

TSS Publications

Proposed General Outline for Publication Development

Currently, the TSS has several publications that are planned and in various stages of development. In order to facilitate this process, individuals that are producing manuscripts for publication are encouraged to submit portions of their manuscripts as they are completed to the editor of the TSS. This will enable the editor to review the material and enlist volunteers as section reviewers. As individual sections are edited, revised and completed, the editor will proceed with layout and design of individual sections to expedite the process of publishing.

This process evolved out of production of “Karst of the Urban Corridor” which necessitated the need of several director reviews during the final stages of production. Therefore, the final reviewers and editors involved in this publication believe that the revision and final development of future publications can be expedited more efficiently by starting the review process earlier while the manuscript is still under development. Therefore, we urge you to submit your manuscripts for publication in sections as it is being developed. This will also enable the primary author to finalize components of their manuscripts so that they can focus on remaining sections.

As we are all volunteers, we hope that streamlining the process of publication with the assistance of the editor and volunteer reviewers will enable manuscripts to be completed in a timely manner while sharing the burden of publication development throughout the TSS. We all benefit from the publishing of TSS publications.

Basic proposed structure for publication development:

- Author proposes manuscript for development to TSS Directors.
- Author submits individual sections of manuscript to the editor as they are completed.
 - Editor conducts initial review and editing of individual manuscript sections.
 - Editor reviews are returned to author of manuscript and author revises, if necessary.
 - Author resubmits manuscript section.
 - Manuscript sections are reviewed and edited by volunteer reviewers.
 - Reviewer edits are returned to author of manuscript and author revises, if necessary.
 - Author resubmits manuscript section.
- Editor formats and develops layout of section for final publishing.
 - Layouts are returned to author and volunteer reviewers for review.
 - Editor revises layouts, if necessary, for individual sections as they are reviewed.
- Editor compiles composite manuscript layout when all sections are complete.
 - Editor returns composite layout of manuscript to author and volunteer reviewers for review.
 - Editor revises composite layout, if necessary, based on review.
 - Editor distributes composite layout to TSS Directors for final review before publishing.
 - Editor works with author to incorporate any TSS Director revisions.
- Composite layout is submitted for printing.

Current TSS Editor: Kevin W. Stafford, staffordk@sfasu.edu, 936-468-2429 (office)

Current Volunteer Reviewers include: Logan McNatt, Ann Scott, and Jerry Atkinson.

Current TSS Publications in Development

- **Caves of Sun City** by James Reddell (publication goal 2015)
- **Caves of Government Canyon** by Marvin Miller (publication goal 2015)
- **Hypogene Karst of Texas** by Kevin Stafford (publication goal 2016)
- **Caves of Hays County** by Peter Sprouse
- **Caves of Fort Hood, Bell and Coryell Counties, Texas** by James Reddell
- **Early History of Texas Caves** by Joe Mitchell and Ann Scott
- **Karst of Colorado Bend State Park** by Jim Kennedy
- **Karst of the Gypsum Plain** by Kevin Stafford