

ATLANTIC MIDDLE STATES CONFERENCE
Radisson Hotel Rochester Airport, Rochester, New York
August 8, 2009

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Vice President General John A. Moller (North Atlantic District), presiding, called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM with appropriate ceremony. Following a call for volunteers, VPG Moller appointed the following individuals to the indicated positions:

Parliamentarian: Robert L. Bowen (VA)

Timer: William A. Broadus, Jr. (VA)

Secretary: C. Louis Raborg, Jr. (MD)

Tellers: Peter K. Moller (DE) & Sam Powell (NC)

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the August 9, 2008 Atlantic Middle States Conference having been provided at the beginning of the meeting, Compatriot Joseph W. Dooley (VA) moved acceptance of the minutes without reading. Timothy Bennett (DC) seconded the motion. Compatriot Raborg requested a change in the name of a teller in the minutes, changing Ray Morgan to C. Louis Raborg, Jr.. Upon voice vote, the minutes as corrected were approved.

Conference Delegate Report

Conference Chairman William Woodworth (NY) reported on conference registration. Total registration was 76 Compatriots and guests, representing the following societies: California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Texas and each society in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Districts.

State Presidents Reports

State presidents previously submitted written reports. State presidents wishing to make remarks generally stated they were pleased to be in Rochester for the AMS Conference.

Report by the NSSAR Executive Director

Joe Harris, NSSAR Executive Director, informed the members present of a severe storm that passed through the Louisville area dumping 6" of rain. He reported that Headquarters did receive water damage to the basement but the new property on Main Street was dry.

Nominations for General Officers

VPG Moller then called for nominations of general officers for endorsement by the Atlantic Middle States Conference. Parliamentarian Bowen explained the rules in effect for the nomination process. The following nominations for endorsement were presented:

Surgeon General: Lee Crandall Park (MD).
 Nominated by Lou Raborg (MD) and seconded by Paul Hayes (DC).

Chaplain General: Rev. A. Clark Wiser (NC).

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Nominated by Bill Bowen (NY) and seconded by David Boring (DC Society).

Chancellor General: Thomas E. Lawrence (TX).

Nominated by Robert Bowen (VA) and seconded by David Boring (DC).

Historian General: Chuck Lampman (CA).

Nominated by Robert Bowen (VA) and seconded by Tim Bennett (DC).

Librarian General: Miles K. Dechant (PA).

Nominated by Robert Bowen (VA) and seconded by Charles Canning (PA).

Genealogist General: Joseph W. Dooley (VA).

Nominated by Jack Gephart (NJ) and seconded by Davis Lee Wright (DE).

Genealogist General: Paul Hayes (DC).

Nominated by David W. Hoover (MD) and seconded by Millard Fairley (NY).

Registrar General: Lindsey C. Brock (FL).

Nominated by Tim Bennett (DC) and seconded by VPG Moller (NJ).

Treasurer General: Stephen A. Leishman (DE).

Nominated by Davis Lee Wright (DE) and seconded by Daryl S. Jefferies (PA).

Secretary General: Larry J. Magerkurth (CA).

Nominated by David Boring (DC) and seconded by Robert Bowen (VA).

President General: J. David Sympson (KY).

Nominated by David Boring (DC) and seconded by Tim Bennett (DC).

VPG Moller called for any further nominations from the floor three times and asked for a motion to close the nominations for each position. The members at the business meeting endorsed by acclamation those candidates seeking office in uncontested races. The members then proceeded to vote by secret ballot on endorsement of the contested race of Genealogist General. Upon report of the Tellers, the members voted to endorse Joseph W. Dooley as Genealogist General.

Nominations for Vice Presidents General

VPG Moller requested nominations for the position of Vice President General. The following nominations for endorsement were presented:

Vice President General (North Atlantic District): William Woodworth (NY).

Nominated by Millard Fairley Jr. (NY) and seconded by Arthur Smith (NY).

Vice President General (Mid-Atlantic District): Davis Lee Wright (DE).

Nominated by Dallas Winslow (DE) and seconded by Peter Moller (DE).

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For the Good of the Society

Oriskany/Fort Stanwix: Compatriot Frank Horton (NC) stated that he had recently visited the Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site. He also requested that the members of the Atlantic Middle States Association support Fort Stanwix National Monument.

CAAH Capital Campaign Cabinet Report: Dr. Samuel Powell (NC), National Chairman of the Capital Campaign Cabinet informed the members of the beginning of construction on the new Library. Dr. Powell announced the creation of a new NSSAR streamer program for states and chapters that make specific donations to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. He then noted that he has personally donated \$100,000 and encouraged all members to help support the CAAH.

Center Check Mark Controversy: Genealogist General Dooley explained the current controversy regarding the DAR's use of center check marks on their applications and the SAR's policy that applicants may not use DAR applications with center check marks. He handed out a set of guidelines for, and gave detailed explanations on, appropriate source documents. Compatriot Dooley then answered members' questions and concerns regarding genealogical policies and the application process.

Future Events: Tim Bennett (DC) spoke about the upcoming DC Society Ball. Bill Smithson (MD) asked for Color Guardsman for the evening.

2010 AMS Conference: VPG Richard Ashmun (PA) spoke on next year's Conference to be held in Philadelphia. There would be no ladies program since everything would be in walking distance of the hotel.

VPG Moller entertained a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded by David Hoover (MD), the members voted to adjourn.

VPG Moller adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM with appropriate ceremony.

Faithfully submitted,

C. Louis Raborg, Jr.
MDSSAR 3rd VP/Secretary
Secretary, 2009 AMS Conference