

INDIANA SOCIETY, Sons of the American Revolution
House of Delegates Meeting
18 October 2008
Host – John Hay Chapter - Salem, Indiana

The meeting was called to order by President Schnuck. The Invocation was given by the State Chaplin, Compatriot Don Counts. The Colors were presented by the Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Compatriot Oberlin followed with the SAR Pledge, led by Compatriot Oberlin. A parliamentarian was appointed and the agenda was approved. The roll call was made with every district being represented and 23 members present. In addition to Registrar General David Sympson being present, the following were present:

	Chapter	Present
District # 1	Ohio Valley	Don Counts John West
	General Thomas Posey	0
	George Rogers Clark	0
District # 2	Daniel Guthrie	James Arnold Bob Howell Ed Hitchcock Richard Hill Robert Cunningham Paul Schonmaker
	David Benton	John Sheets
	John Hay	Hugh Jackson Glenn Crecelius Roger Hauger Willy Harlen
District #3	Clarence A. Cook	Jack Moore Steve Oberlin
	Alexander Hamilton	0
	Benjamin Franklin	0
District #4	William Knight	0
	John Martin	0
	William Henry Harrison	Noel Reen
District #5	Continental	John Carmichael Tom Schnuck
	Thaddeus Kosciuszko	Roger Barnhart
	Simon Kenton	0
District #6	Anthony Halberstadt	Bill Sharp
	Seth Jewel	0
	Alexis Coquillard	Willard Waterson

Ladies Auxiliary State President Martha Barnhart brought greetings. They are collecting dues and selling a cookbook for the INSSAR. There were several members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance who departed for their program.

The Liberty Medal was awarded to Compatriot Jack Moore. A Partner in Patriotism Certificate for 2007-2008 was awarded to the John Hay Chapter. A streamer for the INSSAR INSCAR Activity was awarded.

The minutes of the summer meeting were approved.

A written Treasurer's Report by Compatriot Art Bowers was submitted. It showed total Assets of \$51829.73 and total Liabilities of \$48000.51. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Compatriot Bill Sharp's Secretary's report was attached to the agenda. It showed that dues notices had been mailed to all chapters and At Large members. The District Director's Reports were given in writing for Districts 2 & 6. No reports from Districts 1, 3, 4 & 5.

A discussion took place concerning the new chapter being formed in Valparaiso. At present there are 11 members, 7 from the At Large ranks, and 6 applications in various stages of completeness. Compatriot Sympton suggested consulting the National Bylaws concerning the new chapter formation process. Compatriot William Schroeder in Kentucky should be contacted. It was also noted that the old chapter in Valparaiso could be reactivated, then change its name. That chapter was the Henry Batton Chapter and the new name desired was Duneland. A motion was made and seconded to reactivate the old chapter and change the name. The motion passed.

There was no report for the *Hoosier Patriot*. There was no report by the Chaplain. Compatriot Steve Oberlin's Color Guard report was given in writing and showed that 58 events had been conducted with 10 additional scheduled. The account balance of the Color Guard was \$9189.64. The NSSAR Color Guard Representative Compatriot Bob Cunningham, reported good turnout at Leadership with several from INSSAR participating. Compatriot Noel Reen's Registrar's report indicated that 22 membership and supplemental applications were awaiting NSSAR approval. State Genealogist, Compatriot Mark Kreps had no report. National Trustee, Compatriot Bob Howell, said there was good turnout at leadership. 3 national offices are being competed this year; Secretary General, Treasurer General, and 3 candidates for the 2 SAR Foundation positions. He also noted that as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, he needed nominations for INSSAR Treasurer and District Directors for #3, #4, and #5. The Americanism and Flag Recognition Chairman, Compatriot James Jackson's written report indicated that the Daniel Guthrie and David Benton Chapters had presented Flag Certificates since the July meeting. Compatriot John West the Historian Chairman requested that chapters send him their newsletters. He also said that a new Handbook would be produced when the INSSAR By Laws are updated. No report from Compatriot Tim Jones for the CAR Committee. No report from Compatriot Randy Hillenburg for the Eagle Scout Committee. No report from Compatriot Doug Wilson for the Knight Essay Committee. The 4-H Committee Chair, Compatriot John West, reported that the award was not being promoted because of difficulty in finding the award on the INSSAR site and that the Indiana State 4-H was too busy to consider it. No report from Compatriot David Betzner for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. Compatriot Bob Howell reported the ROTC/JROTC Committee is contacting chapters about the awards. Compatriot Steve Oberlin of Medals and Awards committee reported that they had received some applications. The process is that Chapter Secretary sends the nomination to the District Director who forwards it to the Medals and Awards Committee Chairman. The

application is on the INSSAR website. There was no report from Membership and Chapter Development. There was no report from Compatriot Ted Williams on the Revolutionary War Graves Committee. There was no report from Compatriot Wade Harshman for the INSSAR Online Graves Project. Compatriot Jim Arnold reported for the INSSAR Partners in Patriotism Events that 4 chapters submitted reports. After the De La Balme event there should be 2 more chapters reporting. Compatriot Arnold noted that a chapter only had to have one report to qualify for the INSSAR Partners in Patriotism Award at the National per year. The Web Master for the INSSAR web site, Compatriot Steve Oberlin, asked for feedback if problems occur with the site. He noted that every member can post information and pictures on the site.

There was no Old Business

New Business:

Compatriot Roger Barnhart reported on the "Treaty of Paris" trip in which he and Martha participated. He noted that the establishment of the United States was only a small part of the treaty. The treaty concerned realignment of the major world military powers of the time. He also noted that there were a large number of French soldiers who joined General George Rogers Clark at the attack on Vincennes. He suggested that we should pursue a French Chapter in INSSAR based on the number of French Patriots with George Rogers Clark service. There are very good records of the soldiers who were involved with him.

Discussion held concerning the *Hoosier Patriot*. The INSSAR Vice President is responsible for it and Compatriot Steve Oberlin reported that it is too expensive to produce. Discussion points: many like to read it, emphasize on line publication, many don't go online, and those who want it should pay for it, gather information on whether compatriots want it electronically or by mail with latter requiring higher dues. Motion made to add \$1 to INSSAR dues dedicated to the *Hoosier Patriot* died for lack of a second. It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee consider what INSSAR wants to do with the *Hoosier Patriot* and its funding as well as possible dues increase and report at January 2009 meeting. Motion passed with 1 no vote.

Motion made by Compatriot Roger Barnhart and seconded by Compatriot Steve Oberlin to endorse David Sympson for Secretary General. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Compatriot Bill Sharp and seconded by Compatriot John West that INSSAR meetings following April 2009 be held in Marion County and/or contiguous Counties. After much discussion the motion passed unanimously. Not discussed was how the various chapters would do the planning for meetings. (Secretary suggests the Executive Committee do this and advise at Winter meeting)

Motion made by Compatriot Bill Sharp and seconded that the prize levels of the youth awards be doubled: Rumbaugh Oration to \$600/\$400/\$200; Knight Essay to \$600/\$400/\$200; ROTC at \$250; Eagle Scout to \$600/\$400/\$200; and 4-H at \$300. After much discussion motion passed with 1 no vote

Motion made by Compatriot Jim Arnold and seconded the additional monies for these prize vale increases for the 2009 INSSAR budget come from the honorarium of the Color Guard budget for youth activities. After much discussion motion passed with 1 no vote.

Regarding some items of historical interest, Compatriot John West requested a motion to dispose of them. Motion was made and seconded that the old Best Chapter Award Plaque be retired to the Continental Chapter, the last chapter to win it.

The INSSAR Trustee reported that the Fall Leadership meeting was one of the best attended in experience.

Future dates and locations for the INSSAR and NSSAR meetings were noted. Compatriot Don Counts gave the Benediction and Compatriot Oberlin let the SAR Recessional.

Respectively Submitted,

William E. Sharp, Secretary

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