

**Atlantic Middle States Conference, SAR**  
**Annual Conference – Hunt Valley, Maryland**  
Friday, August 8, 2014

**Friday Evening Candidates Forum and Meeting**

Vice President General J. Thomas Showler (Middle Atlantic District), presiding, called the meeting to order at 06:54 PM with the appropriate ceremony. VPG Showler appointed the following individuals to the indicated positions:

Timer: Gary Neal (MD)

Secretary: Troy Foxwell (DE)

Tellers: Peter Davenport (VA)  
William Smithson (MD)  
Douglas Stuart (MD)

**Candidates' Forum & Nominations**

VPG Showler called for a Candidates' Forum and Nomination of Candidates for Endorsement. *Motion – C. Louis Raborg (MD) made a motion to suspend Article VI, Section 1 and 2 of the AMSA bylaws due to the time table between the NSSAR Congress and AMS Conference. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Douglas Favorite (MD). Motion Passed*

**President General**

Thomas Lawrence (TX)  
*Nominated by Lanny Patten (PA)*

**Secretary General**

J. Michael Tomme (GA)  
*Nominated by C. Louis Raborg Jr. (MD)*

**Treasurer General**

Randall Ellis (TX)  
*Nominated by Eric Troutman (PA)*

**Larry Guzy (GA)**

*Nominated by James Engler Sr. (MD)*

**Chancellor General**

Davis Lee Wright Esq. (DE)  
*Nominated by George Jones (DE)*

**Registrar General**

Russell DeVenney Jr. (MO)  
*Nominated by David Hoover (MD)*

**Robert Towns (GA)**

*Nominated by John Moller (NJ)*

**Genealogist General**

John Sinks (DC)  
*Nominated by Charles Roe (DC)*

**Historian General**

John Manning (NH)  
*Nominated by Troy Foxwell (DE)*

John Thornhill (NC)

**Librarian General**

C. Bruce Pickett (AL)  
*Nominated by Barrett McKown (MD)*

**Chaplain General**

*No Nomination*

**Surgeon General**

Dr. Larry Leslie (KY)  
*Nominated by Miles Dechant (PA)*

**SAR Foundation Board**

PG Lindsey Brock (FL)  
*Nominated by Peter Moller (DE)*

VPG Showler 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	Thomas Lawrence
Secretary General	J. Michael Tomme Sr.
Treasurer General	Larry Guzy
Chancellor General	Davis Lee Wright Esq.
Genealogist General	John Sinks
Registrar General	Robert Towns
Historian General	John Manning
Librarian General	C. Bruce Pickette
Chaplain General	No Endorsement
Surgeon General	Dr. Larry Leslie
Foundation Board	PG Lindsey Brock

*Motion – Peter Davenport (VA) made a motion that the ballots be destroyed – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Troy Foxwell (DE). Motion Passed*

*Motion – E.B. Coggins (VA) made a motion to suspend the balloting and open the election for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Board position. 2<sup>nd</sup> by PG Lindsey Brock (FL – VA). Motion Passed*

*Motion – W.A. Broadus Jr. (VA) made a motion to endorse Michael Elston (VA) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Board position. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E.B. Coggins (VA). Motion Passed*

**--- Recess till Saturday Morning ---**

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Minutes of the Saturday Business Meeting**

**Business Meeting**

Vice President General Peter Goebel (North Atlantic District), presiding, called the meeting to order at 09:47 AM with the appropriate ceremony. Rev. Dr. Norman Goos (NJ) opened with a prayer. The Parliamentarian was Davis Lee Wright (DE) and the Secretary was Troy Foxwell (DE).

*Motion – VPG Showler made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2013 AMSA Conference. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Williams(VA). Motion Passed*

National Reports were given from NSSAR officers present and from the NSSAR Foundation.

State Reports:

- DE – Report is in the Conference book.
- DC – Report is in the Conference book.
- MD - Report is in the Conference book.
- NY – 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.

***Old Business***

*Rochambeau Bust Project* – Phil Williams (VA) talked about this project and the need for the support of this project. All the Atlantic Middle States Association states has pledged or donated to this project. If your state has not fulfilled its pledge, please remit the funds to the Virginia Society Secretary Wayne Rouse. Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia has donated \$1500 each. District of Columbia has pledged \$1000. Delaware has donated, New York and New Jersey has pledged \$500 each, for the total project of \$7000. A report will be placed on the AMSA website with pictures. The bust will be placed at the New Victory Museum in Yorktown, VA. The dedication opening will be in 2016.

*Bylaws - Motion* – Davis Lee Wright (DE) made a motion to approve the proposed bylaw changes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Davenport (VA). Discussion followed on the changes. Davis discussed the changes to include the creation of an AMSA Secretary and Webmaster, the elimination of the presiding VPG chart and some origination/ clean-up of where things are located within the bylaws. Motion Passed.

*Atlantic Middle States Association Medal* – Davis Lee Wright (DE) presented the AMSA Medal and explained the tiers for the medal. The medal is available from C. Louis Raborg (MD). The

Bronze Medal is available to anyone within the AMSA and is \$25.00 for the medal set. The Silver Medal is available to anyone who has attended one AMSA meeting in every state within the AMSA beginning with the 2007 AMSA Annapolis, Maryland meeting. The Gold Medal is reserved for the VPG with requirements and individuals who have provided service to the AMSA and that goes back to 2010. A question was raised to look to see if the ladies are eligible for this medal. Davis will look back at what was approved by Medal and Awards Committee.

### *New Business*

Election of AMSA Secretary – Davis Lee Wright (DE) nominates Troy Foxwell (DE) for the office of AMSA secretary. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Hoover (MD). Elections closed. Troy Foxwell (DE) was voted into office with a unanimous decision.

Nominations for Vice President General – VPG Goebel requested nominations for the position of Vice President General for 2015-2016. The following nominations for endorsement were presented:

Vice President General (North Atlantic District): Peter Goebel (NY)  
Nominated by Eugene Visnefsky (NY)

Vice President General (Mid Atlantic District): George Jones (DE)  
Nominated by Troy Foxwell (DE)

SARCAR Conference - Former PG Dooley talked about the SARCAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution. This year's theme will be a very interesting topic on European Allies in the American Revolution. The planning of this event will coincide with the arrival of a replica of Lafayette's ship – *Hermione* at Mount Vernon on June 12-14, 2015. If you haven't been to a SARCAR Conference or seen this magnificent ship, make plans to do so. Also, the papers from the first SARCAR conference have been published and can be purchased from Amazon, Sons of the Father.

Empire State Society Meeting – The Empire State Society and Long Island Chapter will be having a meeting and grave marking honoring President Theodore Roosevelt on September 12, 2015. More information is in flyer form on the registration desk.

2015 Atlantic Middle States Conference – The 2015 AMSA will be hosted by the New Jersey Society at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater, NJ. on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

VPG Goebel adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM

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**Saturday Banquet Notes**

Service Awards Presented:

Meritorious Service Medal – C. Louis Raborg (MD)

District Roger Sherman Medal – No presentation.

Gold AMSA Medal – Scott Shewmaker (DC)

Davis Lee Wright (DE)

Troy Foxwell (DE)

Peter Goebel (NY)

The Thomas Bond Membership Award – Maryland State Society

Annual Gift Award – Chris Smithson

The Jersey Devil – Empire State Society

Faithfully submitted,

Troy L. Foxwell

2014 AMSA Secretary