

Atlantic Middle States Conference, SAR Annual Conference – Washington D.C.

Friday, August 9, 2013

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:	Peter Davenport (VA) Timothy Bennett (DC) Robert Meyer (NJ)

Candidates' Forum & Nominations

VPG McGonigle called for a Candidates' Forum and Nomination of Candidates for Endorsement. Parliamentarian Davis Lee Wright, Esq. explained the rules of the forum. 2nd are not needed per AMS Bylaws.

President General - Lindsey C. Brock (FL)
Nominated by John Moller (PA)

Historian General - Robert Towns (GA)
Nominated by Lanny Patten (PA)

Secretary General - Thomas Lawrence (TX)
Nominated by Gary Neal (MD)

Librarian General - Bruce Pickett (AL)
Nominated by Clark McCullough (NJ)
- Larry Guzy (GA)

Treasurer General - J. Michael Tomme (GA)
Nominated by Bob Carr (VA)
- Larry Cornwell (AL)
Nominated by Reverdy Wright (VA)

Nominated by Jack Manning (DE)

Surgeon General - Dr. Ed Rigel Sr. (GA)
Nominated by R. Duane Tackitt (MD)

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

Chaplain General - No Nomination

Registrar General - Robert Bowen (VA)
Nominated by W.A. Broadus (VA)

SAR Foundation Board - PG Joseph Dooley (VA)
Nominated by Former PG Bruce Wilcox (VA)

Genealogist General - John Sinks (VA)
Nominated by Barry McCown (MD)

SAR Foundation Board – Samuel Powell (NC)
Nominated by Davis Lee Wright (DE)

VPG McGonigle explained the balloting process as stated in the AMSA Bylaws. The members proceeded to vote by secret ballot on endorsements.

- 10 Minute Recess -

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

President General	Lindsey Brock
Secretary General	Thomas Lawrence
Treasurer General	J. Michael Tomme Sr.
Chancellor General	John Dodd Esq.
Genealogist General	John Sinks
Registrar General	Robert Bowen
Historian General	Robert Towns
Librarian General	Bruce Pickette
Chaplain General	No Endorsement
Surgeon General	Dr. Ed Rigel Sr.
Foundation Board	PG Joseph Dooley
Foundation Board	Samuel Powell

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): Nominated by Frank McGonigle (NJ)	Peter Goebal (NY)
Vice President General (Mid Atlantic District): Nominated by Lanny Patten (PA)	Thomas Showler (PA)

Reports from National Society Officers

Genealogist General Cornwell gave a report on the continuation of the popular workshops that was held at the past few leadership meetings. These workshops center around recruitment and processing of applications. He will be producing Part 3, on how to handle multiple applications at one time, and placing on the NSSAR.org website.

Librarian General Wells gave a report on the new online Library cataloging system. You can go to the SAR library website and see what is in the SAR Library from any computer or mobile device. This is located at www.library.sar.org

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the August 2012 Atlantic Middle States Meeting Minutes were passed around and located in the conference manual. Rob Pollock (VA) made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Louis Raborg (MD). Motion Passed

Bob Bowen (VA) made a motion nominations be closed and ballots destroyed – 2nd by PG Joseph Dooley (VA). Motion Passed

--- Recess till Saturday Morning ---

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Saturday, August 10, 2013

Minutes of the Saturday Business Meeting

Business Meeting

Vice President General Scott Shewmaker (Mid Atlantic District), presiding, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM with the appropriate ceremony. Rev. Dr. Norman Goos (NJ) opened with a prayer. George Jones (DE) led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Bob Bowen (VA) led the SAR Pledge. The Parliamentarian was Davis Lee Wright (DE) and the Secretary was Troy Foxwell (DE).

State Reports:

- DE – Report is in the Conference book. Ratification Day Event on December 7th
- DC – Report is in the Conference book. Potomac Ball on November 29 -30.
- MD - Report is in the Conference book. Operation Ancestry Search; Bumper sticker program – Honor Our 1st Veterans; 2014 AMS will be in Hunt Valley, MD
- NY – Report was handed out.
- NJ – Report is in the Conference book. Building a new monument at Chestnut Neck to American Revolution Veterans; Building membership by changing the meeting.
- PA – Report is in the Conference book. Membership is growing; September 17 – Flag Pole Dedication at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia
- VA – Traveling through VA since election; laid wreath at James Madison birthplace; worked with Elks Lodge in Richmond to hand out 87 Eagle Scout certificates and 67 Girl Scout recognitions; honored 1 Capital Police and 3 Secret Service agents; August 24th – Grave Marking in Winchester, VA; September 14th-15th - Semi-Annual Meeting in Old Town Alexandria; Yorktown Parade is on with a Patriot Grave marking

Old Business

Bylaws – Davis Wright (DE) discussed proposed bylaw changes that are in the conference book. Since the changes were not distributed prior to the conference, they cannot be voted on at this conference. Changes include:

- Article IV Section 1 – Officers
- Article IV Section 2 – Duties of the VPG's
- Article IV Section 3 – Creation of an AMSA Secretary
- Article IV Section 4 – Creation of an AMSA Webmaster
- Article V Section 1 – Rotation of meetings
- Article VI Section 1 – Nomination of VPG
- Article VI Section 2 – Time of Nomination of VPG
- Article VI Section 3 – Who can be Nominated

Article VI Section 4 – When the Nomination can take place.

Atlantic Middle States Association Medal – Lou Raborg (MD) presented a design for the AMSA Medal and a proposal for awarding the medal. Gold for VPG with requirements, Silver for the chairman of the AMS that hosted with requirements and Bronze for every member with requirements for awarding. Discussion took place about the medal and the requirements. *Motion - Raborg (MD) made a motion to form a committee to review the requirements and move the medal forward, Gary Neal (MD) – 2nd the motion. Motion passed.*

New Business

President General – Noted that PG Dooley had nothing to say at this time.

SAR Foundation President (Sam Powell) - Talked about the fund raising efforts and the construction of the new building, Phase 2 and 2B.

Operation Ancestry Search - Report was given on the project, current goals and achievements.

Rochambeau Bust Project – Lanny Patten (PA) talked about a project that the PA Society spearheaded of a bust of Rochambeau that was donated in PA. He suggested that the AMS may want to commission another bust at the cost of \$7000.00. If each state would donate \$1000.00 to the project, another bust can be made and presented to another worth site.

Motion – Patten (PA) made a motion to form a committee to look into a location and to find support for the project. Duane Tackitt (DC) - 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

AMSA Flag – Davis Wright (DE) – *Motion – Wright (DE) made a motion to make the John Paul Jones Serapis flag the official flag of the AMSA. Lou Raborg (MD) -2nd the motion. Motion passed.*

The 2014 AMSA will be hosted by the Maryland Society at the Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD.

Presentations

Americanism Scorecard – James Engler (MD)

Crossing of the Dan – Phil Williams (VA)

VPG Shewmaker adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM

Awards from Saturday Night:

Meritorious Service Medal – Rob Warren (DC)

Silver Roger Sherman – Troy Foxwell (DE); Duane Tackett (DC)

The Thomas Bond Membership Award – Maryland State Society

Annual Gift Award – Christos Christou

The Jersey Devil – Virginia State Society

Faithfully submitted,

Troy L. Foxwell
2013 AMSA Secretary