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Next Board Meeting

Sunday, March 6, 2022

The meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. at HRP Associates. Those interested in joining by videoconference should contact secretary@necaveconservancy.org to obtain a link.

Spring Board Meeting

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Time and location to be determined

The Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (NCC) is a not-for-profit corporation committed to the conservation, study, management, and acquisition of caves and karst areas having significant geological, hydrological, biological, recreational, historical, or aesthetic features.

To these ends, the NCC combines the resources and expertise of affiliated cave explorers, educators, scientists, landowners, and conservation officials.

The NCC programs are focused mainly on the preservation of caves and karst. Outreach includes education in schools and local communities, establishment of park spaces on karstlands, and educational messages about the significance of groundwater pollution on this sensitive underground ecosystem.

NCC members assist in the exploration, survey, and protection of these natural resources, and manage them so you can explore them yourself.

NCC logo design by Christa Hay



NORTHEASTERN CAVE CONSERVANCY SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF TRUSTEE ON THE NCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee of the Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (NCC) is soliciting candidates for Trustee of the NCC Board of Directors. Each spring, three of the nine Trustee seats come up for election. Trustees are elected by members of the NCC via emailed ballot during the last half of May, and those elected are seated at the June Board meeting. The Board of Directors, which consists of the Officers and Trustees, set policy for the NCC. The Board meets quarterly, generally for half a day, with frequent communications, mostly via email, between meetings.

Candidates need to be a current member of the NCC. No specific prior experience is required; however, experience in land conservation and stewardship, business, finance, law, fundraising, or community outreach is always helpful.

You may wish to review the Northeastern Cave Conservancy's Board Manual (<http://www.necaveconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/NCC-Manual-2017-09.26.pdf>), minutes from previous meetings of the Board (<http://www.necaveconservancy.org/minutes/>), and a summary of the election process (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ss-IJ4LfcXbCuopMyMYE6h0kJcYIPcaiEum-MxnSyDo/edit?usp=sharing>).

If you would like to be considered as a Trustee candidate, please send a bio/platform to nominating@necaveconservancy.org by May 13 for inclusion with our electronic ballots. I'll send an acknowledgement to you when I receive it. If you know of anyone who would make a good Trustee, please ask them to consider becoming a candidate.

If you have questions about the process, or would like to see sample bios/platforms, please contact Norm Berg, Nominating Committee Chair, at nominating@necaveconservancy.org, call 860-621-2080 (leave a message), or contact any NCC Board member.

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There will be a work day at Clarksville Cave on Saturday, April 23. The primary job will be to replace the changing area, but general post-winter property cleanup is also on the agenda.



The changing area at Clarksville Cave in 2005 (left) and 2022 (right). A closeup of damage detail can be seen below. Photos by Thom Engel.

