



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

307th Meeting

October 5, 2004

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Silver Spring, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 10:55 am.

Attendance

Members:

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Lab (retired)

Jim ROBB, United States Geological Survey

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 306

The Committee approved the minutes of the 306th meeting with one correction.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. PALMER reported the following items:

- He noted that he thought that today's meeting was the first to be held away from NGA since ACUF Meeting 236, which was held at the National Ocean Service office in Rockville, Maryland. That meeting was held on February 15, 1990. Dr. SHOR commented that he recalled a meeting held at the USGS in recent years. Mr. PALMER will research the issue.

- The US BGN Executive Committee met on August 4, 2004. ACUF/DNC issues were addressed with no substantive conclusions. The minutes from the meeting were circulated.
- Two other articles were circulated among the attendees. One concerning the future web site of the Gulf of Maine Mapping Portal (GoMMaP) (<http://www.gommap.org>) and the other about a deep-sea research initiative for the Lau Basin (www.southpacificodyssey.org).
- The 2004 Council of Geographic Names Authorities Meeting is to be held 19-23 October in Jacksonville, Florida. ACUF Member Skip THEBERGE is to deliver the Opening Address (<http://cogna50usa.org/2004.htm>).

Mr. THEBERGE reported that Mr. Igor SMOLYAR, National Oceanographic Data Center, with a view to the International Polar Year, is heading an e-library initiative to digitize and scan documents dealing with polar issues. The work is part of the larger effort for the Climatological Atlas of the Arctic.

Mr. WALTER shared an article concerning the transformation of the former US Navy ship *Capable* to be NOAA dedicated ocean exploration vessel.

Mr. CHERKIS brought a copy of the new International Bathymetric Chart of the Arctic (IBCAO) poster for the attendees to see.

Dr. SHOR made the following comments:

- He informed the group that the National Science Foundation is currently seeking someone to fill the position of Division Director of Ocean Sciences. Mr. Larry CLARK is presently the Acting Director.
- The *Healy* is at sea in the Arctic involved in a second UNCLOS continental shelf survey for the United States.

5. CEREMONY FOR MR. ALLEN SHIMADA

Mr. THEBERGE organized a ceremony to honor NOAA employee Mr. Allen SHIMADA and his late father Mr. Bell Masayuki SHIMADA. The son was presented a framed letter from ACUF and a framed 3D profile of Shimada Seamount. The undersea feature was named for Mr. Bell SHIMADA, a former scientist with the US Fisheries Commission, in 1965.

6. DATABASE UPDATE XIV

<i>Proposed Name Change</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
GOFAR Fracture Zone	FRZU	04°15'S	106°00'W	ACCEPTED; Capitalization reflects that the name is an acronym for the Global Ocean Floor Analysis and Research Project. Change agrees with SCUFN's approved form
Haslam Seamount	SMU	05°55'S	047°42'E	ACCEPTED; name applied to different feature to agree with SCUFN. Name formerly applied to feature at 01°27'S, 060°06'E. This feature will be indicated as Haslam Seamount (historical) and be denoted as unverified in the database

5.2 Names proposed to SCUFN since the 17th Meeting

Two names for features in the Arctic Ocean have been proposed by Dr. Jonathan E. SNOW, Max-Planck-Institut für Chemie, Abt. Geochemie, Germany. Copies of the proposals were sent to ACUF Secretary for comment and ACUF future consideration.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Hjalmar Johannsen Seamount	SMU	82°57'N	003°40'W	Honoree is worthy of having features named for him; feature is not a seamount; would not recommend approval.
Umberto Cagni Seamount	SMU	82°59'N	005°07'W	Honoree is worthy of having features named for him; feature is not a seamount; would not recommend approval.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- At the next meeting Mr. ROBB will bring additional coordinate location and depth information for the canyon names approved at ACUF 306.
- Mr. THEBERGE expressed his thanks to the Committee for the work that it does and for coming to NOAA for today's meeting.

8. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 13:30 p.m. The next ACUF meeting will be held at NGA in Bethesda, Maryland on Tuesday 9 November 2004.