

Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution  
MINUTES  
FALL Board of Management Meeting  
October 18-19, 2002, Clearwater

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Hodalski. Chaplain Hal Miller led the Compatriots in the Invocation; subsequently, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR were recited. A quorum was ascertained and the Minutes for the Summer Meeting were approved. First time attendees were A.A. "Mike" McNamee (Treasure Coast) and David Kitchen (Clearwater).

The National Officers reported first. Registrar General Friberg reported that funding for the National Library is half complete. National Trustee John Carter highlighted his written statement by indicating that copies of his reports to National are available upon request. He also indicated that NSSAR Executive Director Wiedman has requested retirement and that no full-time employees are now employed at the NSSAR Genealogy Dept.

The FLSSAR officers then reported. With the following exceptions, all can be found in the Quarterly Reports.

1. NC-RVP Hollien indicated that the Gainesville chapter's Veteran's Heritage Day (machine gun) Shoot served to generate both publicity and funds. He said that, since the chapter plans on reducing their sponsorship of this event from two to one shoot a year the other would be open to FLSSAR sponsorship — that is, if there were any interest in this activity.

2. Treasurer Holyfield reported that it appears that the FLSSAR is managing to stay within its budget.

3. Patriot Editor Fowler urged all Compatriots to subscribe to "FLATALK" and also to obtain their copies of the Patriot via its electronic mode. President Hodalski thereupon congratulated Editor Fowler for the outstanding job he is doing with the Patriot. He also recognized former Editor Wilson's fine past contributions.

The meeting continued with reports by the Chairmen of the FLSSAR committees. They also are found in the Quarterly Reports. Additions are as follows.

1. President Hodalski reported on the activities of the FLSSAR executive Committee. He indicated that Medals and Awards Committee Chairman Robert Clemens has resigned and will be replaced by Compatriot Gerald E. Meeks.

2. The Executive Committee recommended that the Education and Liberty Tree Committees be advanced to Standing Committee status. It was moved that this recommendation be approved by the BOM. The motion passed.

3. State Numbers for Members. President Hodalski reassured the FLSSAR membership that each new/reinstated member would receive a state number as have past members.

4. The chapters were also assured that, if centralization of the BOM meetings is accomplished, FLSSAR will take over the main responsibility

of hosting them.

5. The schedule of reimbursements that can be made to the chapters has been revised. If chapter personnel do not have copies, they should contact their regional Vice President. It was further noted that chapters would be expected to contribute to these several programs by means of a co-pay procedure. However, a chapter could always submit requests for reimbursement (for major projects, that is) directly to the BOM. It was moved that the new reimbursement guidelines be adopted. The motion Passed.

6. National is now making an effort to bring the JROTC program up to the same level as the other youth programs. In order to participate in this upgrade, FLSSAR is contributing \$250 from its JROTC budget. Chairman John Cahoon then requested that the chapters aid in this effort. To do so, they can support the program by contributing \$25.00 to the FLSSAR JROTC budget.

The BOM resumed the morning of October 9th. The more important items discussed are summarized as follows.

1) Genealogist Davidson discussed the Florida Public Records Review Committee as well as Amendment Number 4 (which was voted on in the November elections). He urged all FLSSAR members to vote "yes" on this amendment in order to keep public records open for genealogical and personal reasons.

2) Historic Sites Committee Chairman Gaines requested that the FLSSAR membership assist in locating Historic sites around Florida. The reason for doing so is to permit all of them to be identified and an appropriate data base established.

3) When Law/Fire/Heroism Chairman Moody reported, he indicated that some chapters present medals without reporting them. He requested that his committee be informed when ever a medal is awarded so that accurate records of these activities can be maintained.

4) Chairman Cahoon reported that the standards for the ROTC awards have been raised. For example, to qualify, candidates must be in the top 25% of their class academically and in the top 10% within the ROTC.

A project honoring George Washington has been organized in Miami with Compatriot Saul Montez-Bradley as its chair. There are many statues of national leaders from other countries in the area but none of George Washington. The goal then is to develop a campaign to fund a statue of our founding president and then erect it in Miami, Florida. President Hodalski appointed a special FLSSAR committee to aid in this effort with Compatriot Montez-Bradley as its chair.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Recessional and a Benediction.

Respectively submitted,

Harry Hollien