



Sons of the American Revolution

The Indiana Society

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 15th 2017

Knights of Columbus

1040 N Post Road

Indianapolis, IN 46219

Previous Meeting Minutes

- ❖ The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ The Invocation was offered by Chaplain Betzner
- ❖ The Pledge to the National Colors was led by Vice-President Pfaff
- ❖ The Pledge to the SAR Flag was led by Secretary Jones
- ❖ Compatriot Bill Sharp was selected as Parliamentarian
- ❖ The agenda was approved
- ❖ Secretary Jones took the Chapter Roll Call of 30 Compatriots. A quorum was present

Attendance

District	Chapter	Location	Compatriot	At Large
1	Alexis Coquillard	South Bend		
	Anthony Halberstadt	Fort Wayne	Barnhart, Roger Horn, Wendell Jones, Jeffrey Sharp, Bill Wright, Denny	X X X X
	Duneland	Valparaiso	Cave, Pat Eckley, Randall	X X
	Simon Kenton	Rensselaer	Pfaff, Rob	X
2	Alexander Hamilton	Fishers		
	Benjamin Franklin	Franklin	Smith, Howard	
	Clarence A. Cook	Indianapolis	Betzner, David Eells, Wayne Hornung, Jeff Sherard, Rodney Waldroup, Kevin	X X X X
	Continental	Muncie	De Haven, David Kreps, Mark	X X
	John Martin	Rockville	Blanchard, Cliff	X

			Mankin, Steve	
	William H. Harrison	Lafayette	Frantz, George	
3	Clifty Creek	Madison	Allen Manning	X
	Daniel Guthrie	Bedford	Arnold, James Hitchcock, Edward Legler, T. Rex	
	David Benton	Brownstown	Brown, Jerry Harvey, James Sheets, John	
	John Hay	Salem	Coats, Vernon Owens, Mark	X
4	Gen Thomas Posey	Mount Vernon		
	George Rogers Clark	Vincennes	Cunningham, Rob	X
	Ohio Valley	Evansville	Payne, Tom	

Introduction of Guests and Greetings

- Indiana DAR State Regent Lois Huntington brought greetings.
- Indiana SAR Ladies Auxiliary President Donna Sharp brought greetings.
- National Central District VP Tom Payne brought greetings, discussed the National Education Outreach program, reinforced the ongoing Compatriot mentoring program, and introduced the Youth Program Challenge.

SAR Awards and Recognition

- Patriot Grave Marking
 - Maj. Gordon W. Bell Jr. USA (Ret)
 - William E. Sharp III
 - SFC James C. Arnold USA (Ret) – 2nd Cluster
- National Partners in Patriotism to Chapters (presented by James Arnold)
- National and State Awards
 - James A. Burton – Indiana Bronze Service Medal
 - Sgt Richard Douglas USA (Ret) – Indiana Gold Service Star
 - Robert C. Pfaff – Silver Good Citizenship
 - Kenneth E. Gilkey – State Distinguished Service
 - Edward E. Hitchcock – Patriot Award
 - William E Sharp III – Patriot Award
 - Jeffery W. Jones – State Meritorious Award
 - Allen G. Manning – Silver Roger Sherman
 - Donna Sharp – Martha Washington Award
 - Donna Sharp – Indiana Gold Service Medal
 - April Legler – Indiana Gold Service Star
 - Jennifer Eells – Lydia Darrah Award
 - Wayne C. Eells Jr. – Former President Medal & Minuteman Figurine
- National Veteran Certificates
 - LCdr Jon L Haynes Sr. USN (Ret) – Military Service Veterans Corps/WWII, Korea, Vietnam
 - Doug H. Wellman Sr. – Military Service Veterans Corps
 - Wayne R. Carpenter – Military Service Veterans Corps/WWII, Korea
 - Charles R. Stiver – Military Service Veterans Corps/Vietnam
 - Ronald L. Hyer – Military Service Veterans Corps/Vietnam
 - David P. Bell – Military Service Veterans Corps

- Thomas M Peters– Military Service Veterans Corps
- Eagle Scout Essay Awards
 - 1st – Samuel Klemz (Duneland)
 - 2nd – Jacob A McDaniel (Daniel Guthrie)
 - 3rd – Brenden Stock (Alexander Hamilton)
- Rumbaugh Orations Awards
 - 1st – Rebekah Doane
 - 2nd – Kinley Boyd
- Knight Essay Awards
 - 1st – Caitlin Smith (Clifty Creek)
 - 2nd – Nathan Thomas (Alexis Coquillard)
 - 3rd – Melea Shockney (Daniel Guthrie)
 - 4th – Daniel Fickett (John Martin)
 - 5th – Cooper Smith (John Hay)
 - 6th – Faith Murrell (Clarence A. Cook)
- Elementary School Poster Awards
 - 1st Emily Wilhelm (Anthony Halberstadt)
 - 2nd – Cadence Sullivan (Clifty Creek)
 - 3rd Rhaegan Egli (Daniel Guthrie)
- Middle School Brochure Awards
 - 1st – Dakota L. Sciscoe (Anthony Halberstadt)
 - 2nd – Mary E. Davis (Anthony Halberstadt)
 - 3rd – Ellie S. Sagebiel (Anthony Halberstadt)
- ROTC – Samuel Goff (Outstanding Junior ROTC Cadet Medal)

Lunch

The House of Delegates approved the Agenda

ROLL CALL – QUORUM ATTAINED

Minutes Approval – Approved.

Treasurer’s Report

- Approved

Consent Agenda – Approved.

Unfinished Business

- Color Guard: Robert Cunningham announced that the Indiana SAR would participate at the 20 May DAR state meeting, and requested an RSVP from any color guard member attending.
- Spirit of Vincennes: Robert Cunningham distributed brochures for the George Rogers Clark event and encourage Chapters to participate and present wreaths.
- Color Guard: Robert Cunningham reminded the HoD that a Central District Color Guard Vice-Commander was still needed. He also reminded the HoD that a Safety Office is still needed for the firing of black powder.

New Business

1. **Chapter Merger:** Alexander Hamilton with Clarence A. Cook: A motion was presented, seconded and approved.
2. Chapter Merger: Simon Kenton with William Henry Harrison: A motion was presented, seconded and approved.
3. **Proposed Bylaw Change #3, Section 6:** The IRS requires specific language in nonprofit bylaws that address the dissolving of any non-profit.

A motion was presented, seconded and approved

Bylaws Proposal – IRS language about dissolved, chapters to Indiana SAR, Submitted by Pat Cave, Duneland Chapter, Indiana SAR (2nd Reading)

The IRS requires specific language in nonprofit bylaws that addresses the dissolving of any non-profit. I would like to see the Indiana SAR Adopt the following language in its bylaws:

Bylaw 3, Section 6: If any chapter in the Indiana SAR is dissolved, any and all assets shall be transferred to and become the property of INSSAR, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution. If the INSSAR refuses or is unable to accept the assets, another charitable organization specified by the officers of the dissolving Indiana SAR Chapter, but in no event shall any asset be distributed to any person other than a charitable organization under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code

4. **Proposed Bylaw Change #8:** Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

A motion was presented, seconded and approved

Bylaws Proposal: - Suggest changes to Bylaw 8 at the Annual meeting in April (Additions underlined, removals strikethrough)

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Section 1. The Treasurer shall receive all funds for the Society, and he shall disburse all funds by check, upon receipt of a Request/Authorization Form from the President Secretary. Expenses approved as part of the annual budget can be paid directly by the Treasurer without any additional authorization. Expenses exceeding the budget require Approval by the President and an Authorization form provided

5. **Proposed Bylaw Change #28: Creation of Policies**

A motion was presented, seconded and approved

Bylaws proposal – Language about creating a policies manual, items can include Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower, Document Destruction, etc (2nd reading, bylaw revised by Indiana SAR Chancellor)

A review of our current bylaws reveal that we are not up to date with IRS and Sarbanes-Oxley requirements like Conflict of Interest, Whistleblower, document destruction and other important policies. These could have major impact on us should there be any audits or other investigations. It is not common to make all these types of policies in the bylaws, rather a policy book is created. The Indiana SAR should create a bylaw authorizing the creation of these policies.

1. Renumber bylaw 28 Amendments to Bylaw 29.

2. Creation of new bylaw 28: Creation of Policies

“The Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution may, from time to time, adopt policies that supplement these Bylaws. Policies shall only be used in order to: comply with National Society directives, comply with applicable state and federal laws, further effectuate the stated purpose of the Society, or provide for the Society where amending these Bylaws is otherwise impractical. Any policies so adopted, shall have the force and effect as Bylaws, but may be terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the House of Delegates. Polices can be adopted by two (2) means:

1) by normal adoption, whereby a policy may be placed into consideration by the Executive committee, or from the floor at a meeting of the House of Delegates. A policy so placed into consideration may be ratified by the House of Delegates in the same manner as any resolution, and shall be effective and binding upon passage, or

2) by emergency adoption, at any meeting of the Executive Committee where it is deemed that an emergency exists, and a policy is necessary to address the emergency. Then in the sole judgment of the president of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, an emergency policy may be adopted. Any policy adopted by emergency adoption shall cease upon the next regular meeting of the House of Delegates; however, the House of Delegates can ratify an emergency policy by the above described normal adoption vote. “

6. **Proposed National Bylaw Change:** Bylaw 22, Section 6 National Dues Payment and Carryover

A motion was presented, seconded and approved

Purpose:

There continues to be confusion by members, chapters, state societies, and even national about the cutoff date for dues and when they are applied to the following year. The Bylaws which have been in place for many years, state that it is based on when the application is received and not when it is approved. This narrow 2-month window make it uncomfortable on new members to have to pay national dues again immediately after just submitting the application late in the year. Further complicating the process is the time it takes and application to be approved from when it was received. At its fastest, approval of new applications was taking about 4-weeks, and currently, it is taking 11-weeks or more.

Changing the policy from Received to Approved provides greater clarity as to when it takes effect while accounting for possible long delay.

Changing the date from 01 Nov to 01 Sept makes it a full quarter of the year, and provides a better customer oriented approach to embracing new members.

Notes:

- This proposed change was presented at the Central District SAR Meeting in October 2016, where is was generally supported.
- It was suggested at the Central District Meeting that the date be moved from 01 Oct to 01 Sept.
- It was suggested by the Genealogist General to add the last sentence about National not holding or delaying applications as we are moving from 01 Nov two months forward to 01 Sept.

Proposed Change:

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Underline = add

Bylaw - 22

Section 6. A new member shall pay National Society dues for the calendar year in which his application is approved. Each State Society shall determine when the dues of its members are to be collected; provided, however, that the National Society dues accompanying any application ~~received~~ approved on or after September ~~October 31~~ 01 shall be credited to the following year. At no time shall the National Society hold or delay approval of applications in order to cause membership fees to be credited to the following year.

7. **Proposed National Bylaw Change:** Bylaw 5, Vice President General

A motion was presented, seconded and approved

Purpose:

Each year the SAR Districts elect their Vice-Presidents General and forwards them to National SAR. At the National SAR Congress those Vice-Presidents General are confirmed and become nominated to serve on the National SAR Board of Trustees. Only those names which are voted on at Congress to serve as a Trustee can fulfill that one year term.

There have been times when a District has elected their Vice-President and that individual became unable to fulfill the duties of the office. This can make it difficult on Districts to fill the office, and if a replacement is elected, then that Vice-President is unable to complete their role as a Trustee because they were not voted in as one or an alternate at the Annual Congress. This proposed change allows for Districts to elect an Alternate Vice-President General and name them before the National SAR Congress so that the Alternates can be confirmed and voted as Alternates on the Board of Trustees.

Notes:

Indiana faced this challenge in 2016 when Vice-President Elect Robert Howell became ill and unable to fulfill his role. Robert Cunningham who filled the office was not able to serve in the Trustee position with that office because he was not named and voted on at National Congress. This placed the Central District without a Trustee Representative Vote (all other Districts had eligible Trustee votes available).

Proposed Change:

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Underline = add

Bylaw No. 5. Vice-Presidents General

Section 1. There shall be one (1) Vice-President General and one (1) Alternate Vice-President General elected from each of the following Districts of the National Society

Section 4. The Alternate Vice-President General shall function as Vice-President General if the elected Vice-President General cannot fulfill the duties of this Office.

8. Proposal To Stimulate Early Indiana Membership Renewals

A motion was presented, seconded and approved. The Treasurer was directed to add a line to the budget.

Purpose:

Each year at the Annual Membership Dues Drive, there are considerable numbers of members who pay after the deadline, increasing the amount of work and expenses to reinstate those members.

Proposal:

The Indiana SAR to set aside \$250 each year, and use it to create a prize pool that members who register before the annual dues drive deadline are eligible to win a prize from.

Prizes may include appropriate books, SAR gifts, etc.

9. Discussion and Approval of 2017-18 budget

- Robert Cunningham proposed a budget line item for the annual Vincennes National event for Chapter Ribbons. Wayne Eells added to the proposal to include dollars to cover the National President General expenses when he visited. The budget line recommended to be \$500.
- The approved motion from Wayne Eells to add a \$250 prize pool is to be added to the budget.
- Denny Wright recommended the State Medals & Awards budget line be increased to \$1000.
- Jeff Jones recommended the Central District Dues budget line be raised to \$200.
- A motion was presented, seconded, and approved.

10. Nomination Committee Report of 2017-18 Officers Bill Sharp presented the nominated slate of Officers.

11. Election of 2017-18 State Officers

- Nominating Committee: Chairman William Sharp presented the following slate of Officer Nominees.
 - President: Robert C. Pfaff
 - Vice-President: Kevin L. Waldroup
 - Secretary: Jeffrey W. Jones
 - Assist. Secretary: Clifford H. Blanchard
 - Treasurer: Wendell D. Horn
 - Assist. Treasurer: Jason D. Vasher
 - Registrar/Genealogist: Ernest R. Davis
 - Chancellor: Steven D. Carpenter
 - Historian: Mark R. Kreps
 - Chaplin: Charles D. Betzner
 - District 1 VP: Patrick M. Cave
 - District 2 VP: George W. Frantz

- District 3 VP: Jerry L. Brown
 - District 4 VP: Kenneth E. Gilkey
 - Trustee: Wayne C. Eells
 - Alt. Trustee: Robert C. Pfaff
- A motion was made to adopt the slate by consensus, it was seconded, and approved.

Other New Business

- Roger Barnhart made a motion that the Indiana resend our proposal to National to extend officer terms to 2 years. The motion was seconded and approved, and the Secretary was directed to send the proposal to National.

For the Good of the Order

- Future Indiana Events
 - 27 May 2017: George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying, Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous, Vincennes, IN.
- Future Central District SAR Events
 - 04 – 05 Nov 2016: Holiday Inn, Cincinnati Airport, Erlanger, KY
- Future National SAR Events
 - 27 May 2017: George Rogers Clark Wreath Laying, Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous, Vincennes, IN.
 - 07 – 12 July 2017: National SAR Congress, Knoxville, TN

SAR Recessional – Led by Vice President Kevin Waldroup

Retiring of the Colors

Benediction - Led by David Betzner