

U.S. Board on Geographic Names
Domestic Names Committee

Six Hundred Seventy-Third Meeting
Department of the Interior, Room 3004
November 10, 2005 - 9:30 a.m.

Members and Deputy Members in Attendance

Elizabeth Kanalley (Chairwoman)	Department of Agriculture (Forest Service)
Chick Fagan	Department of the Interior (National Park Service)
Mike Fournier	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
Bonnie Gallahan	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)
Tony Gilbert	Government Printing Office
Robert Bewley	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management)
Robert Hiatt	Library of Congress
William Logan	Department of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard)
Curtis Loy	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)
Joseph Marinucci	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
Douglas Vandegraft	Department of the Interior (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
Meredith Westington	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast 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	

Guests

Scott Zillmer	National Geographic Society
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1. Opening

Chairwoman Elizabeth (Betsy) Kanalley welcomed everyone to the 673rd meeting of the Domestic Names Committee.

2. Minutes of the 672nd Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted, with some minor corrections.

3. Communications and Reports

3.1 BGN Chairman's Report (Boughton)

No report.

3.2 BGN Executive Secretary's Report (Payne)

The Full Board meeting took place on Tuesday, October 18. Elections were held at that meeting to elect a new chairperson and vice chairperson. Greg Boughton was elected Chairman of the Full Board succeeding Curtis Loy, and Elizabeth (Betsy) Kanalley was elected as Vice-Chair.

The reappointment letters have been received except for the Department of Agriculture, and the Library of Congress. Kanalley noted that a new deputy member from Forest Service will be added to the Board membership.

The Executive Secretary welcomed Mr. Robert Bewley, a newly appointed deputy member from the Bureau of Land Management replacing Ed Harne who retired a few months ago, and Ms. Meredith Westington who is a newly appointed deputy member of the Office of the Coast Survey

Mr. Randall Flynn, who served as Executive Secretary of the Foreign Names Committee has been replaced in that capacity by Mr. Trent Palmer who will also continue to serve as Secretary of the Undersea Features Advisory Committee. Mr. Flynn has been appointed principal member of the Board from the Department of Defense.

The next meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) is scheduled to take place March 28 to April 4, 2006, in Vienna, Austria.

3.3 Report of the Publicity Committee (Payne for Wood)

Payne noted that he has given two newspaper interviews regarding offensive and derogatory names since the last meeting.

3.4 Executive Secretary's Report (Payne)

It was reported that the Annual Conference of the Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) held in Portland, Oregon in October was well organized and a great success. The DNC accomplished a great deal of business at the meeting, and the Oregon Board conducted their outstanding meeting during the conference.

Payne conveyed to the DNC, on behalf of Barbara Ryan, that it was, with great pleasure, serving on the Board as principal member representing the Department of the Interior. It has been a very enlightening experience and she regrets not continuing to participate on the Board.

Payne asked the Board, on behalf of the proponent, if the Board would like to revisit the decision to retain the name Mount Diablo in Contra Costa County, California based on any additional evidence. After some discussion, it was unanimous that there was no evidence to reopen the case. Payne will send a proper response to the proponent on behalf of the Board.

3.5 BGN Staff Report (Yost)

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

0 cases written
204 inquiries received and answered
216 letters written (answered and initiated)
348 e-mail messages

3.6 GNIS and Data Compilation Program (Yost)

Yost reported that he, Payne, and Worcester conducted Phase II training at Morehead State University, in Kentucky, which is compiling geographic names data for the eastern half of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Phase II Contract for the State of New York will be advertised this fiscal year.

The Public Web Query has been enhanced to include a link to Google Earth map service.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between, and among USGS, GSA, and OPM to maintain certain data fields relating to the Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 55/GNIS database is in final review.

3.7 Deferring Names for more State Information (Marinucci)

It was indicated that some State Boards are not providing the required level of detail regarding their decisions, and that the Board members would like to have a procedure established to defer a name(s) for a reasonable period of time after the State Board renders a decision if not enough information regarding the proposal is provided. It should be emphasized to the States that they should give a specific reason why and how the decision(s) was reached. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Board should defer a name for no more than one month for the State to provide additional information.

4. Docket

Please refer to the attached Docket for a description of each proposal.

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

Change Ridgebury Mountain to Seth Low Mountain, Connecticut (Review List 386)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the name change.

Vote: 11 in favor
1 against
0 abstentions

The negative vote was cast citing a reluctance to change a name that is long-standing usage.

Change Shoeneck Creek to Schoeneck Creek, Pennsylvania (Review List 390)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the name change.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

II. Disagreement on Docketed Names

Azalea Peak (Review List 384) vs. I-Yah-Kik Peak (Review List 387), California (San Bernardino National Forest)

A motion was made and seconded **not** to approve either name, citing the lack of local and State support.

Vote: 12 in favor
0 against

0 abstentions

Change **Brizzolari Creek** to **Brizzolara Creek**, California (Review List 387)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the name change.

Vote: 11 in favor
1 against
0 abstentions

The negative vote was cast citing that more information was needed before a decision could be made.

Explorer Arch, Utah (Canyonlands National Park) (Review List 389)

A motion was made and seconded to defer the name until the next meeting to determine absolutely if the name has been published in any documents.

Vote: 8 in favor
3 against
1 abstention

The negative votes were cast in the belief that there was enough information to cast a vote.

***At this point, a voting member had to leave the meeting.**

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

Pollard Point, California (Los Padres National Forest) (Review List 387)

A motion was made and seconded to approve this new name.

Vote: 11 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

IV. **Revised Decisions** – None.

V. **New Names agreed to by all interested parties**

Mountain Morning Ridge, Colorado (San Isabel National Forest) (Review List 385)

A motion was made and seconded to approve this new name.

Vote: 11 in favor
0 against
0 abstentions

Coquina Key, Florida (Review List 388)

* Please note: A Board member requested the Board to vote on this feature before he had to leave the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the new name.

Vote: 11 in favor
1 against
0 abstentions

The negative vote was cast based on the proximity of another feature with the name Coquina Key.

5. Location and Time of Next Meeting

5.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will be held December 8, at 9:30 a.m., at the Department of the Interior, Room 3004.

5.2 The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

(signed) *Roger L. Payne*

Roger L. Payne, Executive Secretary

APPROVED

(signed) *Elizabeth Kanalley*

Elizabeth Kanalley, Chairwoman
Domestic Names Committee