

**Minutes of the 104th Annual Meeting of the Florida Society
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
05May2000, Maitland, Florida**

The annual meeting was called to order by President Hamilton at 2:10 p.m. President General Carl Hoffman was introduced by President Hamilton. President Hamilton directed SrVP John Tinny, Chairman of the Charter and Bylaws Committee to preside over the presentation and discussion of the three proposed bylaw amendments:

Amendment # 1: Amend Article I, Section 2 of the Bylaws by adding:

Section 6. Ladies Auxiliary (LSFLSSAR) : Women who are related to an SAR of the Florida Society shall be assisted by the Society to establish and join a separate, autonomous organization to be styled the LADIES AUXILIARY , FLORIDA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (LAFSSAR), which shall organize and operate under its own Bylaws and Charter with its stated purpose to assist, support and further the objectives of the Society. No member, or members, of the LAFSSAR shall have any authority to speak for the Society nor to obligate the Society in any way unless specifically authorized by the Society, by the Board of Management or Annual Meeting of the members.

There being no discussion, the question was called. The proposed amendment was passed unanimously.

Amendment #2, which would reduce the number of BOM meetings from four to three, was read and a discussion of the various rationales took place. After consideration of potential months President General Hoffman proposed an amendment to the proposal which was seconded from the floor:

AMENDMENT: That a Fall BOM meeting be held in September or October, a Winter BOM in January or February and the Spring BOM and Annual Meeting, as usual, in April or May.

After a pro and con discussion on the merits of the proposal as amended, Chairman Tinny was asked for the recommendation of the Charter and Bylaws Committee. Chairman Tinny responded that the consensus of the committee was unfavorable to any reduction in the number of meetings of the BOM.

The question was called. In response to a point of order raised by President Carr, the amendment to the proposed bylaw change was withdrawn by the maker of the motion and the second. The question was then called. The proposed amendment was defeated unanimously.

Amendment #3, which would have reduced the number of BOM meetings to two, was not debated. The question was called. The proposed amendment was defeated unanimously.

KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION: Chaplain General Carl Nissen reported on the three year commemorative period recognizing the Korean Conflict and those who served. He indicated that organizations taking part would commit to three commemorative meetings each year for three years. He stated that contact organizations would be the American Legion and VFW posts as well as local veterans commissions. Recording Secretary Hodalski moved, seconded by President General Hoffman, that:

MOTION: The Florida Society support and participate in the three year observance commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Korean Conflict and urge all Chapters and Compatriots to fully participate in all ceremonies and activities held in their local and area communities. Motion passed unanimously.

President Hamilton introduced several first-time attendees. He then reminded the members of the opportunity for appointment to a national committee. He again stressed the commitment and responsibilities involved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- Charles S. Wingate:

Chairman Wingate thanked committee members Sam Boone, Jr., Lauren Bradley, Frank Hodalski and Harold Miller, Jr. He then presented the slate of candidates for office as proposed by the Nominating Committee:

President: John Tinny SrVP: John H. Carter NERV: Albert C. Little
NCRVP: Dr. Harry Hollien NWRVP: James E. Lake ECRVP: Douglas H. North*
WCRVP: Charles Schafer* SERVP: Saul M. Montes-Bradley SWRVP: Basil L. Lancaster
Secretary: James Wilson* Rec. Secretary: Frank Hodalski* Treasurer: Douglas Ballentyne
Registrar: William R. Stevenson* Chancellor: Carl K. Hoffmann, Jr. Chaplain: Rev. Wm. Towery*
Genealogist: Frank Hodalski* Editor: James Wilson* Historian: Newell Kellogg
Exec. Comm. Member at Large: Albert B. Snapp Sgt. at Arms: Warren E. Durry, Jr.
National Trustee: Edward D. Sullivan Alternate National Trustee: John D. Tinny
*Incumbent

There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded from the floor that:

MOTION: Nominations be closed. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no objection, President Hamilton declared the slate of candidates elected by acclamation.

PROTOCOLS 2000: The new protocols for meetings and titles adopted by the national society and the potential problems posed for the state society and chapters were discussed at length.

Chancellor General Rice Aston observed that the protocol measures are not in the bylaws or constitution and contain no self-enforcement provisions. They are in that portion of the handbook which contains policy and recommended procedures. These matters are generally followed, but exceptions have been made as dictated by honor and good sense.

Chaplain General Nissen moved with seconds from the floor that:

MOTION: The Florida Society expresses our concern about the impact of Protocol 2000 and recommends to the Executive Committee that Protocol 2000 be returned to the Protocol Committee for further consideration. The Florida Society is reviewing Protocol 2000 for implementation in the Florida Society. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS: President-elect Tinny announced his committee appointments including the new committees just chartered. He indicated that a complete list will be prepared and published. When finalized it will be put on the internet.

PRESENTATION: President General Carl Hoffman presented three historic copies of the SAR magazine from 1959 and 1960 to Historian General Friberg.

BOM MEETINGS FOR 2000 -- 2001: President-elect Tinny announced the location of the BOM meetings for the coming year: Summer: Miami - July; Fall: Scheduled for Panama City but is now under further consideration because of the illness of SrVP-elect John Carter. To be announced. Winter: Gainesville; Spring BOM and Annual Meeting: St. Augustine -- 04-06May2001.

There being no further business, Chaplain Towery delivered a benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

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JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2000

	JAN - DEC '00	BUDGET	\$ OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE				
INCOME				
MISC. INCOME	0	48	-48	
BOM DEPOSITS	6,946	600	6,346	1,15
CONTRIBUTIONS INCOME				
50/50 FUND	73	240	-167	30%
RESTRICTED	-365	1,200	-1,565	-30%
UNRESTRICTED	0	1,200	-1,200	0%
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS INCOME	-292	2,640	-2,932	-1
INTEREST	156	400	-244	3
LEGACIES & BEQUESTS	166			
MEMBERSHIP DUES	33,355	34,000	-645	9
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0	200	-200	
NEW APPLICATIONS	1,675	3,000	-1,325	5
OPERATING BUDGET TRUST FUND	1,940	2,000	-60	9
REINSTATEMENTS	-776	100	-876	-77
SUPPLEMENTALS	50	200	-150	2
TOTAL INCOME	43,221	43,188	33	10
EXPENSE				
ADDED BY EXEC. COUN.	0	0	0	
DUES REBATE	5,664	6,800	-1,136	8
FLORIDA BRIGADE	30	350	-320	
INVESTMENT TRANSFERS				
OBTF	0	300	-300	0%
TOTAL INVESTMENT TRANSFERS	0	300	-300	
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES	0			
PATRIOT MEDAL	0	300	-300	
NATIONAL				
COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS	40	20	20	200%
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY	0	25	-25	0%
TOTAL NATIONAL	40	45	-5	8
STATIONERY	0	500	-500	
MEDALS AND AWARDS	0	1,200	-1,200	
BOM MEETINGS				
MINUTES, PRINT & POSTAGE	184	400	-216	46%
BOM QUARTERLY REPORTS	125	400	-275	31%
TOTAL BOM MEETINGS	309	800	-491	3
PATRIOT MAGAZINE				
PATRIOT MAGAZINE ADDED BY EX CO	0	250	-250	0%
PATRIOT MAGAZINE OTHER	248	0	248	100%
POSTAGE	600	1,440	-840	42%
PRINTING	2,147	7,200	-5,054	30%
TOTAL PATRIOT MAGAZINE	2,994	8,890	-5,896	3
COMMITTEES				
FLSSAR HANDBOOK	0	1,000	-1,000	0%
CHAPTER CHALLENGE	0	100	-100	0%
ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY	0	220	-220	0%
OTHER COMMITTEES	39			
TOTAL COMMITTEES	39	1,320	-1,281	
YOUTH PROGRAMS				
JROTC	0	1,250	-1,250	0%
EAGLE SCOUTS	875	1,300	-425	67%
KNIGHT ESSAY	1,164	1,600	-436	73%
RUMBAUGH ORATION	0	2,500	-2,500	0%
TOTAL YOUTH PROGRAMS	2,039	6,650	-4,611	3
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	5			
FIXED COSTS				
EDITOR'S ALLOWANCE	133	400	-267	33%
SECRETARY'S ALLOWANCE	1,600	4,800	-3,200	33%
TREASURER'S ALLOWANCE	160	480	-320	33%
TOTAL FIXED COSTS	1,893	5,680	-3,787	3
LICENSES AND PERMITS				
OFFICERS				
PRESIDENT	53	500	-447	11%
SR. VICE PRESIDENT	0	300	-300	0%
RECORDING SECRETARY	0	300	-300	0%
REGISTRAR	272	800	-528	34%



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SECRETARY				
ADDED BY EX COU.	15	0	15	100%
MAIL	131			
TELEPHONE/FAX	124	360	-236	34%
OTHER	409	1,650	-1,241	25%
MAIL PERMITS, BOX, POSTAGE INCR	185	400	-215	46%
TOTAL SECRETARY	864	2,410	-1,546	36%
TREASURER	55	500	-445	11%
TOTAL OFFICERS	1,245	4,810	-3,565	
PROFESSIONAL FEES				
ACCOUNTING	0	1,500	-1,500	0%
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	1,500	-1,500	
TOTAL EXPENSE	14,318	39,145	-24,827	
NET ORDINARY INCOME	28,902	4,043	24,859	7
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The oath has served America well for over two centuries and should not be molested.

The citizenship test should not be *dumbed* down, the dignity of the swearing ceremony conducted before a United States District Judge should not be diminished, and the value of American citizenship should not be cheapened by making it available through the U.S. mail.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution opposes changes to the oath of citizenship, *dumbing down* the test of citizenship, diminishing the dignity of the swearing in process conducted before a United States District Judge, making the naturalization process available through the U.S. mail, and any other act or omission which would cheapen the value of American citizenship.

Be it resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be made available to all members of the Texas Society and to other state Societies, and that this Society be kept informed of these matters, so that its members, as individuals, can take make such protest as they deem appropriate, to preserve the value of American citizenship.

Be it further resolved that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution be requested to adopt its own similar resolution at its Annual Congress to be held in Boston, Massachusetts in the year 2000.

Done at Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of March, 2000.



Frank Gibson, President,
Texas Society-Sons of the American Revolution



DO NOT CHANGE OUR OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

WHEREAS, The Immigration and Naturalization Services ("INS") has stated it will reevaluate the entire naturalization process, including the oath of citizenship, the citizenship test, the swearing in ceremony, and the manner in which the naturalization process is conducted, in an effort to make them more "up to date".

WHEREAS, the current oath reads "I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion ; so help me God."

WHEREAS, the claim is made that the oath (1) is too patriotic and contrary to the ideas of dual and world citizenship because it requires the citizen-to-be to forswear allegiance to his birth county and swear sole allegiance to the United States, (2) is too militaristic because it requires the citizen-to-be to promise to defend the United States, or provide alternate service, and (3) is too religious because it concludes with "so help me God".

Whereas, it is asserted that the citizenship test should be made so easy that failure is impossible, the swearing in ceremony, customarily conducted in a U.S. District Court before a U.S. District Judge, is burdensome and unnecessary, and the entire naturalization process should be handled through the U.S. mail.

WHEREAS, The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution strongly believe that:

The oath of citizenship clearly informs the citizen-to-be of important responsibilities and duties of citizenship, forms a bond between the new citizen and the old, and provides the essential ingredient of a prosperous multi-cultural society - assimilation.

That we live in an unstable world in which armed conflict and revolution are the norm and peace the exception, and that the promise to defend the United States is not a unique or meaningless requirement.

The reference to "God" in the oath adds to the dignity, solemnity, and spiritual quality of the swearing in ceremony.

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