

INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution
Winter
State Meeting - 17 January 2009
Host - William Knight Chapter - Greencastle IN

The meeting was called to order at 09:30 AM by President G. Thomas Schnuck. The Invocation was offered by State Chaplain Don Counts. The Pledge to the National Colors and to the SAR was led by Vice-President Steven D. Oberlin. State Chancellor Carlton Brumfield was Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved. State Secretary William E. Sharp took the Chapter Roll Call and determined a quorum was present. State Recording Secretary T. Rex Legler II confirmed the report.

| Attendance: | DistrictChapter | Compatriot |
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| 1 | Gen Thomas Posey George Rogers Clark Ohio Valley | 0 0 Don Counts J.D.Strouth John G. West |
| 2 | David Benton Daniel Guthrie John Hay | Jim Harvey Jerry Brown James Arnold Ronald Burkhart Robert Cunningham Edward E. Hitchcock T. Rex Legler II Paul Schoonmaker 0 |
| 3 | Clarence A. Cook Benjamin Franklin Alexander Hamilton | Steven Oberlin 0 0 |
| 4 | William Henry Harrison William Knight John Martin | Noel Reen Louis Baldwin Donald Bratton John Sears 0 |
| 5 | Continental Thaddeus Kosciuszko Simon Kenton | Carlton Brumfield Jack Carmichael Mark Kreps G. Thomas Schnuck Roger Barnhart 0 |

6. Alexis Coquillard

Anthony Halberstadt

William E. Sharp
Allen Stout

Seth Jewel

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The meeting began with “Greetings” & report from State Auxiliary President Martha Barnhart who then introduced DAR State Regent Cynthia Stout who also brought “Greetings”. The Agenda was suspended for an induction into the SAR for Allen Stout of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter conducted by Compatriots William E. Sharp & Roger D. Barnhart. There were 11 members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance who departed for their program under the leadership of State Auxiliary President Martha Barnhart. The Minutes of the Fall meeting hosted by the John Hay were not read as they were posted on the INSSAR website but were approved with the amendments to say that John G. West was the State Historian, corrections were made to the 4-H report by John West, & the retirement of the old Best Chapter plaque to the Continental Chapter was completed with a duly moved, seconded, & past motion. It was announced that Past Secretary Jack Moore had recovered from his heart attack sufficiently to attend the Fall meeting. It was announced that former Treasurer Charles Peters remained in good spirits and that he was to undergo an additional six weeks of intense chemotherapy. The Treasurer’s Report was presented by President G. Thomas Schnuck. State Secretary William E. Sharp commented that the operating fund balance included the dues collected for transmission to national by 31 January 2009 so was artificially inflated by approximately \$15,000.00. The Treasurer’s Report was approved. State Genealogist Mark Kreps noted that he was working “out of pocket” for mailings, etc. Compatriot T. Rex Legler II moved a new line item for the State Genealogist expense be added to the budget in the amount of \$150.00. The motion to amend was seconded and passed. The District Director’s Reports were given in writing for Districts 1, 2, & 6. No reports from Districts 3, 4 & 5. The Hoosier Patriot was given orally by Compatriot Steve Oberlin. The large expense versus questionable use of the HP was raised at the October 2008 state meeting. Discussion ensued regarding a dues reduction for those opting to take the HP on-line. As any dues change requires amendment & posting at the Winter state meeting in January and all issues regarding the HP could not be resolved, any dues changes were postponed. Compatriot Oberlin reported he has secured “free” hosting & distribution of the HP via a commercial firm. The current recommendation is to switch to electronic HP, have chapters download copies for distribution, conduct a survey by chapter as to need for mailed hard copies, and postcard notification of state meetings was moved, seconded, and passed. Compatriot Legler recommended all chapters submit e-mail address rosters of their members to assist in getting the electronic HP out. The State Color Guard report was submitted by Compatriot Steven Oberlin, Commanding. During his report on national Color Guard activities, Compatriot Robert P. Cunningham noted that the Vincennes Rendezvous was going to be a 5 year “Grand Rendezvous” and that plans were in progress for the SAR Recruiting table sponsored by the Daniel Guthrie Chapter but welcoming participation by any INSSAR member was going to be moved into the “re-enactment commons” for greater visibility and participation. Only caveat is that NO POLYESTER uniforms are allowed by both National Park Service and Northwest Territorial Alliance Membership rules. Compatriot Noel Reen presented the Registrar’s report. Discussion concerning the meaning of “process” in the Registrar’s duties listed in the Constitution & By-Laws ensued. Discussion concerning combining the Registrar function with either the State Secretary or State Genealogist ensued. Compatriot Jack Carmichael discussed the need for a chapter officers’ seminar to train the various chapter representatives regarding their area of operation, particularly regarding applications and dues collecting & forwarding to the state in a timely fashion. Compatriot John G. West and others commented on the checks/balances system and parallel officer structure to national SAR. As Compatriot Reen has faithfully held the post for over 5 years and is not going to serve additional year(s), that office will be vacant after the 19 April 2009 meeting unless filled by the nominating committee. State Genealogist Mark Kreps had no report. State Historian and 4-H Chair John G. West submitted his report in writing. Compatriot Randy

Hillenburg submitted an Eagle Scout Report in writing. Compatriot Legler commended Compatriot Hillenburg for his continuing donation of operating expenses and an additional \$100.00 per annum to the INSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship program. Compatriot Robert Howell submitted a ROTC/JROTC Report in writing. Compatriot Jim Jackson submitted no Americanism Committee report. Compatriot Jim Arnold submitted a "Partners in Patriotism" Committee report in writing. Discussion ensued as to qualifying activities and reporting requirements for chapter participation. Connor Prairie was identified as the "State" Color Guard event. All others were chapter sponsored state activities. Compatriot Steve Oberlin noted in his website report that few people were utilizing the password protected areas. Compatriot Legler suggested minutes be moved into the open area of the website. Discussion ensued and the group concurred so Compatriot Oberlin will move the minutes back into the open side. Nominating Committee report was submitted in writing by Compatriot Howell. Compatriot Steve Oberlin gave the Medals & Awards Committee report noting several chapters had submitted detailed rosters of nominees for the Indiana Society SAR Service Medal. Requirements & nomination forms are downloadable from the INSSAR website. Compatriot John G. West asked about the deadline of 31 December 2008 and Compatriot Oberlin stated he would accept "late" nominations as the state already has a supply of those medals. Other award nominations had been received by the deadline and would be acted on appropriately. Compatriot Ted Williams did not submit a Revolutionary War Graves report. Compatriot Legler noted that Compatriot Williams had resigned from his national committee position(s) and inquired as to his health. Compatriot Noel Reen stated that Ted & Isabelle had been at the last William H. Harrison Chapter meeting and said they were fine. Compatriot Roger D. Barnhart gave a Membership & Chapter Organization report, noting the Duneland Chapter was now fully operational, a charter presentation for Duneland was being scheduled, a new chapter was being organized on the Ohio-Indiana border south of Richmond in Franklin County. Compatriot Legler added that several members of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter were working on establishing a chapter in the Madison - North Vernon area of Southeastern Indiana with a report due at the February chapter meeting. President Schnuck then recessed the meeting for lunch.

Upon reconvening the business meeting at 2:00 PM, President Schnuck opened the floor for New Business. A draft budget was presented by President Schnuck. It was noted that several income items and sources had been omitted. Compatriot Sharp stated that a more complete budget would be presented at the April State Meeting for approval by the House of Delegates. The draft budget was approved for consideration at the 19 April 2009 meeting to conform with constitutional requirements. Compatriot Schnuck then called upon committee member Compatriot Jack Carmichael to present the Constitution & By-Laws revisions. Ensuing discussion led by Compatriot J.D. Strouth & John G. West resulted in a "Summary of Change" sheet to be sent to all chapters for consideration prior to the 19 April 2009 meeting so "major" revisions could be more easily identified and acted upon at the next meeting of the House of Delegates. Compatriot Schnuck reviewed the upcoming calendar. Compatriot Don Counts led the benediction. State Vice-President Steve Oberlin led the Recessional.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Rex Legler II, Recording Secretary
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