



Council of Geographic Names Authorities

Columbia, 2024

COGNA – State Report

Name of State Board: South Dakota Board on Geographic NamesName/Title of Person submitting report: June Hansen, Board ChairIs anyone from your state attending COGNA (in person or virtually) in MO this year? YES NO

Is your Board:

- Legislatively mandated?

 YES

NO

- How often does your board meet: At least once a year or more often as needed

- Number of board members: Five Member Board representing 5 state agencies

- Structure of board (agencies represented?): Dept. of Tribal Relations, Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Office of State Historical Society, Dept. of Tourism & Dept. of Transportation

- Does your State request to manage name proposals prior to submission to BGN? YES NO

- Are you required to report to your State (governor, legislature, counties, etc.)? YES (when/how often): _____ NO

Do you have or anticipate any changes to your board or its processes in the future? YES NO

If so, how: _____

Current issues/recent decisions? No current or pending decisions.SDBGN can only deal with unnamed geographic features. Any name proposed for an unnamedfeature, SDBGN conducts the public involvement process on the proposed name before referringto the USBGN. The SDBGN can only act on renaming a feature if the State Legislature deemsthe term "offensive or insulting." Right now the only term in law is "Sq____". All other requests torename a a feature are automatically referred to the USBGN and the SDBGN makes no recommendations.

Please return to Christine Johnson before 9/15/24 and ckjohnson@cogna50usa.org . All State Reports will be read at COGNA conference for educational purposes (whether SNA representatives are present or not).



What is the biggest challenge you have as a State Names Authority? _____
Scheduling meetings. Everyone is so busy it can be difficult at time to find a date/time
that works for everyone.

What do you need from your State to do your job better? N/A

Do you feel connected and knowledgeable about the Federal processes, policies, Secretarial Orders, etc., updated or established in recent years?

YES

NO

If “No,” what would you like to see enhanced, or more information on?

More information on the status of the US Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names.

What is the scope of the committee and time table for implementation of recommendations?

How will this impact State boards? What steps are being made to get local public involvement?

Would appreciate more regular updates.

Will you (or anyone from your SNA board) attend CoGNA in Colorado in 2025?

YES

NO

Any Additional Comments: _____
