



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Fishers Public Library, Fishers, Indiana

- ❖ The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ The Invocation was offered by Robert Pfaff
- ❖ The Pledge to the National Colors was led by President Sharp
- ❖ The Pledge to the SAR Flag was led by President Sharp
- ❖ Chancellor Terry English was elected Parliamentarian
- ❖ The agenda was approved
- ❖ Secretary Peters took the Chapter Roll Call of 48 Delegates. A quorum was present.

Attendance:

<i>District</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>At Large</i>
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend	Charles Brownell John Hundley III	
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Roger Barnhart Wendell Horn Jeffrey W. Jones Dave Peters	x x
			William Sharp III Allen Stout Denny Wright	x
			Duneland	Valparaiso
Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Robert Pfaff	x	
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers	John Boone Matthew Boone Joseph Jansen William Schnorr Kevin Waldroup	x
			Benjamin Franklin	Franklin
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	David Betzner Arthur Bowers Garry Eckard Wayne Eells	x x x x

	Clarence A. Cook (cont'd)		Jeff Hornung Robert Rati Rodney Sherard Richard Steckley	
	Continental	Muncie	Dennis Babbitt Jack Carmichael Phil DeHaven Mark Kreps Phillip Knight	x x
	John Martin	Rockville	Clifford Blanchard	
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	George Frantz David Kelly	
3	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Jim Arnold Terry English Richard Hill Ed Hitchcock Robert Howell Sr. Luke Jacobus T. Rex Legler II Tony Robinson	x x x
	David Benton	Brownstown	Jerry Brown James Harvey	x
	John Hay	Salem	John Sheets	
	Clifty Creek	Madison	Allen Manning	
4	General Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon	Bob Hall Stephen H. Johnson	
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Robert Cunningham	x
	Ohio Valley	Evansville		

Introduction of Guests

- Vice-President General (Central States District) *Tony Robinson*
 - Comments
 - Hopes to meet each compatriot in due course
- Indiana DAR State Regent *Jeanie Hornung*
 - Greetings on behalf of Indiana Society, DAR
 - Comments on recent Society accomplishments
- Indiana SAR Ladies Auxiliary President *April Legler*
 - Currently 59 active members
 - Dues only \$5 annually
 - Mrs. Donna Sharp has been elected as the new President

Comments from President Sharp

- Pleasure to serve as President the past few years
- Objectives met as outlined in recent *Hoosier Patriot* issue
- Grown new leaders within the Society
- More fellowship opportunities at State meetings
- Meetings held at historical sites have enhanced Compatriots knowledge of Indiana in the Revolutionary War

- A new chapter (Clifty Creek, Madison) has been formed
- Substantial funds for the Center for Advancing America’s Heritage have been raised by our chapters
- Indiana Society Color Guard participation in various events has been robust
- Solid growth rate in membership

Lunch break at 11:24 a.m.; resumed at 12:14 p.m.

Awards & Recognition

National SAR Awards

George Washington Fellow

- ❖ Dennis Wright – Anthony Halberstadt

NSSAR Lamplighter Fund

- ❖ William E. Sharp \$1000 – Anthony Halberstadt
- ❖ Clell R. Douglas \$500 – Continental
- ❖ Kevin Waldroup \$500 – Alexander Hamilton

Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Fund (Palm Club)

- ❖ Kevin Waldroup – Alexander Hamilton

Benjamin Franklin Fund (SAR Library)

- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Keasling, Jr

NSSAR Veteran’s Battalion Awards

❖ Wright, Dennis Lee	Anthony Halberstadt	Republic of Korea
❖ Frantz, George Wesley	William Henry Harrison	Military Service
❖ Bluck, Richard Ivan	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Brown, Dale Eugene	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Burton, James Austin	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Carpenter, Rev. Charles Monroe	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Davis (Ret.), Col. James Richard	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Doane, Jaines Dee	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Guthrie, Richard Stewart	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Hammersley, Vernon Lawrence	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Hill, Richard Douglas	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Lawson, Floyd Kent	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Sharp, Donald William	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Williams, John Allen	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service
❖ Wright Sr., Robert Gene	Daniel Guthrie	Military Service

National von Steuben Medal

- ❖ T. Rex Legler II Daniel Guthrie
- ❖ Robert D. Howell Sr. Daniel Guthrie

Indiana State SAR Awards

INSSAR Outstanding Chapter

- ❖ Clifty Creek
- ❖ Ohio Valley
- ❖ Alexander Hamilton
- ❖ Duneland
- ❖ Anthony Halberstadt

INSSAR Bronze

- ❖ John Sheets Medal + 4 STARS – 15 years' service to the David Benton Chapter

INSSAR Gold

- ❖ Rick Smurdon- 3 years Americanism Poster Chairman and CAR Liaison
- ❖ Randy Hillenburg – Many years Eagle Scout Chairman
- ❖ Steve Oberlin STAR – Many Years State Webmaster
- ❖ Mark Kreps 1 STAR – 3 years Flag Chairman 4 years Color Guard Commander
- ❖ Stuart Hart – 4 Years Color Guard Commander
- ❖ William Sharp Medal + STAR: 3 years State Secretary, 1 year VP, 2 Years President
- ❖ Chris Cunningham STAR: 3 Years Ladies Auxiliary Officer

Lydia Darragh

- ❖ Peggy Gilkey – Many years of service to the Chapter and its Presidents
- ❖ Donna Sharp – Service to the State President

Silver Roger Sherman

- ❖ David Peters – 2 Years State Secretary
- ❖ Terry English – 2 years State Chancellor
- ❖ Matthew Boone – 2 Years VP District #2
- ❖ Jerry Brown – 2 Years VP District #3
- ❖ Randy Hillenburg – Many years Eagle Scout Committee Chairman
- ❖ Robert Cunningham – 1 Year State VP, 1 Year State President, 2 years State Color Guard Commander
- ❖ Wayne Eells – 2 years State Secretary, 2 years State VP
- ❖ William Sharp – 3 Years State Secretary, 1 Year State VP, 2 Years State President

Silver CAR

- ❖ Jeff Voris – over 30 years as a member of the CAR, as a child served as society, state and national officers, as an adult serves local, state, and national officer including currently the Senior Vice President for the Great Lakes Region.

Silver Good Citizen

- ❖ Ken Gilkey – Many years of community service

Meritorious

- ❖ David Peters – Exemplary Service as INSSAR Secretary

Patriot

- ❖ Donald Counts - Long Time Service: Chapter Chaplain, Sec & P, INSSAR Chaplain, CG
- ❖ William Harlan - Long Time Service: Chapter Registrar & President

State Distinguished

- ❖ Jeff Horning – Service to the INSSAR President, Hoosier Patriot

Oration Contest

- Began at 1:00 p.m.

Eagles Scout Essay Contest Winner Presentation

Ladies excused

Meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL – QUORUM ATTAINED

- Motion to accept agenda
- Agenda approved—all in favor
- Secretary—Minutes of previous House of Delegates meeting reviewed and approved
- Treasurer—details from spreadsheet in delegate packet
- All other State Officers and Committee Chairpersons in delegate packet as well, with the exception of the Americanism Poster Contest and Finance Committee, and;
- Color Guard Commander Report (Robert Cunningham):
 - George Rogers Clark Days
 - Militia dress required
 - Musket or 5' sapling required
 - Participation counts toward National Event calculation for von Steuben medal
 - T. Rex Legler II interjects, “You don’t need a musket to carry a flag in a parade” (for those who may be seeking another way to participate in the Color Guard).
 - Qualifies for ladies working for their Molly Pitcher award
 - Ladies—wear colonial attire to Tuesday evening dinner

Unfinished Business

1. Status of Lochry’s Defeat Sign refurbishment (David Betzner)

“Will be done in two weeks.”

New Business

1. Discussion and approval of 2015-16 budget
 - Proposed budget passed
 - Terry English: Could the budget be altered at a future House of Delegates meeting to allow for more current status/inputs?
 - T. Rex Legler II: Motion to discuss increasing 'Total Expense' line item to \$12,840
 - i. All in favor—passed by voice vote
 - Wayne Eells: Move to remove 'Youth – 4-H Support' line item from budget
 - i. T. Rex Legler II: southern Indiana counties are more involved in 4-H activities
 - ii. Motion to strike line item passes by voice vote, with one opposed
 - T. Rex Legler II: Expresses concern about recent expenses for awards/medals
 - i. President Sharp: We played some catch-up with State medal presentations these past two years. Costs will now likely moderate for award expenses.
 - ii. T. Rex Legler II: Some concern that State is paying for some awards/medals which should be presented at the Chapter level
 - iii. President Sharp discusses recent presentations of the Roger Sherman medal at the State level in response
 - iv. Vice-President Wayne Eells: Requested Treasurer Art Bowers to classify Youth awards with other awards in the past; would now like Art to classify the medals under the Youth categories going forward
 - Motion to increase 'Total Expense' line item to \$12,840
 - i. Motion passes by voice vote
2. INSSAR Bylaw and Constitution changes: electing Assistant Secretary & Treasurer
 - Motion to accept changes
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Discussion?: No
 - iii. Motion passes by voice vote
3. Election of 2015-16 State Officers – Nominees
 - President – Wayne Eells
 - Vice-President – Robert Pfaff
 - Treasurer – Arthur Bowers
 - Assistant Treasurer – Wendell 'Gab' Horn
 - Secretary – Dave Peters
 - Assistant Secretary – Jeffrey W. Jones
 - District #1 Vice-President – Rick Smurdon
 - District #2 Vice-President – Matthew Boone
 - District #3 Vice-President – Jerry Brown
 - District #4 Vice-President – Ken Gilkey
 - Registrar-Genealogist – Robert Howell
 - Chancellor – Terry English, J.D.
 - Historian – Mark Kreps
 - Chaplain – Donald Counts; nomination put forth for David Betzner
 - i. Motion to vote by paper ballot
 1. Motion passes
 - ii. Motion to destroy ballots after Chaplain election
 1. Motion passes
 - a. Secretary Peters to destroy ballots (later burned at home)
 - iii. Election result: David Betzner elected Chaplain

- National Trustee – William Sharp III
- T. Rex Legler II: point of order; an Alternate National Trustee does not appear on the list of nominees
- Alternate National Trustee – Wayne Eells
 - Motion to elect aforementioned nominees as new State Officers
 - Motion passes unanimously by voice vote
4. NSSAR Bylaw Change to Congress: change term of office of National Officers from 1 year to 2 year
 - Wayne Eells – motions the recommended change begin in 2018, rather than 2016 as currently written
 - i. Motion seconded
 - Tony Robinson – some recommendations on the subject
 - Motion to stop discussion; discussion stopped
 - Vote on changing Bylaw proposal from 2016 as the year of initial enactment to 2018
 - i. Result: voice vote is to keep wording as 2016 for first year of proposed enactment
 - Vote on Bylaw Change proposal
 - i. Result: passes by voice vote (as written)
 - Motion to send proposal to National Society
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Vote on motion
 - iii. Motion passes unopposed
 5. INSSAR Bylaw and Constitution changes: Allow for the INSSAR Executive Committee to call for meetings with ten (10) day notice
 - Motion raised
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Vote on Motion
 - iii. Motion passes unopposed
 6. INSSAR Bylaw and Constitution changes: Allow for the INSSAR Executive Committee, Standing Committees and Special Committees to have meetings electronically
 - Vice-President Wayne Eells raises motion as written
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Vote on motion
 - iii. Motion passes unopposed
 7. INSSAR Bylaw and Constitution changes: Allow for changing the number of yearly Indiana Society House of Delegates meetings from four (4) to three (3)
 - Article V, Section 1 to change from 4 meetings to 3 or more meetings per year
 - Bylaw 16 to reduce number of HOD meetings from 4 meetings to 3 or more meetings per year
 - Article V, Section 6 to make January meeting a District meeting
 - Vice-President Wayne Eells – motion to pass as written
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. David Betzner – proposes the wording of Article V, Section 6 be changed from “There *shall* be . . .” to “There *may* be . . .”
 - iv. Parliamentarian Terry English – motion to stop discussion
 - v. Motion to stop discussion passes
 - vi. Motion to pass proposal with modification as proposed by David Betzner
 1. Motion seconded

- vii. Vote on motion
 - viii. Motion passes unopposed
8. INSSAR Adoption of Color Guard *Events* Guidelines from National Bylaws for awarding Bronze Color Guard Medal to Indiana Society Color Guard Compatriots
 - Motion raised
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Motion passes unopposed
 9. Establishing INSSAR funding of Operation Ancestor Search (OAS) by voluntary individual enrollment in the Kroger Company's community support program
 - Compatriot Richard Steckley provides the details on behalf of OAS Committee
 - i. Sign up with Kroger, providing INSSAR 501(c)(3) details to establish account
 - ii. Ask INSSAR compatriots to link their free Kroger shopping card to the OAS program
 - iii. Compatriots shop and save as before (if they already possessed a Kroger shopping card)
 - iv. Four (4) times per year, Kroger will send a check for the amount of credit accrued by INSSAR Compatriots and family members while shopping
 - Program will help replace lost \$60,000 annual funds previously provided by Ancestry.com Incorporated
 - Vice-President Wayne Eells volunteers to establish account with Kroger for INSSAR, should the motion pass
 - Motion to pass proposal
 - i. Motion seconded
 - ii. Motion passes unopposed
 10. INSSAR Funding of the Galvez Statue as solicited by the Bernardo de Gálvez Chapter, SAR, Galveston, Texas
 - President Sharp recommends the solicitation letter from the Bernardo de Gálvez Chapter be sent to Indiana Society Chapter Presidents, allowing individual chapters to provide funds if desired
 11. On Replacing the Indiana Service Medal with the Roger Sherman Medal
 - T. Rex Legler II – against dropping the Indiana Service Medal
 - i. An element unique to the Indiana Society
 12. On Indiana State Bicentennial (2016)
 - Historian-elect Mark Kreps – Will the Indiana Society have a special medal or souvenir available to celebrate the Indiana Bicentennial?
 - i. President-elect Wayne Eells moves that Mark Kreps put forth a proposal for this purpose
 13. On Indiana State funding of the State Genealogical Library in Indianapolis
 - Compatriot Randall Eckley concerned about potential loss of state funding of the State Genealogical Library
 - i. From discussion, it is suggested the funding is to be maintained in the latest proposed budget in the Indiana legislature

Ladies are invited to return (4:15 p.m.)

Memorial Service

- Led by Chaplain-elect Robert Pfaff
- Began at 4:20 p.m.

Installation of New Indiana Society Ladies Auxiliary Officers

- President – Mrs. Donna Sharp
- Vice-President – Mrs. Janet Kreps
- Treasurer – Mrs. Chris Cunningham
- Secretary – Mrs. Donna Betzner
 - Presentation of the Ladies Auxiliary gavel to President Donna Sharp
- Began at 4:36 p.m.

Installation of New Indiana Society SAR Officers

- Installation of officers conducted by Vice-President General (Central States District) Tony Robinson
- Began at 4:40 p.m.

Comments from President Wayne Eells

- Past President pin presented to President Emeritus Dr. William E. Sharp III
- Presentation of gift from Wayne to Bill

For the Good of the Society

- Future Indiana Society Meetings
 - May 23 & 24 - Commemoration of George Rogers Clark at Memorial, Vincennes
 - July 11 – Summer House of Delegates meeting in Muncie
 - October 10 – Fall House of Delegates meeting in Fort Wayne
 - No January State Meeting – District meeting *may* occur
- Future National Society Meetings
 - June 27 to July 1 – Annual Congress, Louisville, Kentucky
 - September 25 & 26 – Fall Leadership meeting, Louisville, Kentucky

SAR Recessional

- Led by Vice-President Robert Pfaff

Retiring of the Colors

- Indiana Society Color Guard

Benediction

- Offered by Chaplain David Betzner

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.