



## United States Board on Geographic Names

### *Advisory Committee on Undersea Features*

296<sup>th</sup> Meeting

May 7, 2003

National Imagery and Mapping Agency

Bethesda, Maryland

### *Minutes*

#### 1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 0935 hrs.

#### *Attendance*

##### *Members:*

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Lab (retired)

Sandy SHOR, National Science Foundation

Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Gerry WALTER, National Imagery and Mapping Agency

##### *Ex Officio:*

Randall FLYNN, US BGN Executive Secretary

Trent PALMER, US BGN ACUF Secretary

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 295

The Committee approved the minutes of the 295<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. PALMER reported on the following items:

- A courtesy copy of the March issue of *Louisville Magazine* was circulated. A brief one paragraph piece deals with the Louisville Ridge and mentions the US BGN.
- A website was found which provides information about a project known as the Multilingual Gazetteer of the Geographical Names of the World Ocean. This effort is being conducted at the Department of Cartography of the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary

(<http://lazarus.elte.hu/gb/hunkarta/ica99/4.htm>). A brief project description and a few sample pages were circulated.

Dr. SHOR provided hardcopy and digital data from Fugro Seafloor Surveys from the PacRim–East surveys. This data covers the proposals from Thomas Osborne, AT&T from 1997.

Mr. FLYNN informed the committee about the Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) Conference to be held 30 September – 4 October 2003 in Monterey, California. Interest had been expressed by the conference organizer on taking advantage of the venue and participants to highlight undersea feature name activities. Ideas were solicited from the committee concerning what could be done for the conference. ACUF expressed interest and several ideas were discussed.

Mr WALTER related the following:

- no action had yet been taken to provide former members Mr. Joe Whitney and Ms. Muriel Grim with certificates of appreciation. The Secretary will contact Mr. Payne to see what can be done.
- There is interest in naming a feature for Dick Martino, recently retired NIMA Liaison to the US Navy.

#### 5. REPORT ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF GEBCO SCUFN

A report on this meeting was distributed and discussed. Secretary elaborated some of the primary topics, highlighting those that most affect ACUF. The major item of discussion at today's meeting concerned ACUF and SCUFN policy. It was stated that ACUF and SCUFN's policy on commemorative naming are identical. However, the application of that policy has been quite different. It was pointed out that the ACUF has a mandate to approve names for undersea features for use by the US Government. The role and responsibilities are no more or no less than that. SCUFN had expressed interest in having a SCUFN Member come to an ACUF Meeting. ACUF would welcome any SCUFN Member wishing to attend an ACUF Meeting. Ms. Lisa TAYLOR, NGDC will be invited to attend the next ACUF meeting. At which time further discussion can take place. New name proposals and other name actions resulting from the 16<sup>th</sup> SCUFN Meeting will be considered after the Summary Report has been issued.

#### 6. UNDERSEA FEATURES DATABASE REVIEW UPDATE

- The following database corrections were approved as presented below.

| <i>Proposed Name Change</i> | <i>Designation</i> | <i>Latitude</i> | <i>Longitude</i> | <i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|
| Acadiana Basin              | BSNU               | 26°46'N         | 093°15'W         | Formerly Arcadiana Basin; Changed to agree with LUMCON R/V <i>Acadiana</i> , for which it is named.                                   |
| Argolikós Basin             | BSNU               | 36°30'N         | 023°15'E         | Formerly Argolikos Basin; Changed To agree with Argolikós Kólpos, Greece (gulf).  |
| Arusí Hill                  | HLLU               | 16°08'N         | 079°28'W         | Formerly Aruzi Hill; Changed to agree with Arusí, Colombia (ppl)  |
| Bejaïa Canyons              | CNSU               | 36°55'N         | 005°22'E         | Formerly Bejaia Canyons; changed to agree with Bejaïa, Algeria (ppl).   |
| Brooker Bank                | BNKU               | 38°52'N         | 025°20'E         | Coordinates corrected from 38°58'N, 025°20'E.   |
| Chía Seamount               | SMU                | 15°29'N         | 079°52'W         | Had not been entered into database when approved as Chia Seamount (ACUF 262); Will now be entered to agree with Chía, Colombia (ppl). |

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| Crockett Basin            | BSNU | 26°51'N | 094°39'W | Coordinates corrected from 27°51'N., 094°39'W.  |
| Curumaní Valley           | VALU | 15°56'N | 079°16'W | Formerly Curumani Valley; Changed to agree with Curumaní, Colombia (ppl).                             |
| DuToit Fracture Zone      | FRZU | 49°00'N | 028°00'E | Formerly Du Toit Fracture Zone; changed to correct rendering of the name of Alex DuToit, the honoree. |
| Enguri Canyon             | CNYU | 42°16'N | 041°11'E | Formerly Inguri Canyon; changed to agree with Enguri, Georgia (stream)                                |
| Glávki Bank               | BNKU | 39°35'N | 024°30'E | Formerly Glavki Bank; Changed to agree with Glávki , Greece (ppl)                                     |
| Gudaut'a Bank             | BNKU | 43°00'N | 040°32'W | Formerly Gudauta Bank; Changed to agree with spelling of Gudaut'a, Georgia (ppl).                     |
| Harrison Mound            | MNDU | 26°36'N | 094°09'W | Coordinates corrected from 27°36'N., 094°09'W.  |
| Herodotus Seamount        | SMU  | 33°35'N | 019°56'E | Same feature as Cyrene Seamount; Herodotus is reaffirmed and Cyrene becomes a variant.                |
| Kefallinía Valley         | VALU | 38°16'N | 020°10'W | Formerly Kefallinia Valley; Changed to agree with Nísos Kefallinía, Greece (island)                   |
| Kikládhes Plateau         | PLTU | 37°00'N | 025°00'E | Formerly Kikladhes Plateau; Changed to agree with Kikládhes Nísoi, Greece (islands)                   |
| Kızılırmak Canyon         | CNYU | 42°06'N | 035°44'E | Formerly Kizilirmak Canyon; Changed to agree with Kızılırmak, Turkey (stream)                         |
| Lafitte Basin             | BSNU | 27°43'N | 092°41'W | Coordinates corrected from 27°18'N., 092°41'W.  |
| Lésvos Basin              | BSNU | 38°54'N | 026°15'E | Formerly Lesvos Basin; Changed to agree with Nísos Lésvos, Greece (island)                            |
| Malta Plateau             | PLTU | 36°00'N | 015°00'E | Coordinates corrected from 41°30'N, 029°35'E (data entry error)                                       |
| Myrtóön Basin             | BSNU | 37°00'N | 024°00'E | Formerly Mirtoon Basin; Changed to agree with Myrtóön Pélagos, Greece (sea)                           |
| North Skýros Basin        | BSNU | 39°10'N | 025°00'E | Formerly North Skiros Basin; Changed to agree with Nísos Skýros, Greece (island)                      |
| Nuquí Knoll               | KNLU | 15°02'N | 079°55'W | Formerly Nuqui Knoll; Changed to agree with Nuquí, Colombia (ppl).                                    |
| Pelopónnisos-Cretan Ridge | RDGU | 36°00'N | 022°55'E | Formerly Peloponnisos-Cretan Ridge; Changed to agree with Pelopónnisos, Greece (region)               |
| Rowley Shoals             | RFSU | 17°20'S | 119°10'E | Removed from UF file; This feature lies within Australian territorial waters.                         |
| Rudder Basin              | BSNU | 26°35'N | 094°15'W | Coordinates corrected from 27°35'N., 094°25'W   |

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| Sakibaru Seamount       | SMU  | 27°13'N | 131°18'E | Formerly Sakibara Seamount; Changed to agree with Sakibaru-saki, Japan (point)   |
| Sala y Gómez Ridge      | RDGU | 25°00'S | 098°00'W | Formerly Sala y Gomez Ridge; Changed to agree with Sala y Gómez, Chile (island)  |
| Samothráki Plateau      | PLTU | 40°45'N | 025°15'E | Formerly Samothraki Plateau; Changed to agree with Nísos Samothráki, Greece (island)   |
| San Jacinto Mound       | MNDU | 26°48'N | 094°51'W | Coordinates corrected from 27°48'N., 094°51'W.   |
| Sicily-Malta Escarpment | ESCU | 36°30'N | 015°35'E | Same feature as Malta Escarpment; Sicily-Malta is reaffirmed and Malta becomes a variant. The coordinates were corrected from 35°30'N, 015°45'E. |
| Sinaia Bank             | BNKU | 38°51'N | 025°48'E | Had not been entered into database when approved (ACUF 259); will now be entered.  |
| South Ikaría Basin      | BSNU | 37°20'N | 026°00'E | Formerly South Icaria Basin; Changed to agree with Nísos Ikaría, Greece (island).  |
| South Skýros Basin      | BSNU | 38°37'N | 024°38'E | Formerly South Skiros Basin; Changed to agree with Nísos Skýros, Greece (island)   |
| Ubaté Seamount          | SMU  | 15°10'N | 079°32'W | Formerly Ubate Seamount; Changed to agree with Ubaté, Colombia (ppl).  |
| Yacopí Valley           | VALU | 15°09'N | 080°18'W | Had not been entered into database when approved as Yacopi Valley (ACUF 262); will now be entered to agree with Yacopí, Colombia (ppl)           |

## 7. CLOSING

The demonstration of GNPS was postponed for another meeting. The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held at NIMA Bethesda on June 12, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

The Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.