



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 19, 2014

Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, Indiana

- The meeting was called to order at 9:20 am
- The Invocation was offered by Chaplain Donald R. Counts
- The Pledge to the National Colors was led by President William Sharp III
- The Pledge to the SAR flag was led by President William Sharp III
- George Franz was selected Parliamentarian
- The agenda was approved
- Secretary Peters took the Chapter Roll Call of 32 Delegates 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	Charles E. Brownwell Jr. Ernest R. Davis John R. Hundley III Willard Waterson	
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart Larry Drook Wendell 'Gab' Horn David Peters William Sharp Garland Skinner Allen Stout Jason Vasher Doug Wellman Dennis Wright	x x x

	Duneland	Valparaiso	Patrick Cave Randall Eckley	
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	x
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	Dennis Boone Matthew Boone	x
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Eric Torp	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Wayne Eells	x
	Continental	Muncie	Mark Kreps	
	John Martin	Rockville	none	
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Franz	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Lance Carter Robert D. Howell Sr. T. Rex Legler II OD	x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown Jim Harvey	x
	John Hay	Salem	none	
4	General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Ken Gilkey	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham (dual-Daniel Guthrie)	
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Don Counts	

- Greetings from President General Joseph Dooley
 - Display and comment on the Indian limestone memento he received at the 2011 Central District meeting
- Greetings from Central District Vice-President Lance Carter
- Greetings from NSDAR Treasurer General Mrs. Martha Barnhart, on behalf of the Indiana Society, DAR
- Greetings from Indiana CAR 1st Vice-President Hannah Weaver, read by President William Sharp
- Greetings from Mrs. April Legler, Indiana Ladies Auxiliary
- Comments from President General Joseph Dooley

Youth Contests

- Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Winner Timothy Eacret, presented by chairman Randy Hillenburg
- George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Winner Joshua Little
 - Winning essay read by Joshua Little
- Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Essay Oration Contest Winner
 - Joshua Little - "The Need to Limit Government"
- momentary adjournment for judging of Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest and Americanism Middle School Brochure Contest (Theme - Francis Marion: The Swamp Fox)
- Ms. Timme - winner of the Americanism Middle School Brochure Contest
- Silas Timme - winner of the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

11:15 am – recessed for lunch

12:26 pm – reconvened after lunch

Program

- "The Five Forts" by John Beatty, Genealogical Librarian of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana (ended at 1:15 pm)

Awards & Recognition:

Medal For Heroism

- Sergeant Troy Fettinger of the Fishers Police Department

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

- Robert D. Howell Sr.
- Donna Sharp

Lydia Darragh Medal

- Martha Barnhart
- April Legler
- Marge Howell
- Kay Schnuck
- Chris Cunningham
- Dixie Oberlin
- Donna Betzner

Ladies Medal of Appreciation

- Janeen Peters

INSSAR Bronze Medal (chapter level)

- William Harlen
- Doug Wellman
- Lyle Lovell
- Dave Lash
- Ken Gilkey

INSSAR Gold Medal (state level)

- Robert D. Howell Sr.
- Ken Gilkey
- Ron Darrah

Silver Roger Sherman Medal

- Art Bowers
- Douglas Wilson
- Roger Barnhart
- Mark Kreps
- Edward Hitchcock
- Steve Oberlin
- Robert D. Howell Sr.

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

- Robert Pfaff

State Patriot Medal

- John G. West
- C. David Betzner

State Medal of Distinguished Service

- Allen Manning

Silver CAR Medal of Appreciation

- Richard Smurdon

Bronze NSSAR Color Guard Medal

- William E. Sharp III

Indiana Veterans Battalion Certificate

- James R. Davis - Cold War
- William R. Conrad - Cold War

Emeritus Member Certificate (over 50 years of membership)

- John K. Carmichael Jr.
- Gordon Earl Carter
- George Clark Coquillard
- David Eugene Williamson
- Kenneth Rau Woolling

State Society presented with a CAAH Funding Streamer

Lamplighter Award

- Jerry S. Ice
- Charles L. Rhykerd
- Edward Hitchcock

Emerald Lamplighter Award

- Paul H. Champion

Lamplighter Award (>\$10k level)

- Roger D. Barnhart

Le Petit Fort Streamer

- Anthony Halberstadt Chapter
- Simon Kenton Chapter
- Clarence A. Cook Chapter
- Daniel Guthrie Chapter
- Benjamin Franklin Chapter

- Continental Chapter
- George Rogers Clark Chapter
- Ohio Valley Chapter
- William Henry Harrison Chapter
- Indiana Society, SAR
- Indiana Society, DAR
- Indiana Society Ladies Auxiliary
- Indiana Society, CAR
- National Society, DAR

Lochry's Defeat Streamer

- Alexis Coquillard Chapter
- Anthony Halberstadt Chapter
- Continental Chapter
- Clarence A. Cook Chapter
- Daniel Guthrie Chapter
- George Rogers Clark Chapter
- Simon Kenton Chapter
- Duneland Chapter
- Indiana Society, SAR
- Indiana Society Ladies Auxiliary
- National Society, DAR
- Central District, SAR

Cape Canaveral Streamer

- Indiana Society, SAR

Compatriot Induction Ceremony

- Larry E. Baker of the Anthony Halberstadt Chapter, inducted by President General Joseph Dooley

Ladies Auxiliary of the Indiana Society, SAR Report

- Report by President Mrs. April Legler
 - Reading of newly elected officers
 - President – April Legler
 - Vice-President – Donna Sharp
 - Secretary – Natalie Boone
 - Treasurer – Chris Cunningham
- Presentation of \$500 to the Indiana Youth Programs of INSSAR

2:26 pm Ladies Dismissed

2:30 pm Roll Call – Quorum attained

Secretary:

- The minutes from the January House of Delegates were read. Motion to Approve and seconded. Action: Approved.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer's report was submitted. Motion to Approve, and seconded. Action: Approved.

Genealogist Update:

- State Genealogist Robert Howell provided an update on the number of new membership application processed since the January House of Delegates meeting.

Historian's Report

- A brief discussion of archiving activities, and the coming transition to the new Historian (Mark Kreps)

National Trustee Report on Leadership Update:

- Trustee David Betzer mentions the upcoming Annual Congress to be held in Greenville, South Carolina (July 18-24)

- Mentions \$890k - \$1.2M offers for the old National Society headquarters in Louisville
- Mentions some National Trustees will be present in-person during the property sale process

District Director's Reports:

- **District #1 (North): Roger Barnhart, Vice-President**
 - The winter was so harsh, some chapters did not hold a meeting.
- **District #2 (Central): Matthew Boone, Vice-President**
 - The 100th CAR/DAR Anniversary meeting was great.
- **District #3 (South Central): Jerry Brown, Vice-President**
 - Report in meeting packet
- **District #4 (South West): John G. West, Vice-President**
 - Report in meeting packet
- All District Reports accepted

NSSAR Color Guard Representative:

- Robert Cunningham discusses how the Indian Society Color Guard is the billboard for the SAR
 - Color Guard militia attire can be acquire economically
 - Need young compatriots recruited into the Color Guard
- Preparations for assisting with the 2015 Annual Congress in Louisville proceeding
- Vincennes only national event in Indiana – should have a good showing from Indiana compatriots

INSSAR Standing Committee Chair Reports

Finance:

- Steve Oberlin, Chairman: Material in meeting packet

Budget:

- Art Bowers – material in packet (Art no able to attend)

George Washington Fund:

- Roger Barnhart- Money is endowed – 80% of is invested is meant to be returned for investment in otherwise unfunded projects
- PG Joseph Dooley mentions the Charles Thompson plaque to be presented by the SAR to the town of Londonderry in Northern Ireland

Medals & Awards:

- Wayne Eells – all outstanding awards have now been presented

Children of the American Revolution:

- Wayne Eells – the Clarence A. Cook chapter now co-sponsors a CAR chapter; hoping to increase interaction with SAR in Indianapolis

Membership & Chapter Development:

- mention of pending approval of the Clifty Creek charter

Hoosier Patriot

- Editor, Jeff Hornung – still seeking a new editor to assume duties
- Report on number of postcards sent, and cost of mailing

Americanism & Flag Recognition, Mark Kreps, Chairman:

- Report in meeting packet

Eagle Scout King Essay Contest, Randy J. Hillenburg, Chairman:

- Report in meeting packet

Knight Essay Contest, Doug Wilson, Chairman:

- Report in meeting packet

ROTC/JROTC, Robert Howell, Chairman:

- nothing new to report

Rumbaugh Oration Contest:

- Luke Jacobus – stepped out of meeting momentarily; no report

Middle School Brochure Contest (6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade), David Betzner, Chairman:

- Rules are online now at the National Society website (under Youth Contests)
- National must receive entrants for this year in May
- “Francis Marion: The Swamp Fox” is the 2014 topic
- The official name of the contest is The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

Revolutionary War Graves and Patriot Grave Registry, Ronald Burkhart, Chairman:

- no report (a sizable report was presented at the previous meeting)
- brief mention of cooperation with Operation Ancestor Search

Operation Ancestor Search (not a formal committee)

- Wayne Eells – working to cooperate with the national organization to increase interaction with INSSAR

INSSAR 4-H Youth Awards, John G. West, Chairman, Don Counts, Reporting:

- report in meeting packet

Unfinished Business

Boys State: approval of \$300 provision from budget

- Rex Legler II moves to approve change in endowment
 - move seconded
 - motion unanimously approved

Status of Lochry's Defeat Sign refurbishment

- money had been raised; need state approval to temporarily remove sign

Rules for funding of Officers travel to National Meetings

- David Betzner moves to approve guidelines (as outlined on page 50 in meeting packet)
 - motion seconded
 - motion unanimously approved

Update on INSSAR contribution to 2016 Congress in Louisville

Rules for selecting the youth to fund for Boys State

- Chairman needed to establish rules
 - no chairman selected or volunteering at this time

Color Guard approached by filmmaker to make film about the C.G.

- Mark Kreps discusses online movie by Matthew von Hoos (sp?)
- PG Joe Dooley: this movie should be shown before a meeting of the National Society.
- Mark Kreps: will contact the filmmaker about the possibility of a showing before the National Society

New Business:

Approval of Charter for the “New” Chapter (Clifty Creek, Madison-area)

- VP Wayne Eells moves to approve charter
- seconded
- Motion approved unanimously
- Action: We have a new chapter!

Discussion & Approval of 2014-15 Budget

- Talk of adjustment of 'Administrative Expense' line
 - for brochures, prizes, meeting meals (catering), etc.
- supplemental application fee increase? \$15 state-level standard
- Budget should reflect ~\$12,840 projected income from investments
- T. Rex Legler II proposes the 'Ladies Auxiliary' donation(s) be a line item in the budget
 - Wayne Eells and Randall Eckley suggest line item be titled 'Donations'
- Roger Barnhart discusses a 'National History Day' line item
- Mention of last year's Outstanding Citizenship medal was presented to the Brown County school system for success at Nationals
- PG Joe Dooley encourages local chapter to contact the National History Day Organization for information on how to participate with students
 - especially encourage students who do a presentation of a Revolutionary War related nature
- T. Rex Legler II discusses engagement through the 4-H clubs, presenting lapel pins to 4-H members. Indiana is one the the few states with such a 4-H 4-H interaction program
- Wayne Eells voices concern that the income for the Cyril Young Endowment will not be sufficient to cover the annual payment from the endowment (for award)
 - Bill Sharp suggests the yield from this [investment] account will cover the expense
- **Vote on:**
 - Scholarship stream for the Brochure contest
 - Wayne Eells motions \$300 only for the first place – sole award

- Show of hands vote: 7 disapprove
 - **Action:** motion passes
- Randall Eckley proposes 'interest income' from investments should be added as a line item to the budget
 - \$2,180 currently estimated
 - Robert Pfaff motions that 'interest income' be a line item in the budget
 - Rex Legler II seconds
 - **Action:** motion passes unanimously

INSSAR Bylaws and Constitution Amendments:

INSSAR Bylaw 3, Section 1 (Initial chapter membership criteria):

- Wayne Eells motions to approve; seconded
- **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously

INSSAR Bylaw 8, Section 5 (insurance bonding):

- Wayne Eells motions to approve; seconded
- **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously

INSSAR Bylaw 24, Section 4:

- Suggestion that the way new member dues are paid after they are approved and registered by the National Society (based upon month of approval, so that next year's dues do not fall immediately upon the proverbial heels of the current year dues payment in a seemingly punitive manner)
- Rex Legler II states communication of the time requirement to approve an application be conveyed to the National Society (so that seemingly punitive and immediate follow-on (next year) dues fees to new members can be avoided)
- Proposal to end discussion; seconded
- **Vote:** by voice; approved unanimously

INSSAR Bylaw 24, Section 9 (Youth dues):

- Deletion of 'Youth' membership dues. Youth status no longer exists at the National level. (All members under the age of 18 may be registered as a 'Junior' member.)
- **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously

INSSAR Bylaw 26, Section 1 (liability):

- All Color Guard activity is conducted as a State-level activity
- If a chapter wishes to conduct Color Guard activity as a chapter, the chapter would have to acquire their own liability coverage
- Wayne Eells motions that liability insurance should cover only State-level Color Guard Activity; Robert Pfaff seconds
- Note: every chapter event MUST be submitted to the INSSAR for calendar posting (website, etc.) for liability protection purposes
- **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously

INSSAR Bylaw 28, Section 1:

- That proposed changes to Bylaws may occur at any HoD meeting prior to the Annual meeting, so that such proposals are not limited to the meeting immediately preceding the Annual meeting. This, so that in the event of a Winter (or otherwise) meeting cancellation (e.g., in the event of severe weather/travel conditions), the ability to propose changes is not negated.
- Wayne Eells motions to approve; seconded
- **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously

INSSAR Article VI, Section 1:

- That proposed changes to the Constitution may occur at any HoD meeting prior to the Annual meeting, so that such proposals are not limited to the meeting immediately preceding the Annual meeting. This, so that in the event of a Winter (or otherwise) meeting cancellation (e.g., in the event of severe weather/travel conditions), the ability to propose changes is not negated.
- **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously

INSSAR Article V, Section 1/Section 6:

- That meetings schedule be changed from '4 meetings' to '3 or more meetings' per year
- That the Winter/January meeting be a District-level meeting

- motion to table
- David Betzer motions to form an ad-hoc Bylaw review committee to address this issue; seconded and approved

INSSAR Bylaw 18, Section 9 (Color Guard Bronze Medal):

- Points versus Participation
- Robert Cunningham – points system construction to allow for travel mileage
- Lengthy discussion of merits of points system versus participation system
- Motion to stop discussion raised; seconded and approved
- Motion to postpone vote; seconded and approved
- Wayne Eells proposes a committee be formed to formulate and submit an Indiana Society resolution outlining alternative criteria to earn the Bronze Medal, to be presented to the National CG Commander at Vincennes; await response from National-level before advancing with any action on the points versus participation systems; seconded and approved

Changes to Standing Rules:

- Standing Rule 6 – Duties of Officers
 - The District Vice-President shall assist Compatriots in the formation of new Chapters and the enrollment of new members
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
 - The Chaplin shall send a sympathy card to a Compatriot's family when the Compatriot passes
 - **Vote:** by voice, not passed
- Standing Rule 7 – Qualifying Events for the Bronze Color Guard Medal
 - Tabled, pending resolution of the 'points versus participation system' issue

Nominating Committee – Election of New Officers (Chairman David Betzner):

- President – William (Bill) Sharp III
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- Vice-President – Wayne Eells
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously

- Secretary – Dave Peters
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- Treasurer – LtCol. Arthur Bowers (Ret.)
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- District 1 Vice-President – Robert Pfaff
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- District 2 Vice-President – Matthew Boone
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- District 3 Vice-President – Jerry Brown
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- District 4 Vice-President – Kenneth Gilkey
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- Chaplain – Donald Counts
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- Genealogist & Registrar – LCDR Robert (Bob) Howell (Ret.)
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- Chancellor – Terry English, Esq.
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously
- Historian – Mark Kreps
 - **Vote:** by voice, approved unanimously

Ladies welcomed back

Memorial Service, led by Chaplain Donald Counts

- white rose placed in vase, and a toll of the bell, for each compatriot who passed since the previous Annual meeting
- Chaplain Donald Counts, reading from 1 Corinthians 15: 20-23, 50-58

Meeting reconvened at 5:12 p.m.

Installation of 2014-15 State Officers

- Inducted by President General Joe Dooley, with Lance Carter, Vice-President General, Central States District

Comments from President Sharp

Future INSSAR Meetings:

- July 26, 2014 - Summer Meeting, Lafayette, Indiana, 9:30 am: Best Western Hotel, 4343 South Street; ceremony at Fort Ouiatenon following meeting
- October 18, 2014 - Vincennes, Indiana, 9:30 am: Location TBD & Pointe Coupee

Future NSSAR Meetings:

- Annual Congress - Greenville, South Carolina, July 18-23, 2014
- A Day on the Ohio - August 16, SAR Genealogical Research Library, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky
- Fall Leadership Meeting - September 26 & 27, NSSAR Headquarters, Louisville, Kentucky

SAR Recessional

- Led by Vice-President Wayne Eells

Retiring of Colors - Color Guard

Benediction

- Chaplain Donald Counts

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.