions

The members then discussed the fact that these two actions resulted in the “former” Mon Island now being unnamed. Because of the controversy regarding which name is in local use and the fact that the Board cannot permit two islands in close proximity to both be named Buckle Island, a motion was made and seconded to defer any decision on the third proposal. The staff was instructed to advise all interested parties of the two decisions thus far, and to request that everyone reevaluate the situation and hopefully reach a compromise.

Change Mud Lake to Beaver Lake, North Dakota (Docket 379)

This proposal was submitted by a resident of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, to rename a lake that is located partially on his family’s property in Benson County, North Dakota. The lake is approximately 3.2 km (2 mi) long and 1.6 km (1 mi) wide, and is named currently Mud Lake, but the proponent suggests that this name is no longer appropriate, as improvements have been made and the “now impressive body of water deserves a more respectable label”(see Attachment B, #2). A motion was made and seconded **not** to approve the proposal, citing lack of evidence of popular support.

Vote: 7 in favor  
0 against  
1 abstention

### III. New Commemorative Names and Name Changes agreed to by all interested parties

Raleigh Creek, Minnesota (Docket 385)

This new commemorative name was submitted by two members of the Raleigh family to honor their grandfather William Raleigh (1867-1942), a lifelong resident of the area, who settled on property along the stream in 1904 (see Attachment C, #1). A motion was made and seconded to approve the change.

Vote: 8 in favor  
0 against  
1 abstention

IV Revised Decisions - none

V. New Names agreed to by all interested parties

Pine Island, Montana (Docket 385)

This proposal was submitted by the President of the Reaching the Rockies Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. The island in question lies along the Missouri River, 0.6 km (0.4 mi) south of the small community of Hardy and 53 km (33 mi) southwest of Great Falls (see Attachment D, #1). A motion was made and seconded to approve the new name.

Vote: 8 in favor  
0 against  
0 abstentions

#### Gossip Run, Pennsylvania (Docket 384)

The new name Gossip Run is proposed for a 1.3 km (0.8 mi) long tributary of York Run in southwestern Fayette County. The proponents, longtime residents of a farm located along the stream, report that the name was suggested because of the gossip that takes place there (see Attachment D, #2). A motion was made and seconded to approve the new name.

Vote: 8 in favor  
0 against  
0 abstentions

#### 5. Location and Time of Next Meeting

5.1 The September meeting will be held at the regularly scheduled time on September 9. The October meeting will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> (one week early) in Room 3004 of the Main Interior Building. The DNC meeting in November is cancelled because it falls on Veteran's Day.

The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held August 12, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., at the Department of the Interior, Room 3004.

5.2 The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

(signed) *Roger L. Payne*

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Roger L. Payne, Executive Secretary

APPROVED

(signed) *Chick Fagan*

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Chick Fagan, Chairman  
Domestic Names Committee