



118th TXSSAR State Convention
Meeting Minutes

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Wyndham Love Field, Dallas
April 4 - 7, 2013

Opening General Session – Friday April 5, 2013

The 118th TXSSAR Annual Convention at the Wyndham Love Field in Dallas was called to order at 3:45PM by President Robert Clark. President Clark welcomed all members and guest. He asked Color Guard Commander Peter Rowley to advance the Colors. President Stephen Rohrbough led the Pledge to the US Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR Flag. Chaplain Reverend James Taylor gave the opening prayer.

The Host Chapter greetings were presented by Nick Harper of the Dallas Chapter.

Donald Sielert, Plano chapter, presented proclamations for Texas Governor Rick Perry and his wife Anita.

President Clark introduced guests. First he introduced Lisa Richards, a Wyndham Hotel Representative. He then introduced our distinguished guest TXSDAR Vice Regent Judy Osler. Vice Regent Osler brought greetings from the 17,000 Texas members and the 170,000 DAR national members. Present Clark presented Vice Regent Osler with the Martha Washington Medals and Certificate for all of her efforts in the support of the SAR over the years.

President Clark introduced NSSAR President General Stephen Leishman who gave brief remarks. He then introduced Vice President South Central District Peter Grassl. VPG Grassl invited TXSSAR members to the Kansas City NSSAR National Convention and also the SCD Breakfast. Past Vice Presidents General Bob Coker and William Marrs were also recognized. Then all Past TXSSAR Presidents were asked to stand and be recognized. Standing to be recognized were Bob Coker, Bill Marrs, Dick Arnold, Jim Heath, Jim Jones, and George West.

NSSAR Secretary General Joe Dooley, a TXSSAR member, was recognized and made a short announcement as a member of the San Antonio Chapter. He stated that he had donated an additional 100 TXSSAR Challenge Coins, these coins are given for a \$10 donation to the Perpetual Fund.

National officers Treasurer General Lindsey Brock, Genealogist General Larry Cornwall, and Register General Mike Tomme were recognized. Registrar General Mike Tomme, the current National Color Guard Commander and a TXSSAR dual member, invited all TXSSAR to attend ceremony in Kansas City on Tuesday night where he will pass the halberd of command to our own Mike Radcliff. He gave his thanks to the TXSSAR Color Guard for their support during his leadership in Color Guard. President Clark introduced Bruce Pickett of Alabama who was running for the NSSAR position of Librarian General.

President Clark asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting which are on file. Rev. James Taylor made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, Drake Peddie seconded this motion and it was approved.

Montie Monzingo, President of the East Fork Trinity Chapter, announced a reception at President Clark's home.

At this point, President Clark asked Medals & Awards Vice President Russell Dart to join him for the presentation of the following chapter awards. Recipients of these awards and others during this meeting are detailed in an attachment to these minutes. The awards presented at the Opening Session were as follows:

- Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Awards (1 Blue streamer and 10 white stars)
- Col. Joe M. Hill Jr. membership Awards (6 Gold streamers and 1 white star)
- John K. Harrell CAR Activities Awards (2 white stars)
- John K. Harrell CAR Competition Awards (2 white starts)
- TXSSAR Flag Presentation Awards (8 white streamers and 23 white stars)

Past President and Nominating Committee Chairman Bill Marrs announced the nominating committee would meet at 8:00 a.m. on April 6th. Rev Taylor offered the benediction.

The meeting was recessed at 5:30 PM until 9:00 a.m. April 6, 2013.

2nd General Session Saturday, April 6, 9:00 – 11:45 a.m.

President Robert Clark called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Pledges to the US Flag, Texas Flag and the SAR were led by President-Elect Stephen Rohrbough. Rev. Taylor gave the invocation

Chancellor Hank Voegtle announced that the meeting would be conducted according Roberts Rules of Order.

NSSAR Treasurer General Lindsey Brock reported that NSSAR would spend 1.2 million to finish the current build out of Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville. He indicated donations were needed to help and were still being matched by Sam Powell. He reported that they had a surplus of \$93,000 this year, some of which was used to repair the old HQ building.

NSSAR Chancellor General Tom Lawrence discussed the National Society's intellectual property concerns. In order to safeguard the rights to our logo, and all its uses, it is necessary to aggressively control its use in any circumstance. Changes have been made to the handbook to help control the use. NSSAR is requiring that ALL use of the logo be subject to approval by the Executive Director of NSSAR in Louisville. It is anticipated that a letter will be issued authorizing states and chapters to use it on official state and chapter business correspondence, business cards and newsletters. All uses of the logo currently must be covered by an official authorization letter. CG Lawrence also said that he would be introducing two By-Laws amendments which were recommended at the Trustees meeting. He is asking that the TXSSAR BOM consider these By-Laws and if passed by TXSSAR, present them at the 2013 NSSAR Congress.

President Clark took time to present several awards he received at National. Marvin Morgan of Patrick Henry Chapter 11 was present to receive his award. The following awards were picked up by either chapter or District VPs: James Frank Souders (Plano Chapter 37), Fred William Patterson (Denton, Chapter 23), Judge Lloyd W. Perkins (Edmond Terrill, Chapter 34), and John Ryder (Panhandle Plains, Chapter 10.)

President Clark asked for officers reports;

President Clark stated that his report has been filed. He also said that details of his travels during his term can be found in the Compatriot.

President Elect Stephen Rohrbough reported that he and wife Marie have traveled about 6,000 miles and installed officers in five chapters to date. They attended the Paul Carrington George Washington Awards Banquet where United States Senator from Texas Ted Cruz and Judge Tom Lawrence received the Paul Carrington George Washington Award.

Texas NSSAR Trustee Bill Marrs reported that during the past term he attended all three national meetings. As Chairman of the NSSAR IT Committee he report that the Systems Integration Project was continuing at National successfully.

Secretary Bob Cohen said his report had been filed with the Staff Secretary. He reported current membership (not reconciled with NSSAR) is 2,460 members. That membership was 2,760 in 2012, a loss of 300 members. He is concerned with the number of dropped members and that this is something that needs to be addressed. He commended the Dallas chapter for an aggressive program to keep members.

Communications Secretary Sam Massey reported he has received membership inquiries which he forwards to the appropriate chapters. He requested that when requesting a DADA Message be sent please draft the message as it is to be sent and provide a contact e-mail as appropriate. Replies to DADA Messages are not monitored. He asked that any changes in e-mail addresses sent to him. He reported that in 2013 he sent four messages to members and two to Chapter Presidents. In 2012, he sent eleven to members and three to Chapter Presidents and two to state officers.

Staff Secretary Larry Stevens thanked all officers and committee chairs for providing their reports in a timely matter. He noted that all reports can be found on the TXXSAR Private Web page.

Treasurer John Beard said his report was on file. He gave the following highlights:

- State of TXSSAR finances is good. There was \$176,000 cash balance from all funds (some of which is unrealized gains). Every fund is in the black. As expected some funds are performing better than others.
- The 2011 Audit was completed and reported to the Executive Committee. There were no material concerns noted by the auditor. There were several recommendations concerning reporting and the level of drill down on some items. These were presented by the Audit Committee to the ExCom who agreed with these.
- The 2013 Budget has been handed-out. In accordance with some of the Audit Committee recommendations there is more detail in the footnotes, for example the officer stipends.
- The Form 990s have been completed and posted on the website.
- With respect to dues Treasurer Beard reported that 27 chapters now receive their dues payments by Automated Clearing House (ACH) and 17 still require checks. He asked that those chapters still receiving checks consider ACH as a more efficient transaction for both TXSSAR and the chapters.

The Audit Committee, represented by Jim Jones, made a motion to accept the Audit Report. This motion carried. Marvin Morgan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as filed, this motion was seconded by Peter McLellan, and the motion was approved.

Coastal Registrar Gerald Irion said his report was on file.

Inland Registrar Mike Radcliff said his report was on file. He suggested going to the DAR and CAR for help finding new members.

Chancellor Hank Voegtle said his report was on file. He said the San Antonio 2014 Convention contract has been approved. He said we have a pending contract with the University of North Texas to take custodianship of our Archives. Our previous agreements had been with the Friends of the UNT Library. The only issue to be resolved is the funding of staff to oversee the collection.

President Clark introduced Samuel Hinkley TXCAR President. Samuel talked about the CAR Project of restoring the USS Lexington a WWII Ship in the Pacific located at Corpus Christi by raising funds. He asked all to visit the CAR Table at this Convention. He said his term would end this April.

Chaplain Rev. James Taylor said his report was filed and asked all to attend the Memorial service at 11 a.m.

Historian David Temple said his report was on file.

Medals and Awards Report VP Russell Dart said his report was on file. He said only 45% of Chapters reported their activities. This needs to be improved in 2013.

District Reports:

District 1 – Col. Bill Holcombe has moved to North Carolina to be closer to family. So, the El Paso Area District 1 VP position is vacant.

District 2 VP Bill Harper – VP Harper was not present but his report is on file.

District 3 VP Jimmie Massingill said his report was on file.

District 4 VP Ron Walick said his report was on file.

District 5 VP James Alderman said his report was on file.

District 6 VP Harmon Adair said his report was on file.

District 7 VP Lawrence Casey said his report was on file.

District 8 VP John Thompson said his report was on file.

District 9 VP Arthur Munford stated that report is on file.

District 10 VP Steve Lee has his report on file.

District 11 VP Peter Rowley stated that his report is on file.

Alternate Trustee James T. Jones reported that there are two issues of concern to the NSSAR currently, Sarbanes Oxley Compliance and a Code of Business Ethics. He reported that Texas has lead in compliance with Sarbanes Oxley compliance but does not have a formal Code of

Business Ethics. He reported that the Audit Committee is currently working to draft a Code of Ethics for TXSSAR.

Council of Chapter Presidents Chairman Drake Peddie reported the CCP Officers for the next term will be Allen Greene Chairman, Nick Harper Vice Chairman and Secretary Drake Peddie. He reported that CCP Bylaw updates and the Chapter President's Manual are still being updated.

Color Guard Commander Peter Rowley reported the Color Guard Bylaw changes would be reported later as the changes are still in review. The Color Guard Manual is still being revised.

Newsletter Editor Charles Baker said his committee agreed to continue with the same format. He said he would like articles from member of their travels to historic places. He said the Ross Shipman Newsletter Contest winners would be announced later in the program.

DAR/CAR Laisson Tom Green reported that the SAR table at the DAR State Convention brought eight new applications. He thanked SAR members Marvin Morgan, Terry McGee, Sam Massey, and Tom Houston for helping man the table.

District VP Committee Chair Stephen Rohrbough reported that all district officer reports are on line on the TXSSAR Web-site. He suggested holding off closing non-performing chapters in anticipation of successes with the Ancestry.com Reach Project. This project which now includes TXSSAR could help increase members. It was reported the there have 17,000 hits on Digitized Texas SAR Applications.

Long Range Planning Chairman Stephen Rohrbough stated that LRP and the State Meeting Committee held joint session. **State Meetings Chairman Tom Jackson** reported that following meetings have been scheduled:

- Fall BOM would be October 11 – 13, 2013 in Houston,
- 2014 State Convention is schedule for San Antonio,

The proposal for TXSSAR to host the 2018 SAR Congress is pending final approval by the Trustee meeting in Louisville this fall.

LRP Chairman Rohrbough said it was agreed that the Annual meetings should be held in the larger city areas; Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, and the Austin/San Antonio Area. It was also agreed that the Fall BOM could be held anywhere depending upon chapters willing to host a meeting.

President Clark asked President General Leishman and Past Texas President George West to come forward for a new member swearing in ceremony. Charles Hartline, sponsored by George, was sworn in and given his membership pin by PG Leishman.

Audit Committee Vice Chairman Peter McLellan discussed the findings in 2011 Audit Report. The report was good with no material exceptions and only a few suggestions for improvements. The Finance Committee considered the report and had the following recommendations for best practices:

- The Finance Committee will approve the level of General Officer stipends annually. These will then be presented to the Executive Committee who can then adjust them as they see fit.
- He said that the 2011 Audit report will be posted on the public site to encourage transparency in the organization.
- He said that the Committee was going to ask the BOM to approve the practice of having the Chair of the Audit Committee sign the engagement letter with the Auditor.
- He reported that the Conflict of Interest Policy has been clarified to include all General Officers, Trustees and TXSSAR Committee and Subcommittee chairs. Those forms can be obtained after the election from members of the Finance Committee or on-line under the Sarbanes-Oxley tab.
- Vice Chairman McLellan reported that not all chapters have filed their 990 forms. It is imperative that these forms are filed.

The Genealogy Committee had no report. Costal Registrar Gerald Irion said there would be an efforts to raise supplemental fee to \$118.00 at Kansas City which is an increase of \$40.00. He stated the application process has sped up. Lindsey Brock NSSAR Treasurer reported that a supplemental increase should be approved because a cost study showed that the processing costs per application, either new or supplemental, was \$83.00.. He said other lineal organizations have already increased the fee charged for Supplemental Applications.

History and Archive Chairman David Temple reported on the progress at the University of North Texas (UNT.) A discussion of the reasons for moving the collection from the Friends of the UNT Library to the UNT Library was discussed.

Information Technology Committee Chairman Ray Cox requested that all new officers and chairman to send him their e-mail address. He said all officers and chairs should review office responsibilities which are found on our web-site.

Patriot Fund Trustee James Jones said that due to available funds it is recommended that the 2014 Budget of \$24, 370, based on 2012 fund performance. The proposed 2014 budget recommendation has the following increases:

- That the first place in all youth contests (except the Poster Contest) increase from \$2,000 in 2013 to \$2,500 in 2014
- That the transportation reimbursement for Orations winner increase from \$1,000 in 2013 to \$1,500 in 2014
- That a transportation reimbursement be added for one other TXXSAR youth contest winner level (e.g. JROTC or Eagle Scout). The level of reimbursement to be \$1,500.

- That the second place CAR prize be increased from \$400 in 2013 to \$500 in 2014
- That the History Teacher reimbursement which is \$1400 for the seminar and \$400 for travel in 2013 be increased to \$2,500 to include the cost of seminar and travel.

A motion was made by the Patriot Fund Trustees that the “Youth Awards budget of \$24,370 be approved for the year 2014.” This motion was approved by voice vote.

Patriot Graves Committee Vice Chairman Peter Baron gave the report. The Committee has adopted a new process and reporting form for reporting new patriots buried in Texas. The form, which will be on the website, can be filled out and then is sent to the PG Committee for review. After a review, if the information is accurate, the Patriot Graves Committee will forward the information to the Webmaster for inclusion on the TXSSAR website.

Patriot Medal Selection Committee Jim Jones reported the Peter Baron, John Beard, Bob Cohen, Tom Jackson and David Temple would receive this Medal and Certificate.

JROTC Chairman John Thompson reported he had 210 Medals in inventory and that every chapter should receive a medal for every 20 members. The Committee expects 320 medals to be distributed by TXSSAR chapters this year. On the matter of who can receive the medal junior versus senior there has been clarification. The Senior Military Instructor may award the medal at his/her discretion.

Registrar General Mike Tomme was recognized. He said National membership was currently 29,367 but that Texas had not yet been reconciled. RG Tomme said that Harry Fife is currently chair of a Drops and Retention committee that may be able to assist TXSSAR with the retention effort.

The Meeting was placed in recess for lunch.

President Bob Clark reconvened the meeting at 1:14 p. m.

Veterans Committee Chairman Frank Rohrbough reported that the new Stark Report reporting form is now an on line. It has been improved so that the user can download it, fill it in and save a copy. He recommended that compatriots keep their own log as events occur and provide their log to the chapter coordinator and to the chairman if seeking the individual award. Rev. Taylor interjected that the Veteran’s committee was interested in tracking compatriots that are Korean War Veterans and requested that chapters send their list to the Veterans Committee.

At this time, President Clark awarded the following with the Texas Silver Service Medals:

Larry Stevens	David Temple	Russell Dart	Jim T. Jones
Jim Alderman	Harmon Adair	Stephen Rohrbough	Art Munford
Drake Peddie	Dan Reed	Larry Casey	Frank Rohrbough

Marvin Morgan	Mike Radcliff	Peter Rowley	John Beard
John Gulley	Stephen Lee	Tom Lawrence	Tom Green
John K. Thompson	Bob Cohen	William Marrs	Frank Seidule
James Taylor	Peter Baron	George Harcourt	Arnold Seidule
Gerald Irion	Peter McClellan	Allan Henshaw	

General Society of War of 1812 President General Lawrence Casey was recognized and presented War of 1812 Bi-centennial Medals to NSSAR President General Leishman and TXSSAR Present Clark.

President Clark presented George Harcourt of San Antonio the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

Nominating Committee Chairman Bill Marrs read the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee, adding Tracy Pounders as Chancellor.

President	Stephen W. Rohrbough
President-Elect	Robert S. Cohen
Secretary	Henry J. Voegtle, III
Staff Secretary	Larry G. Stevens
Communications Secretary	Samuel P. Massey, Jr.
Treasurer	John C. Beard
Registrar (Coastal Group)	Gerald W. Irion
Registrar (Inland Group)	David J. Temple
Chancellor	Tracy A. Pounders
Chaplain	James C. Taylor
Historian	Harmon L. Adair, Jr.
Vice President, CM&A	Russell M. Dart
District 1 VP	(vacant)
District 2 VP	William G. Harper
District 3 VP	Edward Allen Heath
District 4 VP	Ronald J. (Ron) Walcik
District 5 VP	James E. Alderman
District 6 VP	Drake M. Peddie
District 7 VP	Lawrence K. Casey, Jr.
District 8 VP	John K. Thompson
District 9 VP	Arthur G. Munford
District 10 VP	Stephen W. Lee
District 11 VP	Peter Rowley
Trustee	Robert M. Clark, Jr.
Alternate Trustee	James T. Jones, Jr.

There being no nominations from the floor and no contested offices, Past President Thomas B. Green made a motion to accept by acclimation the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee, this was seconded by Rev. James Taylor. This slate was approved by acclimation.

Peter McLellan, Audit Committee Member, announced that their Conflict of Interest forms on the table in the back for each of the newly elected officers.

Flag Committee Chair Dan Reed reported that ten of the twelve flags purchased by the committee for sale had been sold. The profit of \$350 from these sales has been given to the State Treasurer. One of the flags has been staffed and is being used by TXSSAR while the other is still available for purchase at \$210.

There was a motion by Treasurer John Beard and seconded by Peter McClellan which contained the following provisions:

1. The TXSSAR Treasurer should be signatory on all TXSSAR bank accounts, both primary and secondary
2. The TXSSAR Treasure shall have the authority to open and close TXSSAR bank accounts as necessary
3. The newly elected Inland Registrar should be authorized to open a bank account.
4. The outgoing Inland Registrar should be authorized to close his impressed bank account and transfer all funds from this account to the newly elected Inland Registrar.

This motion was approved by voice vote.

A motion was offered by Bill Marrs, and seconded by James Taylor, to confirm Past Presidents General Ed Butler and Nathan White as Trustees. This motion was passed by a voice vote.

President Clark asked if there was new business. Chancellor Hank Voegtle said there were suggested changes for the TXSSAR Bylaws. It was asked the voting members be clarified. Ed Butler and Nathan White recognized as voting members.

Consideration of the changes to the TXXSAR Constitution and By-Laws was the next order of business. Full copies of the suggested amendments are contained in the officer report of Chancellor Hank Voegtle. Chancellor Voegtle summarized each proposal before the discussion of the individual amendments.

TXSSAR Constitution Article V. Section 1

This amendment clarified the time of installation of state officers and their term of office. This amendment was passed with by unanimous voice vote.

TXSSAR Constitution Article VIII Section 3

This amendment appended duties for the outgoing chapter president with respect to the annual reporting. This amendment was opposed by the Council of Chapter President as conflicting with several chapter By-Laws and practices. The amendment was defeated by a 2/3 vote.

By-Law Article 17 Section 7

This amendment changed the membership representation of the Executive Committee by replacing the “member-at-large” for the Communications Secretary. The amendment was passed by a 2/3 vote.

By-Law Article 18 Section 9

This amendment deleted the \$8.00 reinstatement fee. The amendment passed by a 2/3 vote.

By Law Article 18 Section 13

This amendment dealt with the process for transfer of members to TXSSAR. Previously a \$5 fee was charged to cover ordering a record copy of the transferred member’s SAR application. The proposal changes the process to require a record copy of the member’s SAR application or payment for a record copy to be ordered by TXSSAR. The amendment passed by a 2/3 vote.

By-Law Article 20 Section 1

This amendment would clarify the number of delegates due a chapter. A chapter would receive one delegate in addition to one delegate for 7 members. This amendment passed by the required 2/3 vote.

By-Law Article 20 Section 1

This amendment proposed moving a statement from Section C to the preamble. This statement was used in the definition of a “member in good standing.” Bob Cohen, seconded by Peter Baron, offered an amendment to the By-Law to further define a member in good standing as a member who had paid his dues by February 1st of the year. This amendment was passed and the amended By-Law proposal was passed by a 2/3 vote.

By-Law Article 20 Section 1 (F)

This amended was to delete this by-law as redundant with Article 18, section 3. The amendment was passed by a 2/3 vote.

By-Law Article 20 Section 13

This amendment dealt with several issues related to the Patriot Fund. The first change was to more clearly define “earnings.” The second was to remove the restrictions of the Patriot Fund Expenses donations and consider funds collected with this designation available funds. The Audit Committee and the Finance Committee both rose in support of this amendment.

This amendment was passed by a 2/3 vote.

By-Laws Article 10 Sections 1, 2, 3, etc

This amendment dealt with the office of the TXSSAR Treasurer. Key provisions of the amendment changed the term of office from a one year term to a two year term and imposed professional/educational qualifications on candidates for the offices. Marvin Morgan noted that these amendment were proposed by both the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee.

This amendment passed by a 2/3 vote of the voting body.

By-Law Article 17 (A) – Color Guard and Color Guard Committee

This amendment established the Color Guard as a standing committee of TXSSAR. Some of the provisions of the amendment are given below:

- The TXSSAR President will appoint the Chairman of the Committee
- The Color Guard Commander, if not the chairman of the Color Guard Committee, will be the ex officio Vice Chairman of the Color Guard Committee
- The Color Guard will promulgate a structure for the committee and the color guard command.
- The Color Guard Committee will be empowered to accept material donations, such as guns and uniforms.

Marvin Morgan proposed that there be one amendment in the proposal which would eliminate the sentence allowing the Color Guard to perform at a political event. He said that even though there was a statement to limit participation as stated the amendment clashed with 501(c) 3 regulations. The friendly amendment was passed. The proposed By-Law change, as amended, was passed.

NSSAR Chancellor General Thomas Lawrence had two National By-Laws amends which he asked that TXSSAR consider. These proposed amendments were circulated to the body.

The first was an **Amendment to By-Law 18**. This by-law governs the composition and functions of the Investment Committee. The amendment would increase the number of members on the committee from three to seven with the terms staggered. The Chairman of the Committee would be appointed by the President General and be required to be either a current member of or a former member of the Investment Committee. The amendment would also require the Investment Committee to prepare an Investment Policy Statement.

A motion, made by Tom Lawrence and second by Peter Baron, proposed that TXSSAR approve this amendment and submit it to NSSAR By-Law 18 (as presented to the body) at the 2013 NSSAR Congress in Kansas City. This motion was passed.

The second **proposed amendment**, which was also a product of the NSSAR Investment Committee, addressed **By-Law 23, Fund Management**. It addressed specifically restrictions on the make-up of the investment portfolio for the Alexander Hamilton Fund (formerly called the Permanent Fund) and the Special Purpose Funds. [It did not include the George Washington Endowment Fund or its associated, Howard Home Award Fund or Buck Meek Award Fund.] The change would remove the restriction that the investments in these funds are composed of least 50% government obligations of the U.S. Government or its agencies. This has been very restrictive and as former NSSAR Treasurer General Joe Dooley pointed out, is not in keeping with best practices of Non-Profit companies with assets less than \$25 million. Chancellor Lawrence also stated that any investment policy or change in investment designation is subject to review and approval of the Board of Trustees.

Tom Lawrence made a motion that the amendment, as presented, to NSSAR By-Law 23, be presented by TXSSAR to be voted on at the 2013 NSSAR Congress in Kansas City. Peter Baron seconded this motion. This motion passed.

Past President General Ed Butler proposed a donation of \$500 be made by TXSSAR to the Bernardo de Galvez chapter for the fund to place a statue of Bernardo de Galvez in Galveston Texas. This motion was seconded by James Taylor. This motion passed.

President Clark asked if there was a motion to adjourn the business meeting; Joe Dooley made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Peter Baron, and the members voted to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Board of Managers Meeting Sunday, April 7th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Stephen Rohrbough at 9:00 a.m. The Flags were brought in by the TXSSAR Color Guard and posted after the pledges lead by President Elect Bob Cohen. The Rev Taylor gave the opening prayer.

President Rohrbough proclaimed this as the “Year of Youth.” During his term he will be emphasizing Contests, Activities, Recruitment and Education. He asked as many compatriots as could to please join him at the Annual NSSAR Congress is in Kansas City.

President Rohrbough said we have to do a better job on our Annual Reports. This year only 23 chapters filed their Annual Report. Last year we had 28. Only 4 chapters reported CAR activities.

Old Business:

There was a presentation of Awards by Russell Dart for the Oration Contest for sponsoring chapter; 1st was the Warren Barron Chapter, followed by Edmond Terrell, Panhandle Plains, Plano and William Hightower. Certificates and letters will be mailed to the chapters.

President Rohrbough said he had appointed Mike Radcliff to interface with Ancestry.com Reach Program. There were 17,000 hits in Texas reported by Ancestry. He said Mike would screen these and refer positive interest inquiries to the appropriate chapters. Mike said the applicant must do their own genealogy and we would advise as needed. There was a discussion of printing the digitized SAR Applications on Ancestry.com. It was recommended that all chapters have assistant genealogist to assist with the expected volume of new applicants. Mike said referrals would go to District VP's for tracking. Marvin Morgan suggested that someone contact DAR to understand how their process works, it has been quite successful for a number of years.

President Rohrbough asked our Training Committee Chair Bill Marrs to talk about our training plans. Bill Marrs will donate the software for "Go-To-Meeting" for officer training. This is an excellent training and meetings tool. He will facilitate the training with the goal of training our officers; very importantly, he would like to train the chapter registrars. He said he begin training with the Executive Committee.

Tom Jackson requested Conflict of Interest Forms be filled out by our officers, elected or appointed, committee chairs, and sub-committee chairs and submit them to John Beard or himself.

Stephen Rohrbough reported on the presentation of the Silver Good Citizenship medal to Stephen Tanner in his hospital room. The presentation was made by Tom Jackson, Jim Jones, and John Thompson and others.

President Rohrbough asked if there was any other old business and hearing none opened the meeting to;

New Business.

Ron Walcik, District 4 VP, reported that the Aaron Burleson Chapter is not active. He made a motion to close the chapter according to Article VIII Section 6 and transfer all active members of the chapter to the Patrick Henry Chapter. Jim Jones seconded this motion. This motion was approved with a standing vote of 26 for and 0 against.

Ron Walcik made second motion to move all property of the Aaron Burleson Chapter to TXSSAR in accordance with TXSSAR By-Laws. This motion was seconded by James Jones. In discussion District VP Walcik noted that the only assets of the chapter identified so far is a checking account with about \$700. This motion was approved with a vote of 26 for and 0 against.

President Rohrbough said he had made committee assignments and that if anyone wanted to become a committee member so let him know.

Past President Bob Coker said he would recommend a position of Quarter Master to track TXSSAR property. He said there is no current officer or committee doing this and our assets could be lost. Drake Peddie made a motion that an inventory of TXSSAR property be created; this was seconded by Bob Coker. This motion was approved. Chancellor Tracy Pounders said he would review this.

James Alderman, District 5 VP, said he has continued communication with the Wichita Falls and San Angelo and that both are struggling, not active currently. It was his recommendation that TXSSAR considered closing them. He noted that activities have been reported with both chapters at this meeting. He would like to be apprised of any activities with chapters in his area as this may have made a difference in his communications with these chapters. Also, he said his chapters are involved in lots of reportable activities that are not reported to him and that he was trying to correct this.

State Meetings Chairman Tom Jackson made a resolution that the 2015 State Convention be held in Houston in the month of March, if there are no conflicts. He said that the Committee had the concurrence of the Long Range Planning Committee. The resolution was passed.

President Stephen Rohrbough offered a resolution out of the Long Range Planning Committee to rotate the annual conventions between the Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio/Austin areas, with some flexibility. The resolution was passed.

Secretary Hank Voegtle asked all of the members planning to attend the NSSAR Congress in Kansas City to let him know so he could add them to the list of delegates.

Dan Reed reported that the silent auction raised \$3,262.54 plus a check for \$20. This was after expenses of \$397.96.

Treasurer John Beard reported that the Texas Ladies Auxiliary donated a check for \$3,346 to the Patriot Fund Expenses from the drawing on the hand stitched quilt donated by Barbara Stevens.

George Dersheimer, Galvez Chapter discussed the project of raising funds for the Bernardo de Galvez statue to be sited in Galveston. He thanked TXSSAR for its \$500 donation. Other donations included the Plano Chapter donation of \$100 and Drake Peddie and his son \$100. Compatriot Dersheimer estimated cost of the statue at \$300,000. They are trying to obtain grants to assist in the costs.

Frank Rohrbough reported that the 119 State Convention would be at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio on March 27 -30, 2014. He said there are no conflicts with the DAR/CAR on these dates.

Mike Radcliff made a suggestion that \$700, provided from the Color Guard fund that was closed three years ago, be donated to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage building project on behalf of the Texas Color Guard. Ed Butler made the motion to donate \$700, or the appropriate amount, to the CAAH, Ron Walcik seconded the motion. This motion carried.

Tom Jackson offered a motion from the Audit Committee. The motion empowered the Audit Committee Chairman to sign the Audit Engagement Letter. The letter will be given to all Audit Committee members and all primary society officers. This motion was passed.

Ed Butler was given the floor and talked about donating money to CAAH. He said when the HQ building is completed next July a plaque will be placed at the entrance with the names of the societies participating at a 30% level. TXSSAR has not yet met this goal; we are about 3% away, or an estimated 75 members. He asked everyone there who has not given to give him a check for \$5.00 or \$10.00; he said the amount was not the issue. It is important for outside investors to see a high percentage of membership behind a project.

Tom Jackson presented a motion, from the Finance Committee to add a \$4,000 line item to the Budget to begin funding for the NSSAR 2018 Congress in Houston. The money is to be allocated from the general cash surplus. In the discussion it was noted that estimated costs to TXSSAR could be between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to host this event. Sam Massey offered an amendment to change the amount to \$5,000. This amendment to the motion was seconded by James Taylor. This amendment passed. The amended motion was unanimously passed and a \$5,000 line item for the 2018 Houston Congress will be added to the Budget.

Tom Whitelock, past TXSSAR Historian, asked all chapters to send their Newsletters and Scrapbooks to our Archives at the University of North Texas, Denton.

With no further business, President Rohrbough asked the Color Guard to retire the Colors; Bob Cohen lead the SAR Recessional; and Reverend Taylor gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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