



# INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution

## Annual State House of Delegates Meeting

Saturday, 14 April 2012

Indiana War Memorial, Indianapolis, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 12:00p by President David Betzner.
- The Invocation was offered by Chaplain Don Counts.
- The colors were presented by the INSSAR Color Guard.
- The Pledge to the National Colors and the SAR Pledge was led by President Betzner.
- President Betzner introduced the guests.
  - Greetings were brought by the DAR by Regent Martha Barnhart.
  - Greetings were brought by the INSSAR Ladies Auxiliary Mrs. Howell.
  - Greetings were brought by the CAR by Senior President Cynthia Stout.
  - Greetings were brought by SAR Vice President General (Central District) t. Rex Legler II
  - Greetings were brought the Society of the War of 1812 by Indiana President Mark Kreps.
- INSSAR Chancellor Terry English was appointed Parliamentarian.
- Motion and Second to approved the Agenda by Compatriots Roger Barnhart and John West.
- State Secretary Wayne Eells took the Chapter Roll Call of 39 Delegates and 3 non-voting Compatriots in attendance. A quorum was present.

### Attendance:

<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Compatriot</u>	<u>At Large</u>
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend	0	
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart Wendell Horn William Sharp	x
	Duneland	Valparaiso	Rod Ensley	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	

2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Dennis Boone John Boone Matthew Boone Kevin Waldroup	
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Wade Harshman Argil Mahan Donald Smith	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Gary Eckard Wayne Eells Stuart Hart Jeff Hornung David Johnson Earl Salisbury Howard Smith	x x x x   x
	Continental	Muncie	John Carmichael Donald Crose Philip Knight Mark Kreps Tom Schnuck	    x
	John Martin	Rockville	Gene Printz	
	William Henry Harrison	Lafayette	Charles Roth	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Jim Arnold Robert Cunningham Terry English Robert Howell T. Rex Leger II Brad Manzenberger	 x x x x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown Jim Harvey	
	John Hay	Salem	Vernon Coats Mark Owens	
4	Gen. Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Stephen Johnson Robert Hall	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	0	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Donald Counts Kenneth Gilkey	

Ernie Payne  
John West

## President's Comments:

President Betzner welcomed Tom Schnuck to the meeting. He had taken ill during National Congress last year. He also shared that Dennis Babbitt had surgery and is recovering well, along with John Sheets who also had surgery and was unable to attend today's meeting because of his recovery.

He spoke about being able to present the JROCT award at Warren High Scholl where he graduated from. He encourages all the members of the INSSAR to *actively* uphold the mission and ideals of the society: Education, History and Patriotism. We need to be finding ways every day to engage not only the adults but the youth because they are the future of our country. At today's meeting you can see our ever increasing success when you see the winner of the Eagle Scout Contest, watch today's Rumbaugh Orations contest or the more than one dozen posters from kids in grades 3-5. By working together we can achieve the 2012-2013 goals of the INSSAR.

## Secretary:

- The minutes from the October "Winter" House of Delegates Meetings were read. Motion to Approve Compatriot David Betzner, Second Compatriot T. Rex Leger II. Action: Approved.
- Compatriot Eells explained the DAR finder credit for DAR members who assist in getting us new members, and how important it is. The Secretary's written report was provided and attached hereto within.

## Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's report was submitted and attached hereto within.
- Budget - A written report was provided and attached hereto within.

## Committee Reports:

- THE HOOSIER PATRIOT: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NSSAR COLOR GUARD: Compatriot Cunningham provided an explanation of the upcoming Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous in May. A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- STATE REGISTRAR/GENEALOGIST: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- NATIONAL TRUSTEE: Spring Leadership Meeting at NSSAR is March 2-3, 2012.
- STATE WEBSITE: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:
  - *District 1*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
  - *District 2*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
  - *District 3*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
  - *District 4*: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.

- STATE COLOR GUARD: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- GEORGE WASHINGTON FUND: The NSSAR George Washington Fund will review the INSSAR IWM Project funding request at the July Congress in AZ if it is submitted. A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT: No Report.
- AMERICANISM & FLAG RECOGNITION COMMITTEE: A written report which is attached hereto within.
- C.A.R.: No Report.
- EAGLE SCOUT COMMITTEE: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- 4-H PROGRAM: Compatriot West encouraged members to contact their county 4-H extensions about the SAR 4-H Award, a press release is available from the INSSAR Secretary to assist. Also encouraged members to contact those extensions to assist with 4-H members genealogy projects. A written report which is attached hereto within.
- KNIGHT ESSAY: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES AND PATRIOT GRAVE REGISTRY: A written report and it is attached hereto within.
- RUMBAUGH ORATIONS: No Report, as competition to take place later today..
- JROTC/ROTC: Compatriot Howell presented information on overseas JROTC/ROTC programs that need Chapter sponsorships. He encourages INSSAR Member Chapters to support one. A written report and it is attached hereto within.
- VETERANS PROGRAMS & PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.
- HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST: No report.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A written report was provided and attached hereto within.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Motion and seconded by Compatriots David Betzner and Roger Barnhart to repeal the previous motion at the January 2012 HOD meeting about funding the Indiana War Memorial Project (January's Motion noted below). Action: Approved.
  - *That the INSSAR supports the completion of the proposed New Historical Information Display being coordinated by Clarence A. Cook Chapter which has pledged \$2,000 toward the estimated cost of \$10,000; dedicates \$2,000 for the project to be placed in the Historical Marker Fund, and will match dollar for dollar any additional project donations to the Historical Marker Fund up to the estimated project cost of \$10,000.*
- Motion and seconded by Compatriots David Betzner and Jim Arnold: The members of the INSSAR are committed to raising \$10,000 for the Indiana War Memorial Project. These funds may come from Individual,

Chapter, State, or National contributions. The campaign will end 31 December 2012. Action: Approved.

- To date the project has received funding of
  - \$2,000 – Clarence A Cook Chapter
  - \$500 – Daniel Guthrie Chapter

## **New Business:**

- Moved and Seconded by Compatriots William Sharp and Roger Barnhart to accept the 2012-2013 budget as presented, and to send it back to committee for revision to address the missing Membership Recruitment and Retention line that was voted at the Jan 2012 HOD meeting. Action: Approved.
- Motion and Seconded by Compatriots Terry English and Rob Pfaff to approve the three Constitution and Bylaw Changes & the Youth Programs motion as provided in the meeting delegates information packet. (Individual motions to be listed below). Action: Approved.
  - The proposal is to change the Terms/Titles of District Director(s) to District Vice-President(s) in the INSSAR Constitution and Bylaws.
  - The Addition to Bylaw 3 – Chapters  
Section 4. The process of Chapter charter revocation shall be:
    - a. The State Society Executive Committee should report at any House of Delegates Meeting any issues with a Chapter.
    - b. Immediately after that House of Delegates meeting the State Society Secretary shall notify each Chapter Officer in writing via Certified mail the reasons their charter is in danger, and give them until the next House of Delegates Meeting to rectify the problem(s).
    - c. If NOT rectified the State Society Executive Committee shall report at the next House of Delegates Meeting and makes a motion to put the Chapter on Probation
    - d. The State Society Secretary shall send each chapter member in writing via certified mail the reasons their chapter charter is on probation, and give them until the next House of Delegates Meeting to rectify the problem(s).
    - e. If NOT rectified the State Society Executive Committee shall report at the next House of Delegates Meeting and makes a motion to revoke the Chapter's charter.
  - The Addition to Bylaw 3 – Chapters  
Section 5. A Chapter shall hold a minimum of one regular chapter meeting per year.
    - a. A schedule of all regular chapter meetings shall be provided in writing to the INSSAR Secretary and shall be posted on the chapter website or, if the Chapter has no website, on the INSSAR events calendar.
    - b. Regular chapter meetings shall be open to all SAR members and the general public. However, the Chapter shall NOT be responsible for any costs associated with the attendance of non-chapter SAR members or members of the public.
    - c. In the event the Chapter must take up matters of a sensitive nature, the Chapter may hold a closed-door meeting open only to registered chapter members. Non-chapter members may attend if specifically invited in writing. Matters of a sensitive nature which may be discussed at any closed-door meeting so called may include, but not be limited to: (i) the performance or non-performance of duties by an officer of the Chapter; (ii) the qualifications of, or the proposed appointment of, any officer or delegate to serve at the Chapter level; (iii) the status of financial accounts and reporting at the Chapter level; (iv) strategies concerning member recruitment and retention; (v) the proposed revocation of a Chapter's charter under Section 3 of these Bylaws above if instigated by the State

organization; (vi) the job performance evaluation of employees, if any, hired at the Chapter level; (vii) and the proposed award of any citation, certificate or medal to any non-chapter member or business organization. A notice of why the closed-door meeting was held shall be submitted to the INSSAR President, the INSSAR Secretary, and the District Vice President within 10 days of the meeting. A closed-door executive session shall be held in addition to, but not in place of, a regular meeting.

- Proposal to Fund Youth Contest Winners Travel Expenses submitted by Youth Chairman T. Rex Leger II -  
I move that the INSSAR support eligible award recipients or competitors in the Youth Awards Programs (Rumbaugh Orations, Knight Essay, King Eagle Scout Scholarship, JROTC) at the NSSAR Annual Congress in the amount of \$750.00 to cover travel expenses of the competitor and chaperone/parent. This INSSAR financial support is independent of any other financial support that the competitor may be given. The INSSAR check will be given to the recipient at the NSSAR Annual Congress by the INSSAR Delegation Head."
- Motion and Seconded by Compatriots Robert Cunningham and T. Rex Legler II to accept the Nomination Committee's report of slated INSSAR 2012-2013 candidates for office.
  - Additional nominations were called from the floor, and none were proposed by the membership. Motion and Seconded by Compatriots William Sharp and Robert Howell to close nominations
  - Motion and Seconded by Compatriots Jim Arnold and John West to elect the slated nominees for State Officers. Action – Approved.
    - David Betzner, President
    - William Sharp, Vice President
    - Wayne Eells, Secretary
    - Arthur Bowers, Treasurer
    - Terry English, Chancellor
    - `Roger Barnhart, District Vice President (1)
    - Matthew Boone, District Vice President (2)
    - Ed Hitchcock, District Vice President (3)
    - J. D. Strouth , District Vice President (4)
    - Robert Howell, Registrar & Genealogist
    - John G West, Historian
    - Don Counts, Chaplain
    - Robert Cunningham, NSSAR Trustee
    - David Betzner, Alternate NSSAR Trustee

## **New Members:**

- President Betzner inducted the following new members into the SAR.
  - David Johnson, Clarence A Cook Chapter
  - James Tyler, Daniel Guthrie Chapter

## **Memorial Service:**

- INSSAR Chaplain Don Counts hosted the memorial service for the compatriots who have fallen in the last year.

## **Rumbaugh Orations Contest / Dinner:**

- President Betzner suspended the meeting to allow for the Rumbaugh Orations Contest and for Dinner.

## **Awards:**

- **Youth Program Awards**

Michaela Eells, Clarence A Cook Sponsor

Rebecca Belth, Anthony Halberstadt Sponsor

Joshua Letwat

Alex Miller, Daniel Guthrie Sponsor

Elementary Poster Contest

Knight Essay Contest

Rumbaugh Orations

Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest

- **INSSAR Awards |**

Simon Kenton Chapter

Rev. William Thompson, Benjamin Franklin Chapter

Robert C. Pfaff, Simon Kenton Chapter

Edward E. Hitchcock, Daniel Guthrie Chapter

Janet M. Kreps, Continental Chapter (INSSAR Ladies Aux.)

Mark Kreps, Continental Chapter

Stuart Hart, Clarence A Cook Chapter

Chris Cunningham, Daniel Guthrie Chapter (INSSAR Ladies Aux.)

Marge Howell, Daniel Guthrie Chapter (INSSAR Ladies Aux.)

Robert Cunningham, Daniel Guthrie Chapter

Jeff Hornung, Clarence A Cook Chapter

Wayne Eells, Clarence A Cook Chapter

Robert Cunningham, Daniel Guthrie Chapter

Jim Arnold, Daniel Guthrie Chapter

INSSAR Morris Award

INSSAR Bronze Service Medal

INSSAR Bronze Service Medal

INSSAR Silver Service Medal

INSSAR Silver Service Medal

INSSAR Gold Service Medal

INSSAR Gold Service Medal

INSSAR Gold Service Medal

INSSAR Gold Service Medal

INSSAR Meritorious Service

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INSSAR Patriot Medal

INSSAR Distinguished Service Medal

## **Installation of Officers:**

- Vice President General of the Central District, T. Rex Legler II, swore in the 2012-2013 Officers of the INSSAR and presented them each with a Continental Dollar to remind them of their oath and sworn service for the upcoming year.

***The House of Delegates Meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by T. Rex Legler II and SAR Recessional was led by State President C. David Betzner at 6:30 PM.***

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Eells, Jr., Secretary  
Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution

*Reports are attached as supplemental and hereto within.*