A Brief History of the Founding and early Growth of The National Stereoscopic Association and Stereo World Magazine

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This publication will outline briefly the genesis and growth of the National Stereoscopic Association, the shifts in interests of its membership, and the parallel shifts in the content of STEREO WORLD and other NSA activities. Emphasis will be focussed on the early years of the founding and sometimes painful — but always exciting — evolution of the organization.

The initial idea of a club for stereoview collectors came from Dr. William C. Darrah of Gettysburg, Penna. who had published a book on vintage stereos in 1963, and was the acknowledged expert on the subject. He came to Boston in 1973 as the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Photographic Historical Society of New England. There he came in contact with Richard and Francine Russack, avid collectors who then lived in the Boston suburbs and broached the topic with them. They all agreed that a stereo club and newsletter were needed but Darrah said that since he was busy writing a second book he couldn’t be directly involved. He did provide a list of people who had bought his first book, and the Russacks merged this with the names of others they’d come in contact with through their collecting activities. Shortly thereafter the Russacks joined John Craig of Connecticut in a mail auction of photographica. John Waldsmith, a collector in Columbus, Ohio wrote to the Russacks in response to the auction and when plans for a club began to jell he was invited to be editor of a newsletter.

An initial mailing by the Russacks in the fall of 1973 to see if there were much interest in such a club went to only about 25 people. Responses were encouraging enough that the first number of STEREO WORLD, Volume 1, #1, appeared dated March/April of 1974. It was cobbled together with some apprehension since there was no assurance that a club catering to stereoview collectors was at all viable. It was definitely a newsletter, not a magazine, consisting only of 12 pages printed on low-grade un-coated paper. It had but three articles: One on Civil War stereoviews by John Craig, another on the Kilburn Brothers by T.K. Treadwell, and a third on the Pittsburgh railroad labor war by an unidentified author. The Russacks, however, hoped optimistically that “many more would follow”, and a bimonthly publication was planned. Annual dues were set at $10, and a full-page advertisement was $25. Free classified-format advertising was permitted to members, and most of the ads in the early issues were those; the only full-page ad in the first issue was from the late Fred Lightfoot, a long-time scholar and major dealer.

It seemed to bode ill for the future when the second issue was even smaller than the first, only 8 pages, but with the third it recovered to 10 and for the remainder of the year fluctuated between 16 and 20. By mid-1974 the Russacks were in touch with over 100 people and were convinced that there was enough interest to justify formalizing a stereo club. They incorporated The National Stereoscopic Association under the laws of Massachusetts as a non-profit, educational organization effective 15 November 1974. According to the charter, the outfit was to be run by three “permanent members” which for many years have been referred to as “directors”, and initially were the Russacks and John Waldsmith. Others desiring to associate with the organization were identified as “annual members”; they pay dues and are members for a year at a time. Although the permanent members presumably listen to their opinions, they legally have no say whatsoever in running the association. This explains why NSA, unlike some other organizations, never has elections of officers by the membership at large.
By the end of the first year (1974-1975) there were about 300 of these dues-paying members but the venture still lost money. In spite of this the organizers were encouraged enough that they decided not only to continue but to strengthen the administrative structure of the outfit. Two additional directorships were created, and Gordon Hoffman of Wisconsin and Dr. Michael Swanson of Massachusetts were appointed to fill them. The administration of the association was split; the legal headquarters and business offices remained in Massachusetts with the Russacks. An editorial office was opened in Columbus, Ohio and Waldsmith was formally named editor of STEREO WORLD.

Volume 2, issued during the second twelve months of operation (1975-6), varied considerably in quantity, running from 12 to 20 pages. A dispassionate look at the contents reveals substantial variation in quality as well. A few of the articles (such as Gary Chamberlain’s on New Hampshire photographer Franklin White) remain the definitive word on a subject. Regrettably, many others are most charitably described as “pot-boilers”, being simply “looky what I’ve got” selections of stereoviews from personal collections with no pretense of research or insight. In mid-year Dr. Swanson had to leave the organization for personal reasons and was replaced by Dr. Brandt Rowles. The first “convention” of the association occurred when the Ohio Camera Collectors Society kindly included a section for NSA members at its annual gathering in Columbus 25 May 1975.

Later that year it was estimated that there were 400 members, and in April 1976 about 550. This growth severely taxed the rudimentary administrative structure of the infant club, and the problem was exacerbated by the split of responsibilities between Massachusetts and Ohio. To try to cope with these troubles an administrative shakeup in early 1976 created the offices of president and secretary/treasurer, to be appointed by the directors. Rick Russack became the first president and his wife Fran the secretary/treasurer. A second NSA gathering was held September 11 1976 in Chicago, hosted by the Chicago Photographic Collectors Society.

By the third year it was clear that the organization was going to survive; in early 1977 the editor remarked that the Association had almost 700 members. STEREO WORLD was now a real magazine, with the covers printed on coated (enameled) paper, so that the outside illustrations at least were considerably upgraded. On August 27-28 the first independent annual meeting of NSA was held at the Canton Art Institute in Canton, Ohio. Perhaps more importantly, the desirability of “showing the flag” around the country was recognized and the first regional meeting was held in Pasadena, Calif., in November.

1978 brought further administrative changes. The increased number of directors hadn’t solved anything and was cut back to the original level of three. Brandt Rowles took over the position of president from Rick Russack and John Weiler replaced Fran Russack as secretary. She continued serving as treasurer, however, until the following year when she was replaced by Vern Conover. In a major policy initiative in late 1977, Rowles announced the affiliation of NSA with the American Branch of the Stereoscopic Society, thus bringing stereo photographers to what had so far been a purely collector’s group. A full page (!) was to be set aside in each issue of STEREO WORLD for matters dealing with this aspect of the field. Not, however, until the spring of 1978 did the first article on current stereo appear in the magazine.
Unfortunately these administrative changes couldn’t cope with the growth of the organization; the membership was now approaching 800. The burgeoning work-load, the split in administrative locations, and considerable ambiguity as to the responsibilities of the various officers, led to neglected correspondence and delays in publication of the magazine. Complaints from irritated members burgeoned and repeated apologies appeared in the magazine. In retrospect Waldsmith was simply trying to handle too much; writing much of the magazine’s content in addition to serving as editor, planning the library, coordinating meetings, and myriad other details, in addition to working a full-time job. In trying to do so many things, inevitably some things were not done well. More fundamentally, a split began to appear at the top. The Russacks felt that Waldsmith had taken over the organization which they’d conceived and created; a distinct coolness developed and they began to back away from the administration.

In April of 1978 another regional meeting was held near Louisville, Ky., and on 5 August another annual meeting of NSA was held in Canton, Ohio, at the Art Institute. Also in 1978 a much better quality of paper (but still uncoated) was also used for the inside pages of the magazine. However, not until Volume 7 in 1980 was the entire magazine printed on coated paper; with this upgrading, the quality of all the illustrations was vastly improved.

In 1979 an issue was printed with 48 pages, duly noted as being "our largest so far", and NSA had almost 1,000 members.

Relationships amongst the founders continued to deteriorate. Although the Russacks were still listed as directors and therefore technically in control, the Massachusetts business address was dropped and all operations centered at Columbus, Ohio. Not enough attention was given to financial matters; money became scarce and in 1980 dues were raised for the first time, to $12. New (and costly) ventures blossomed; in late 1979 the society undertook to publish a hard-bound book by Peter Palmquist, and to reprint Norman Rockwell’s drawing “The Sphinx”.

Complaints about poor administration swelled to the point where they could no longer be ignored. Waldsmith recognized the problems and expressed a desire to give up the editorship of STEREO WORLD whenever a replacement could be found. Looking for a fresh approach to management, the Russacks asked T.K. Treadwell to join the administration as president and director (replacing Fran Russack). He accepted, taking office at the NSA convention in the summer of 1980, and a period of intensive analysis and re-grouping occurred. It was painfully obvious that the organization had over-extended itself not only administratively but financially. There wasn’t enough money in the treasury to pay all the outstanding bills, so a loan from the incoming president was negotiated to cope with the cash flow crisis. In May of 1981 Waldsmith resigned as editor and was replaced by John Dennis. He also left the board of directors and was replaced by Paul Wing of Hingham, Mass., who was active both as a collector and stereophotographer.

Several actions were quickly initiated to temper the goals and reduce expenses. It was clear that NSA could no longer afford the high rent that the Art Institute was charging to house the library. Fortunately Dr. William Zulker of Eastern College (near Philadelphia) offered to provide a home there for the library at no cost. This was gratefully
accepted, and Dr. Zulker replaced Waldsmith as curator of the library. In another major policy shift it was decided that instead of always having the annual meetings in Canton, they would be rotated to a different city each year. San Jose, California, was selected as the first such location for the summer of 1982, in large part because it was the home town of Lou Smaus, the new chairman of the board of directors, and he offered to organize it. A commitment had been made to publish another book, but this had to be abrogated since the society couldn’t afford to do it. To bring income more in line with actual costs, it was announced that starting in 1982 dues would be raised to $16. A campaign was also mounted to encourage members to donate money in addition to their regular dues and this has been highly successful over the years. Regrettably, a major link to the past was broken in November 1982 when founder Rick Russack resigned as chairman of the board of directors, turning the job over to Lou Smaus of San Jose, Calif.

The magazine stabilized at an average size of some 38 pages for several years; fluctuations were largely due to the availability of articles submitted for publication. The seemingly large size was somewhat misleading, however, since typically half of the magazine consisted not of informative material but advertisements by dealers in photographeca. It was in large part therefore a catalog of items for sale, but for years this matched well with the membership which was made up almost exclusively of collectors. (Of the “founding fathers”, only Dr. Rowles was an active photographer.) The contents of the magazine did change substantially but only slowly, reflecting the shifting interests of the membership. Indeed, not until 1977 did a major article appear based on current photography -- "OPSAIL ’76", by Tom Lesley, and it was 1985 before computers were even mentioned in connection with stereo. However, in 1980 it was noted editorially that there was "a big influx of members interested in making photographs ". Figure I shows the growth of membership over the years, and figure II the progression toward a mix of old and new, vintage and modern stereo. A watershed of sorts was crossed in 1989, when an analysis of member interests showed that for the first time there were slightly more members whose primary concern was with current stereo than vintage.

The period of 1982 to 1988 was perhaps most notable for a lack of administrative excitement for NSA, compared to the earlier hectic phases of founding and rapid growth. The roster of administrative personnel, both directors and appointed officers, was stable with almost no turnover. Six people were now handling what John Waldsmith had tried to manage single-handed earlier, so workloads while still heavy were tolerable. To preclude another financial crisis, dues were raised to $20 in 1986 and to $22 in 1987. Financial stability was maintained; the bank account was built up to cushion against financial surprises and cash flow problems. Staff communications were greatly improved by a system of periodic reports of activities, as well as by keeping the general membership better informed. In 1988 the board of directors was strengthened by expanding it by two members. Paula Fleming was brought in to provide additional expertise in vintage views, as well as the woman’s viewpoint in general. Dieter Lorenz of Germany was installed to provide a link to overseas members, and knowledge about engineering applications and techniques.

In 1987 due to the pressure of other duties Dr. Zulker had to resign as librarian; Ray and Marjorie Holstein took over. In 1988 two major grants were obtained from charitable foundations; these permitted the library to acquire a computer and bring its
holdings on line. In 1991 the Holsteins developed health problems so Talbot and Dorothy Crane began to assist in the library operation. *STEREO WORLD* magazine evolved under the guidance of John Dennis, with the content following the trend of change of members' interests. In 1988 the first color issue appeared.

**The Book Service:** NSA had earlier published a book by Peter Palmquist, and for some time had been reproducing old stereoview catalogs for use by members. In late 1981 T.K. Treadwell agreed to establish a broad-based book service to provide these and other stereo-related materials to members at minimal costs. This was bolstered 21 May 1989 when Dr. W.C. Darrah died and bequeathed the remaining stocks of his stereo and cartes de visite books to NSA at a minimal cost. The service has grown over the years offering commercially published materials as well as those self-published by NSA members. It currently (January 2001) has a listing of over 150 items.

**The Holmes Research Library:** The concept of a research library consisting of both images and documents was explicit in the articles of incorporation of NSA. As early as 1977 serious thought was being given to actually creating one, and donations of materials or funds were solicited. After considerable negotiations, in August of 1979 an agreement was reached with the Canton Art Institute to house the research library, but at a hefty rent. This initially had over 200 books and other reference materials, the vast majority being donated from the personal collection of the Russacks. It became clear during the financial crisis of 1980 that NSA could no longer afford the high rent that the Art Institute was charging. Fortunately Dr. William Zulker of Eastern College (near Philadelphia) offered to provide a home there for the library at no cost. This was gratefully accepted, the shift was effected in early 1982, and Dr. Zulker replaced Waldsmith as curator of the library. In 1987 due to the pressure of other duties Dr. Zulker had to resign as librarian; Ray and Marjorie Holstein took over. A major addition came in 1987 when the stereoview collection of Helen Moseley was donated, consisting of some 15,000 images. In 1988 two major grants were obtained from foundations; these permitted the library to acquire a computer and bring its holdings on line. In 1991 the Holsteins developed health problems so Talbot and Dorothy Crane began to assist in the library operation. In 1997 Eastern College announced that the space which they had dedicated to the library free of charge was needed for other purposes, and a new home was sought. After considering many options, the offer of Mary Ann and Wolfgang Sell to house and operate the library in Cincinnati was gratefully accepted. At present, the library is estimated to have over 20,000 stereoviews as well as thousands of documentary items. A major influx in recent years has been of contemporary stereo-photographs, donated by their makers.

**Dues structure for the basic membership:**

- 1974 — $10
- 1980 — $12
- 1982 — $16
- 1986 — $20
- 1987 — $22
- 1995 — $26
Table I  
Officers of N.S.A. from its founding in 1974 to 2000. Changes are highlighted in bold-face type. The data are based on listings in *STEREO WORLD*, and so usually reflect changes made a few months previous to the date given.

1974 [founding]  
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack  
Member, Board of Directors - Francine Russack  
Member, Board of Directors - John Waldsmith  

1975 [early]  
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack  
**Member, Board of Directors [new position created] - Gordon Hoffman**  
Member, Board of Directors - Francine Russack  
**Member, Board of Directors [new position created] - Michael Swanson**  
Member, Board of Directors - John Waldsmith  
Editor - John Waldsmith [position created]  

1975 [midyear]  
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack  
Member, Board of Directors - Gordon Hoffman  
**Member, Board of Directors - Brandt Rowles [replaced Swanson]**  
Member, Board of Directors - Francine Russack  
Member, Board of Directors - John Waldsmith  
Editor - John Waldsmith  

1976  
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack  
Member, Board of Directors - Gordon Hoffman  
Member, Board of Directors - Brandt Rowles  
Member, Board of Directors - Francine Russack  
Member, Board of Directors - John Waldsmith  
**President [position created] - Richard Russack**  
**Secretary/Treasurer [positions created] - Francine Russack**  
Editor - John Waldsmith  

1977  
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack  
Member, Board of Directors - Gordon Hoffman  
Member, Board of Directors - Brandt Rowles  
Member, Board of Directors - Francine Russack
Member, Board of Directors - John Waldsmith
President - Richard Russack
Secretary/Treasurer - Francine Russack
Editor - John Waldsmith

1978 [late]
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack
Member, Board of Directors - Francine Russack
Member, Board of Directors - John Waldsmith
[Number of directors reduced from 5 to 3]
President - Brandt Rowles [replaced Richard Russack]
Secretary - John Weiler [replaced Francine Russack]
Treasurer - Francine Russack
Librarian - John Waldsmith [position created]
Editor - John Waldsmith

1979 [early]
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack
Member, Board of Directors - Francine Russack
Member, Board of Directors - John Waldsmith
President - Brandt Rowles
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Vern Conover [replaced Francine Russack]
Librarian - John Waldsmith
Editor - John Waldsmith

1980 [midyear]
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell [replaced Francine Russack]
Member, Board of Directors - John Waldsmith
President - T.K. Treadwell [replaced Rowles]
Vice President - John Waldsmith [position created]
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Linda Carter [replaced Conover]
Librarian - John Waldsmith
Editor - John Waldsmith

1981
Chairman, Board of Directors - Richard Russack
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing [replaced Waldsmith]
President - T.K. Treadwell
Vice President, membership [position created] - Laurance Wolfe
Vice President, regional affairs [position created] - Gordon Hoffman
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Linda Carter
Librarian - Bill Zulker [replaced John Waldsmith]
Editor - John Dennis [replaced Waldsmith]
1982 [late]
Chairman, Board of Directors - Lou Smaus [replaced Richard Russack]
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
President - T.K. Treadwell
Vice President, membership - Laurance Wolfe
Vice President, regional affairs - Gordon Hoffman
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Linda Carter
Librarian - Bill Zulker
Editor - John Dennis

1983
Chairman, Board of Directors - Lou Smaus
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
President - T.K. Treadwell
Vice President, membership - Laurance Wolfe
Vice President, regional affairs - Gordon Hoffman
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Linda Carter
Librarian - Bill Zulker
Editor - John Dennis

1984
Chairman, Board of Directors - Lou Smaus
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
President - T.K. Treadwell
Vice President, membership - Laurance Wolfe
Vice President, regional affairs - Tom Rogers [replaced Hoffman]
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Linda Carter
Librarian - Bill Zulker
Editor - John Dennis

1985
Chairman, Board of Directors - Lou Smaus
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
President - T.K. Treadwell
Vice President, membership - Laurance Wolfe
Vice President, regional affairs - Tom Rogers
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Linda Carter
Librarian - Bill Zulker
Editor - John Dennis

1986
Chairman, Board of Directors - Lou Smaus
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
President - T.K. Treadwell
Vice President, membership - Don Bracco [replaced Wolfe]
Vice President, regional affairs - Tom Rogers
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Bill Eloe [replaced Carter]
Business Manager [position created] - Linda Carter
Librarian - Bill Zulker
Editor - John Dennis

1987
Chairman, Board of Directors - Lou Smaus
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
President - T.K. Treadwell
Vice President, membership - Don Bracco
Vice President, regional affairs - Tom Rogers
Secretary - John Weiler
Treasurer - Bill Eloe
Business Manager - Linda Carter
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein [replaced Bill Zulker]
Editor - John Dennis

1988
Chairman, Board of Directors - Lou Smaus
Member, Board of Directors [position created] - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors [position created] - Susan Pinsky
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
President - T.K. Treadwell
Vice President for Membership - [vacant - Don Bracco resigned]
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
Secretary - John Weiler Treasurer - Bill Eloe
Business manager - Linda Carter
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis
1989
Chairman, Board of Directors - Lou Smaus
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - Susan Pinsky
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
President - Tom Rogers [replaced Treadwell]
Vice President for Membership - [vacant]
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
Treasurer - Bill Eloie
Business manager - Linda Carter
Secretary - John Weiler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis

1990
Chairman, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell [replaced Smaus]
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - Susan Pinsky
Member, Board of Directors - Paul Wing
Member, Board of Directors - [vacant]
President - Gordon Hoffman [replaced Rogers]
Vice President for Activities - John Waldsmith [position created]
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
Treasurer - Robin Wheeler [replaced Eloie]
Secretary - John Weiler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis

1991
Chairman, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom [replaced Treadwell]
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison [filled vacancy]
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - Susan Pinsky
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
President - Gordon Hoffman
Vice President for Activities - John Waldsmith
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler [replaced Robin Wheeler]
Secretary - John Weiler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis
1992
Chairman, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
**Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming [replaced Wing]**
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - Susan Pinsky
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
President - Gordon Hoffman
Vice President for Activities - John Waldsmith
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
Secretary - John Weiler
**Recording Secretary - Larry Hess [position created]**
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians — Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis

1993
Chairman, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
**Member, Board of Directors - Bill Walton [replaced Pinsky]**
President - Gordon Hoffman
Vice President for Activities - John Waldsmith
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
**Secretary - Larry Hess [replaced Weiler]**
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis

1994
Chairman, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Bill Walton
**President - Peter Palmquist [replaced Hoffman]**
Vice President for Activities - John Waldsmith
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
Secretary - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis
1995
Chairman, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
Member, Board of Directors - Bill Walton
President - Peter Palmquist
Vice President [position created] - Larry Moor
Vice President for Activities - John Waldsmith
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
Secretary - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis

1996
Chairman, Board of Directors - Bill Walton [replaced Griscom]
Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming
Member, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
President - Larry Moor [replaced Palmquist]
Vice President - Mary Ann Sell [replaced Moor]
Vice President for Activities - John Waldsmith
Vice President for Regional Affairs - Tom Rogers
Secretary - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis

1997
Chairman, Board of Directors - Bill Walton
Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming
Member, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - T.K. Treadwell
President - Larry Moor
Vice President - Mary Ann Sell
Vice President for Activities - Bill Moll [replaced Waldsmith]
Secretary - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis
1998
Chairman, Board of Directors - Bill Walton
Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming
Member, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
**Member, Board of Directors - Russell Norton [replaced Treadwell]**
**Member, Board of Directors (emeritus) — T.K. Treadwell [position created]**
President - Larry Moor
Vice President - Mary Ann Sell
Vice President for Activities - Bill Moll
Secretary - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis

1999
Chairman, Board of Directors - Bill Walton
Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming
Member, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
Member, Board of Directors - David Hutchison
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - Russell Norton
Member, Board of Directors (emeritus) — T.K. Treadwell
President - Larry Moor
Vice President - Mary Ann Sell
**Vice President for Activities - Dean Kamin [replaced Moll]**
Secretary - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians - Ray and Marjorie Holstein
Editor - John Dennis

2000
Chairman, Board of Directors - Bill Walton
Member, Board of Directors - Paula Fleming
Member, Board of Directors - Andy Griscom
Member, Board of Directors - Dieter Lorenz
Member, Board of Directors - Russell Norton
Member, Board of Directors (emeritus) — T.K. Treadwell
**Member, Board of Directors - Dick Twitchell [replaced Hutchison]**
**President - Mary Ann Sell [replaced Moor]**
Vice President - Shab Levy [replaced Sell]
Vice President for Activities - Dean Kamin
Secretary - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Dave Wheeler
Librarians - Mary Ann and Wolfgang Sell
Editor - John Dennis
Annual conventions of NSA
Attendance figures are not entirely comparable since some included only full registrants while others added an estimate of walk-ins.

1975 — Columbus, OH [at an Ohio Camera Collectors Society meeting]
1976 — Chicago, IL [at a Chicago Photographic Collectors Society meeting]
1977 — Canton, OH
1978 — Canton, OH
1979 — Canton, OH
1980 — Canton, OH
1981 — Canton, OH
1982 — San Jose, CA — no data
1984 — Manchester, NH — 365
1985 — St. Louis, MO — no data
1986 — Riverside, CA — no data
1987 — King of Prussia, PA [Philadelphia area] — 240
1988 — Cincinnati, OH — 480
1989 — Portland, OR — 665
1990 — Manchester, NH — 638
1991 — San Antonio, TX — no data
1992 — Ft. Wayne, IN — 572
1993 — San Diego, CA — 540
1994 — Milwaukee, WI — 625
1995 — Atlanta, GA — 720
1996 — Rochester, NY — 869
1997 — Seattle, WA — 750
1998 — Richmond, VA — 769
1999 — Green Bay, WI — 640
2000 — Mesa, AZ — 450
2001 — Buffalo, NY
2002 — Riverside, Calif. (no data yet)