

House of Delegates Meeting
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Greencastle, Indiana January 20, 2007

The Winter Quarterly meeting of the House of Delegates of the Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution was held in Greencastle, Indiana and hosted by the Wm. Knight Chapter. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Garry Eckard. Genealogist General Charles F Bragg gave the invocation followed by the posting of the colors by the INSSAR Color Guard. Pledge to National colors and the SAR was led by Vice President Robert D. Howell, Sr. Compatriot John A. Kesler was present as Parliamentarian. Secretary Jack E. Moore called the roll, There were 28 members from 4 districts. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Compatriot John A. Kesler was asked to take the podium. He announced that he was resigning as Vice President General and did not want his name nominated at the next Annual Congress.

OFFICERS REPORTS

SECRETARY -- Minutes for the meeting of October 14, 2006 were approved. Recap of 2007 dues was that 554 members out of 652 had paid. There are 98 unpaid. Instructions on how to update your membership records were passed out. If members would follow these instructions it would help the relieve the Secretary of much work.

TREASURER—G. Thomas Schnuck reported we had \$10,008.09 in cash and \$44,309.35 in Certificates of Deposit as of January 20, 2007.

REGISTRAR—Noel Reen reported that he had 26 New applications and 10 Supplementals. He still has concerns about the disposition of old applications and lack of Status.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS—The reports are on file.

OTHER OFFICERS REPORTS—The reports are on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS—The reports are on file.

BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Benjamin Franklin Chapter meets in Franklin Library Monday 12 February 2007 6:00 p. m. Program-- SAR Genealogist General Charles F. Bragg.

NEW BUSINESS

The Society was presented a Streamer-Battle of Yorktown 225th Anniversary .

The Nominating committee presented the 2007 Nominating Committee Report:

President	Robert Dale Howell	Daniel Guthrie Chapter
Vice-President	G. Thomas Schnuck	Continental Chapter
Treasurer	Charles Peters	Halberstadt Chapter
Secretary	Jack E. Moore	Clarence A. Cook Chapter
Registrar	Noel Reen	Wm. Henry Harrison Chapter
Genealogist	Edward E. Hitchcock	Daniel Guthrie Chapter
Chancellor	John A. Kesler	Wm. Knight Chapter
Historian	Jack E. Moore	Clarence A. Cook Chapter
Chaplain	Charles N. Carpenter	Daniel Guthrie Chapter
District Director		
North	Willard Waterson	Alexis Coquillard Chapter
North Central	Roger D. Barnhart	Anthony Halberstadt Chapter
South Central	James C. Arnold	Daniel Guthrie Chapter
South	John G. West	Ohio Valley Chapter
National Trustee	Garry M. Eckard	Clarence A. Cook Chapter

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Nominating committee report.

Bylaw change proposals;

Bylaw 7 Secretary

Proposed changes in the Secretary Office.

Section 1. The Secretary will be principal contact with National Headquarters. The Secretary shall notify all officers of the Society and Chapters of the time and place of all meetings of the House of Delegates and of the Executive Committee at least thirty days before the meeting. Timely publishing of the notice in *The Hoosier Patriot* and on the website shall satisfy this requirement .

Section 2. Records .The Secretary shall verify the permanent records of the Society, including a current listing of all members of the Society with name and address, Chapter affiliation; National Society and Indiana Society member's numbers and current dues status. Basic membership information is on line. Each member can update his address, and by so doing the Chapter, State Society and National Headquarters will have his current address. Chapters and State Societies may view and /or download membership rosters online. These include a ready to use address label format (for standard Avery #5160 labels) a chapter or chapter active membership listing(as a printable. pdf document), a downloadable Chapter or State Society active membership list (in a Microsoft Excel format) , a deceased members report and a dropped members report. The deceased members and the dropped members report are based upon a designated date range.

The Chapter Secretary should notify National when there is an office change. By doing this National will have a current officer list and those officers will have access to the National Data Base for their Chapter. They will then be able to get the earlier mentioned reports.

The Secretary shall assign State numbers in sequence for all members, including new members, those transferred to the Indiana Society from another Society, youth members and registrants, and those with dual membership in another State Society.

A motion was made and seconded that this proposal be accepted.

Section 3. Recording minutes. The secretary shall keep a detailed record of proceedings at all meetings and provide a copy to put on the website. This will be done within thirty days of the meeting. This duty may be assigned to an Assistant Secretary appointed by the President or Secretary.

Section 4. Applications new and supplemental. The transfer of new applications on National Form 0921 will be signed by the Secretary. The application must be signed by the Secretary, as well as the certificate when it is received from National. The leads from National Website could be directed to an Assistant Secretary or the Membership Chairman.

Section 5. Collection of monies. All monies for the State Society will be sent to the Secretary, who will then send to the Treasurer for deposit. All requests for expenditures will be sent to the Secretary who will make a request to the Treasurer for a check. Both the Treasurer and the Secretary sign checks. In the absence of one of them, the President will sign.

Section 6. The Secretary originates the credentials for members attending the National Congress as delegates.

A motion was made and seconded that this proposal be accepted.

Bylaw 18 Committee

Section 3. The Audit committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, one of whom shall be chairman, preferably with financial and /or accounting experience. They shall perform an audit of all accounts of the Society including the Treasurer, Secretary and Color Guard at least once each year and submit a report to the House of Delegates at the July meeting following the end of the year.

A motion was made and seconded that this proposal be accepted.

DISTRICT REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL

At the Fall 2006 INSSAR State Meeting in Vincennes the need for redistricting the INS SAR was discussed. It was stated that the present 4 district distribution and geographic alignment did not meet the needs for service to the respective chapters and presented an undue travel requirement upon several of the district directors.

Key factors that were discussed were:

1. Geographic proximity
2. General membership size parity of the district
3. Mix of large vs small chapters
4. Strong "anchor" chapter in each district

Following discussions with several district directors and other state officers, I make the following proposed changes to the INSSAR Districts:

1. Districts be designated by numbers rather than geographic location
2. Districts be organized in clusters of 3-5 chapters
3. Chapters with past history of cooperative efforts be put together

4. District Director be a past Chapter President from within the district

Suggested new districts District # 1

Ohio Valley	Evansville
General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon
George Rogers Clark	Vincennes

District #2

Daniel Guthrie	Bedford
David Benton	Brownstown
John Hay	Salem

District #3

Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis
Alexander Hamilton	Fishers
Benjamin Franklin	Franklin

District #4

William Knight	Greencastle
John Martin	Rockville
William Henry Harrison	Lafayette

District #5

Continental	Muncie
Thaddeus Kosciuszko	Warsaw
Simon Kenton	Rensselaer

District # 6

Anthony Halberstadt	Decatur
Seth Jewel	Auburn
Alexis Coquillard	South Bend

A motion was made and seconded to accept this proposal.

Roger Barnhart was elected Vice President General to be selected at the Annual Congress.

CLOSING

INSSAR Annual Meeting Spring Mill State Park, IN April 21, 2007.
NSSAR Leadership Meeting Louisville KY Feb 22-25, 2007.
NSSAR Annual Congress, Williamsburg, VA, July 6-11,2007.
Closing remarks President Garry Eckard.

Retiring of Colors. INSSAR Color Guard
Benediction. Don Counts
SAR Recessional. Vice President Howell
Adjournment 2:30pm President Eckard

Compatriot Ron Darrah presented a very interesting program on the Revolutionary War
Battle of Saratoga, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack E. Moore, Secretary
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Note. I have written these minutes following the suggested policy in:
National Handbook Volume II
Organization of State Society
Organization of Chapters
Minutes page 22.