



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

305th Meeting

July 8, 2004

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

Attendance

Members:

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Lab (retired)

Sandy SHOR, National Science Foundation

Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Gerry WALTER, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Ex Officio:

Trent PALMER, US BGN ACUF Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda. .

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 304

The Committee approved the minutes of the 304th meeting with one correction.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. PALMER reported the following items:

- NGA has issued a press release concerning geographic names errors on topographic line maps of Afghanistan and possibly Pakistan. From the press release: "agency officials identified instances where place-names do not appear on the maps, and instances where the place-names are imprecisely placed on the maps. Further investigation revealed the agency's Geographic Names Data Base also contains place-name discrepancies." The outcome of this crisis is that the

Geonames Office may receive the necessary funding to replace the Geographic Names Processing System (GNPS).

- The ACUF web site is now operational <http://earth-info.nga.mil/gns/html/acuf/acuf.html>
- The May 2004 version of the SCUFN Gazetteer (Excel or PDF format) is now available <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/gebco/underseafeatures.html>
- The next BGN Meeting is scheduled for 20 July 2004 at USGS in Reston, Virginia

Mr. THEBERGE reported that he recently attended a NOAA celebration in San Francisco for the world's second-longest continuously operating tide gauge. The gauge is located in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area near the Golden Gate Bridge.

Mr. CHERKIS mentioned the following:

- Several new seamounts were discovered during a University of Hawaii and NOAA survey of the Northwest Hawaiian Ridge in 2002-2003. He has been encouraging some of scientist involved in the work to submit name proposals for the newly discovered features.
- He had contacted Dr. Larry MAYER, UNH, about the Hall Hole situation. Dr. MAYER reported that there were no soundings in the area in question.

Mr. WALTER had seen the obituary of a Dr. Mortimer D. TURNER, who had been a Polar Geologist with the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Antarctic feature, Turner Hills, is named for him.

5. REPORT ON SCUFN MEETING

Mr. PALMER distributed a copy of his trip report from attendance of the 17th Meeting of SCUFN.

6. RECONSIDERATION OF NAMES

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Hall Hole	HOLU	43°22'N	069°37'W	REJECTED

7. CONSIDERATION OF NEW NAMES

7.1 One name proposal from Mr. Norman CHERKIS, taken from an article by Mr. Akira ASADA, Hydrographic Department, Japan Maritime Safety Agency.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Mikura Seamount	SMU	33°43'N	139°24'30"W	ACCEPTED

7.2 Names proposed to SCUFN at the 17th Meeting.

Names proposed by Prof. Robert WHITMARSH

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Darwin Knoll	KNLU	03°17'S	056°37'E	Generic not accepted. ACCEPTED as: Darwin Hill (HLLU)
Sharpeigh Knoll	KNLU	03°33'S	056°13'E	ACCEPTED
Tropicbird Orchid Knoll	KNLU	03°05'S	056°14'E	Generic not accepted. ACCEPTED as: Tropicbird Orchid Hill (KNLU)
Wallace Knoll	KNLU	03°25'N	056°40'E	Generic not accepted. ACCEPTED as: Wallace Hill (HLLU)

Names proposed by Dr. Galina AGAPOVA

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Admiralteystva Rise	RISU	75°47'N	054°30'E	ACCEPTED
Admiralteystva Trough	TRGU	74°42'N	054°05'E	ACCEPTED
Al'banov Bank	BNKU	76°56'N	064°06'E	ACCEPTED
Medvezhiy Trough	TRGU	76°52'N	065°03'E	ACCEPTED
Alba Guyot	TMTU	16°57'N	154°18'E	ACCEPTED
Gelendzhik Guyot	TMTU	12°15'N	156°21'E	ACCEPTED
Gramberg Guyot	TMTU	13°56'N	157°35'E	ACCEPTED
Pallada Guyot	TMTU	15°41'N	155°12'E	ACCEPTED

8. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next ACUF meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am Tuesday 17 August 2004.