



U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF)
Three Hundred twenty-seventh Meeting
April 1, 2008 (1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, Maryland

MINUTES

1. Opening

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Attendance

Members:

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Laboratory (retired)
Sandy SHOR, University of Hawaii [by telephone]
Gerry WALTER, Chairman, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)
Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Ex Officio:

Trent PALMER, ACUF Secretary

Observers:

Donald SCOGGINS, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

The meeting agenda is at Attachment 1.

2. Approval of Minutes of ACUF 326

The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the 326th meeting.

3. Communications

3.1. ACUF Chairman

Mr. WALTER reported the following:

- He attended the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Federal Users Conference held in Washington, DC on February. 20-22, 2008. The BGN had scheduled a special session and a Domestic Names Committee

meeting, but none of the BGN participants attended due to an ice event in the metropolitan area. Mr. WALTER was present and noted that there were other conference attendees there.

3.2. ACUF Executive Secretary: Not present

3.3. ACUF Secretary:

Mr. PALMER reported the following:

- The next meeting of the BGN is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2008 at the State Department. The US BGN Foreign Names Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. that same day and location.
- He participated in a Knowledge Capture Project in which he was videotaped recounting the history and work of the committee. The project was part of a Political Geography Division effort to record information about the tradecraft of geographic name standardization that has occurred at NGA.
- The 24th BGN/Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use (PCGN) Meeting will be held April 28-May 2, 2008 in London.
- The ACUF website has been updated with the membership changes and the Commemorative Names Statement. The Commemorative Names Statement has also been sent to Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (CNMOC).

3.4. ACUF Members

3.4.1. Mr. Cherkis reported the following:

- Dr. Hans Werner SCHENKE, Chairman of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN), is involved in a project to harmonize the ACUF Gazetteer and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) Gazetteer.

3.4.2. Mr. THEBERGE reported the following:

- After further consideration, he has decided not to pursue the idea of asking Mr. Craig MCLEAN, NOAA, about possible ACUF membership. An alternate proposal, which was well received, was to contact Mr. Andy ARMSTRONG, of the NOAA Center for Coastal & Ocean Mapping Joint Hydrographic Center (CCOM JHC) in Durham, New Hampshire, about identifying someone from that group to become involved with ACUF.
- He has been asked to be the History Editor for *Hydro International* magazine. He solicited ideas and articles for use in that section of the publication.

3.4.3. Dr. SHOR reported the following:

- No response has been received from officials from the NOAA contacts at the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Mr. Theberge was tasked to contact the NOAA monument officials.

4. New Name Proposals

4.1 Names Considered at SCUFN 20

One name submitted by the Japanese Committee on Undersea Feature Names (JCUFN):

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Minami Okinawa Escarpment	ESCU	22°30'N	129°25'E	ACCEPTED

Three names submitted by Dobrolubova Geological Institute, Russia:

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Litvin Seamount	SMU	77°42'N	6°43'E	ACCEPTED
Pogrebitsky Seamount	SMU	77°29'N	8°28'E	ACCEPTED
Svyatogor Rise	RISU	78°14'N	5°47'E	Feature type not accepted; ACCEPTED as Svyatogor Ridge

4.2 As a preview to a future set of names for consideration, the names from the Mexican map *Hipsometría y Batimetría*, 1:4M were considered. The members were asked for ideas on possible corroborating data covering the area. A listing of the undersea features named on the map was distributed to all in attendance. A comparison of these names versus ACUF's database yields eight feature names that are not currently in ACUF's database.

5. Preparation for SCUFN 21

ACUF Member Norm CHERKIS and ACUF Secretary Trent PALMER are planning to attend the upcoming SCUFN Meeting to be held in Cheju-do, South Korea from 19-22 May, 2008. The group discussed the genetic features proposal in the current draft of IHO Publication B-6; the GEBCO Gazetteer viewer hosted by NGDC; and the ACUF Report to SCUFN. Mr. Palmer noted that there were no name proposals currently posted at the SCUFN Meeting website. The latest GEBCO Gazetteer file, dated September 2007, is now available.

6. Closing

The Committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2008.

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- 3. Communications**
 - 3.1. ACUF Chairman
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- 4. New Name Proposals**
 - 4.1. Names considered at SCUFN 20
 - 4.1.1. JCUFN (1 name)
 - 4.1.2. Russian proposals (3 names)
 - 4.2. Names from Mexico Hipsographic and Bathymetric Map
- 5. Preparations for SCUFN 21**
- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Closing**