

**Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**  
**MINUTES**

**Summer Board of Management Meeting**  
**July 10-11, 2002, Fort Myers**

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Hodalski. Chaplain Hal Miller then led Compatriots in the Invocation. He was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Compatriot Alvie Davidson, the Pledge to the SAR as led by Compatriot Bud Casey, and then by Past President Carter who led us in the American Creed.

National Officers were introduced by President Hodalski. Included were President General Carl Hoffman, Registrar General Richard Friberg and Vice President General Phillip Carr. Also introduced were first time attendees James Cooke Jr. (Caloosa), Charles Ransom (Naples), Paul Young (Naples), Donald Bailey Sr (Saramana) and Raymond Bullard (Jacksonville).

President Hodalski requested that all members participate in a new cost saving initiative; ie, that they cooperate when the Quarterly Reports and name tags are collected (for reuse) at the end of the BOM.

Secretary Pro-tem Hollien certified a quorum. It was then moved that the minutes for the Spring BOM and the 2002 Annual Meeting be approved. The motion **passed.**

Reports by National Officers were called; there were none. Reports by State Officers were called; they, plus those for Committee Chairmen, can be found in the Quarterly Reports document associated with this meeting. FLSSAR National Trustee John Carter reported on the National Congress (June 29-July 3, 2002). He indicated that a key issue revolved around By law 19. Basically, a modification

was proposed which would permit financial decisions to be made by the Board of Trustees. This change was opposed by FLSSAR (and others). In any case, it was withdrawn and, instead, By-law 19 was modified by removal of all references to money amounts and with a specification added that all fees would be “fixed by the Annual Congress.” Second, the National dues have been *raised* by \$5.00 (ie., to \$25.00 annually) starting in 2003. Third, it was ruled that youth members (ie., dual CAR/SAR — whether life or regular) cannot hold SAR office or vote in SAR matters until they are 18 years-of-age. Finally, three resolutions were passed: a) to encourage respective State Legislators to proclaim April 19<sup>th</sup> as Patriot’s Day (to commemorate the American Revolution), b) to urge the U.S. Congress to send forth (for approval by the states) a Constitutional Amendment permitting protection of our flag and c) to call on State Societies to set aside a week in September to honor the 9/11 victims.

President Hodalski announced that he has extended an invitation to President General elect Rice Aston (dual member with Florida) to attend the FLSSAR 2003 Annual Meeting in Sarasota (May 2-3). He has now received confirmation that President General Aston **will** attend.

North Central RVP Hollien added to his report that the Gainesville SAR chapter will be sponsoring a second American Heritage Shoot (flintlocks to machine guns). It is designed to honor veterans of all wars. He invited all Compatriots to join the Gainesville chapter on November 9, 2002.

Secretary James Wilson was not present but relayed the information that NSSAR would no longer assign **State** Society numbers for new or dual members. This function (for Florida) will be taken over by FLSSAR.

Florida Patriot Editor Richard Fowler could not attend but President Hodalski presented his (i.e., RF’s) proposal for an on-line version of our publication. The electronic version would contain many more features more photographs and so on

than would the print issue. Compatriots choosing to receive the Patriot via an on-line subscription, would not receive a print copy. However, the advantage would be that they would enjoy a much expanded and enhanced publication and FLSSAR would realize substantial savings. The draft copy presented by Editor Fowler was most handsome.

President Hodalski reviewed the activities of the Executive Committee. First, he reported making some new committee appointments: a) Senior VP Larry Bradley to the Executive Committee, b) Norman Crews to the Chapter Challenge Committee, c) Fredrick Gaines to Chair the Historic and Commemorative Sites Committee, d) President John Carter to chair the Florida Patriot Funding Committee. The charge for this committee is to assess ways to provide for greater FLSSAR cost effectiveness. The need to do so is that our reserves are being depleted and income is down; hence, FLSSAR will soon be on a cash basis. Indeed, cost containment is necessary if programs are to be maintained and the chapter rebates are to be continued. Secondly, a proposal for a new standing committee was received. The purpose of this committee is to study the American History and Government courses (especially those relevant to the Colonial and Revolutionary periods) taught in the public and private schools (K through university level) in the State of Florida. The proposal was submitted to the Charter and By-laws committee for review. Third, activities of the FLSSAR Self Study Committee were reviewed. With a new committee taking over the financial aspects of FLSSAR, the remaining charge is to focus on a) long range planning and b) the Procedures Manual. Next, it was announced that the Rumbaugh Oration Contest will be held at the January BOM. Shifting its time will permit substantial savings on contestant's airfares to NSSAR. Finally, efforts are continuing to obtain tax exempt status for FLSSAR and the chapters.

It has been suggested (Medals and Awards Committee) that Stacy Hillman of Casselberry Florida be recognized for her program "Pennies for Police Dogs" It

was moved that she be awarded the Silver Good Citizenship medal at the Fall BOM; **motion passed.**

A new nominating committee was elected; it is made up of Compatriots Frederick Curtis, John Carter, Harold Miller, William Stevenson and James Armitage. This group will (internally) elect their own chairman.

Sr. VP Larry Bradley reported on the progress being made by the BOM Site Committee. He has conferenced with Compatriots Al Snapp, Saul Montes-Bradley, and others on the committee. They have suggested that at least three of the BOM meetings *each year* be held in the Lakeland area (candidates: Best Western Motel, and two Holiday Inn Motels.) However, President General Hoffman pointed out that this plan just might be *too restrictive*. Locating sites in Central Florida seems a good idea but using only a single venue might be much too confining — and especially for our wives and the Ladies Auxiliary.

A discussion occurred as to whether some of the committees that had been discussed should have their status changed. Compatriot Bauchspies reminded the BOM that Ad hoc committees are appointed by the president, Standing Committees by the BOM and Statutory Committees by the membership at annual meetings. Further discussion was deferred to the fall BOM.

The role of the Education Committee was again reviewed. Its primary focus will be on U.S. History, Government and the Constitution. The thrust will be to first access the courses/units taught in the Florida public and private schools (K-12 to University-graduate school) as well as the texts and resources used in their presentation. If problems are found, programs will then be developed to upgrade the courses/texts with respect to accuracy and appropriate philosophy.

Vice President General Phillip Carr was cited as much deserving of the (National) Minuteman medal for exemplary service to the SAR. That we nominate him was moved by President Carter and seconded by RVP Douglas North. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Chairman Hal Miller presented the revised (and substantially upgraded) chapter challenge forms and regulations. It was agreed that one of the best features of the revised materials is that a number of the confusions have been cleared up and the values that can be assigned for each activity are clearly stated. These new materials have gone out to the Regional Vice Presidents for distribution to the chapters.

Some items involving “Good News”

a) Chapter reimbursement for its program costs (without special review) has been raised to \$350.00 (from \$250.00)

b) Nine Liberty Trees have now been installed/dedicated and many more are in the development stage. It has been recommended that this committee be raised to “Standing” status.

c) All of the remaining Centennial medals were sold at this BOM (to raise funds)

d) FLSSAR now has two members on the NSSAR ROTC committee.

e) An SAR cookbook now exists; it costs only \$15.00

f) Patriot Editor Fowler has been able to shift \$1500.00 from his budget to that for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest.

G) FLSSAR is still experiencing difficulties and with its stationary chapters are now authorized to reproduce letterhead (24 pt. bond paper) as needed.

Moreover, as a cost saving device, it was decided to remove all dates (except that of our founding) from all FLSSAR stationary.

Chaplain Miller presented a memorial to our departed Compatriots. They are George Anderson (Pensacola), William Cox Jr (St. Lucie River), Havener Waldrep (Gainesville), Harry Callos, John Palmer, (Saramana), James Fulgham, Canie Litton (Jacksonville). May they rest in peace.

It was announced that the Ladies Auxiliary will be having a book sale at the Fall BOM. They ask that you donate surplus books — and of course, bring money! Note also, their membership already exceeds 100. It also was reported that the Ladies Auxiliary has developed vigorous and interesting programs. Their raffles highlight the banquets and their financial support of the youth programs is very much appreciated.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Recessional and the Benediction by Chaplain Miller.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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