

DETROIT METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF THE MISSAR SPRING 2015 NEWS LETTER

The Detroit Metropolitan Chapter has had several meetings this winter and spring. As host Chapter of the March 7th meeting of the MISSAR Board of Directors Meeting held at the Somerset Inn in Troy, MI we provided a fine venue for President Sprague and the Board members.



Tom Reardon, DMC Treasurer meets MISSAR Vice President (now President) at the Board Meeting.

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Our Trustee and President Stu Shuster along with alternate Trustee 2nd VP Gene Tomlinson attended the State Society Annual meeting at the Kellogg Center on the Michigan State University campus on April 25, 2015.

The Chapter held its Annual Meeting at the Somerset Inn in Troy on May 2. A slate of officers for the 2015 – 2016 year was elected. The DMC Officers are:



Joe Williams 1st VP, Tom Reardon, Treas., Stu Shuster, Pres., Gene Tomlinson 2nd VP and John Miller, Sec.

Revised Constitution and By Laws were approved and an Officers Handbook was accepted for use as a guide for Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs.

A presentation “Who was the first President of the United States?” was given by 2nd VP Gene Tomlinson. The theme of this presentation arose from comments made by several descendants of John Hanson, who was the first Continental Congress President to serve under the Articles of Confederation. A closer look at all 16 Presidents of the Continental Congress and their contribution to the forming of this country becomes an informative narrative of how we came to be “the United State.

Though many of the members of the Continental Congress were instrumental in the forming of the federal government, Washington, who received all 69 votes by the electors, was the one person who all the electors felt most qualified to lead the nation as it formed its new government. We should not, however, forget all the contributions of many of the selected delegates to the Continental Congress for their contributions to our new federal government. The supporters of our new government, as well as the detractors (anti-federalists) were all involved in the defining of who we became and we owe all of these men our attention and gratitude for the service they provided.