

Atlantic Middle States Conference, SAR Annual Conference – Wilmington, DE

Friday, August 10, 2012

Minutes of the Friday Meeting

Vice President General Frank McGonigle (North Atlantic District), presiding, called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM with the appropriate ceremony. VPG McGonigle appointed the following individuals to the indicated positions:

Parliamentarian:	Davis Lee Wright, Esq. (DE)
Timer:	Warren Fristensky (NJ)
Secretary:	Troy Foxwell (DE)
Tellers:	C. Louis Raborg (MD) Christopher Raborg (MD) Samuel Raborg (MD)

Candidates' Forum & Nominations

VPG McGonigle called for a Candidates' Forum and Nomination of Candidates for Endorsement. VPG McGonigle explained the rules of the forum. Candidates have 3 minutes. 2nd are not needed per AMS Bylaws.

President General - Joseph W. Dooley (VA)
Nominated by J. Thomas Showler (VA)

Historian General - Robert Bowen (VA)
Nominated by Michael Keen (DE)

Secretary General - Lindsey C. Brock (FL)
Nominated by John Moller (NJ)

Librarian General - Michael C. Wells (AL)
Nominated by Miles Dechant (PA)
- Bruce Pickett (AL)

Treasurer General - Thomas Lawrence (TX)
Nominated by W.A. Broadus (VA)

Nominated by Robert Meyer (NJ)

Chancellor General - John L Dodd Esq. (CA)
Nominated by Troy Foxwell (DE)

Surgeon General - No Nomination

Registrar General - J. Michael Tomme Sr. (GA)
Nominated by Bob Carr (VA)

Chaplain General - No Nomination

Genealogist General - Larry Cornwell (AL)
Nominated by John Sinks (DC)

SAR Foundation Board - PG Steve Leishman (DE)
Nominated by George Jones (DE)
SAR Foundation Board - Lanny Patten (VA)
Nominated by William McKim (PA)

VPG McGonigle explained the balloting process. DESSAR President Davis Lee Wright will not be taking part in the voting process as he was appointed on the Nominating Committee this year.

The members proceeded to vote by secret ballot on endorsements.

- 5 Minute Recess -

Upon report of the Tellers, the members voted to endorse:

President General	Joseph W. Dooley
Secretary General	Lindsey C. Brock
Treasurer General	Thomas Lawrence
Chancellor General	John Dodd Esq.
Genealogist General	Larry P. Cornwell
Registrar General	J. Michael Tomme Sr.
Historian General	Robert L. Bowen
Librarian General	Michael C. Wells
Foundation Board	Stephen Leishman
Foundation Board	Lanny Patten
Chaplain General	No Endorsement
Surgeon General	No Endorsement

Nominations for Vice President General

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

Vice President General (North Atlantic District):	Frank McGonigle (NJ)
Nominated by Warren Fristensky (NJ)	
Vice President General (Mid Atlantic District):	Scott Shewmaker (DC)
Nominated by Duane Tackett (MD)	

Bob Bowen (VA) made a motion nominations be closed – 2nd by Louis Raborg (MD). Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the August 2011 Atlantic Middle States Meeting Minutes were passed around and located in the conference manual. David Hoover (MD) made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Michael Keen (DE). Motion Passed

Saturday, August 11, 2012
Minutes of the Saturday Business Meeting

Business Meeting

Vice President General Duane Tackitt (Mid Atlantic District), presiding, called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM with the appropriate ceremony. Lester Foster (MD) opened with a prayer. Color Guard posted colors for the event. Douglas Favorite led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Hugh Warner (MD) led the SAR Pledge. The Parliamentarian was Davis Lee Wright (DE) and the Secretary was Troy L Foxwell (DE).

State Reports:

- DE – Report is in the Conference book.
- DC – Potomac Ball, Net Membership Growth, George Washington Luncheon with DAR and CAR, Operation Ancestry Search
- NY – Report is in the Conference book.
- MD - Report is in the Conference book.
- NJ – Report is in the Conference book.
- PA – Report is in the Conference book.
- VA – Report is in the Conference book.

Reports from NSSAR General Officers:

President General – Talked about the George Washington Endowment Fund; Direction of the New Building; Fundraising for Endowments; Books from the DAR; Fall Trustees Meeting and workshops at the meeting; Compatriot retention.

Secretary General – No prepared comments but is willing to talk about what he is looking to do if elected to PG after the Spring Leadership.

Treasurer General – Talked about the chapters having annual audits; Revenue from the SAR.

Registrar General – Talked about retention of membership; current membership is 29,858; Workshop/PowerPoint on Americanism Program.

Genealogist General – Talked about how/why the States/Chapters should help new potential members.

Library General – New Library hours; Staff reassignments; New webpage – <http://library.sar.org>; Library is out of room; Friends of the Library

Chancellor General – Talked about State societies should have Conflict of Interest policy, Code of Conduct and Retention policy; Gifts; Thomas and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award.

Historian General – Talked about the Philadelphia Signing of the Constitution Event; Contest – There are 3 contests that the Historian General oversees; The AMS website will be managed by Michael Keen (DE) after this Conference.

SAR Foundation President (Sam Powell) - Talked about the fund raising efforts; Today Total - \$7,500,000 into the \$10,000,000 campaign.

SAR Foundation Capital Campaign Chairman (Lanny Patten) - The end is in sight; We need to keep giving to get it done; If a major percentage of our own members give, it will look better to other foundations that may want to give; Magnets are for sale - \$25.00, Bronze Medallion - \$250.00.

Educational

Maryland Society – New Member Initiative and Membership Committee

District of Columbia Society – Operation Ancestry

Pennsylvania Society – Flag Day Celebration

New Jersey Society – Abraham Clark House

Virginia Society – Flag Certificate Program

Empire State Society – Formations of New Chapters

New Business:

Because of time, VPG Tackett will be forming a committee to address and prep for presentation of the follow two new business items to be presented at the AMS breakfast at Annual Congress.

1. The establishment of an AMS medal
2. The establishment of an AMS Secretary Officer position.

VPG Tackitt adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM

Awards from Saturday Night:

Silver Good Citizenship – Tom Welsh – Presented by the DESSAR

Distinguished Service Certificate – Bob Bowen (VA)

Meritorious Service Medal – Davis Lee Wright (DE)

Meritorious Service Medal – Troy Foxwell (DE)

Certificates of Appreciation – AMS Volunteers – Presented by the AMS Chairman

The Thomas Bond Membership Award – Virginia State Society

Annual Gift Award – Joseph Dooley

The Jersey Devil – Virginia State Society

Faithfully submitted,

Troy L. Foxwell
DESSAR Secretary
2012 AMS Secretary