

STATE: South Dakota

Name of your (SNA) Organization: **South Dakota Board on Geographic Names**

Are you considered a legislated Board or Commission, Advisory Committee, Other, or Don't Know? **Board Or Commission**

What is your title on the SNA? Executive Secretary, Chair, Other, or Don't Know: **Chairperson**

*** Please review the contact information at the COGNA page (* add URL *) and let Wayne (twfurr@cogna50usa.org) know if updates are needed.

How long has your SNA been in existence? **2009**

How long have you been involved in the geographic names program in your State? **2009**

Does your SNA hold regularly scheduled meetings? Yes No If Yes, how often? **No. Required by law to meet once a year. Meet at the call of the chair.**

Does your SNA meet: In Person By Email By Phone N/A? **In Person**

General comments about your SNA's composition (all State employees; from academia; volunteers; other)? **All state employees who represent five different departments (Tribal Relations, Historical Society, Tourism, Environment & Natural Resources & Transportation)**

Does your SNA have Federal members/advisors (e.g. FS, NPS, BLM, other)? **No**

Are decisions made by your SNA binding to State government, i.e. if your SNA approves a new name/change, is it automatically official for State use, or is it contingent on the U.S. BGN's approval? (Do you consider your SNA to be strictly "advisory" to the U.S. BGN?) **No**

In reviewing name proposals, do you contact local authorities/State agencies/Federal land management agencies/Tribal governments/other interested parties, or do you prefer to have the U.S. BGN staff do that? **SDBGN has a public involvement process that includes contacting local governments, Tribal governments, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, State Legislators, Local Historical Societies, Minority Groups (such as the NAACP), Federal agencies (US Weather Service) and interested parties**

Overview/highlights/interesting cases from the past year (May 2018-July 2019): **We are currently working on two proposed names for unnamed tributaries in South Dakota that were recommended by local individuals. In the middle of the public involvement period for both features.**

Do you expect to attend the 2019 COGNA Conference? **No, not able to attend but hoping the staff member who works on board issues from the Department of Tribal Relations will be able to attend.**

Do you expect to attend future conferences? If not, any specific reason? **Would like to if it works for my schedule.**

General comments/advice/suggestions for the good of the group:
