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Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution
Annual Meeting, East Lansing, Michigan
April 8, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:07 am by President Rodney Wilson.

Attendance:

BoM Members Present: David Anderson, Charles Barr II, Gerald Burkland, Paul Callanan, John Crissman, John Critchett, John Daly III, Bernard Grosskopf, Robert C. Huber, Michael Huey, John Matthews, James Petres, Michael Pohlman, Douglas Rasmussen, Lowell Spence, Eugene Tomlinson, David VanHoof, Dennis VanWormer, William Vette (by phone), James Walker, Gerald Wall, Rodney Wilson.

Other SAR Members Present: Ronald Barnard (PEC), Joseph Conger (NMC), Kenneth Goodson, Jr (WMC), Robert M. Huber (OC), Mark Johnston (WMC), Thomas Lannon (WMC), Raymond Lucas (OC), David Moore (OC), John Raya (OC), Charles Stevers (WMC), Nathan Triplett (WMC), Gregory Winters (DMC).

Guests Present: Dale Apley Jr, Dale Apley III, MariAnn Apley, Keitha Callanan, Darren Emery, Sheri Emery, Elizabeth Golding, MSCAR Senior State President Laurie Huber, Susan Huey, Jazmyn Johnston, Incoming MSCAR State President Natalia Johnston, Jenan Jondy, Anthony Lumetta, Bert Lumetta, Jim Mortensen, Mariel Mortensen, Susan Petres, Debbie Sharp, Stuart Sharp, Allison Stewart, Kristin Stewart, Trooper Donald Stewart, Sumaya Tabbah, Susan Wilson.

Introduction of Guests: President Rodney Wilson introduced the guests who were in the room.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee John Daly III and seconded by Trustee Douglas Rasmussen to approve the agenda as printed in the annual report. Motion approved.

Vice President General Remarks

Vice President General William Vette offered his remarks on his year as VPG.

Approval of Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting

Moved by Secretary Dennis VanWormer and seconded by Trustee Eugene Tomlinson to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2016, annual meeting and the October 29, 2016, special membership meeting as written. Motion approved.

Acceptance of 2016 Financial Reports

Moved by Acting Treasurer Dennis VanWormer and seconded by Chancellor David VanHoof to accept the financial reports of the 2016 fiscal year as published in the Annual Report. Motion approved.

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Constitution & Bylaw Revisions

Moved by Chancellor David VanHoof and seconded by First Vice President Paul Callanan to amend the proposed amendment to Bylaw No. 25 to add the duties of the Director of Communications as printed in the handout. Motion approved. Moved by Chancellor David VanHoof and seconded by Second Vice President James Petres to approve all the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as printed in the Annual Report and as just amended. Motion approved.

Election of 2017-2018 MISSAR Officers and Trustees

Secretary Dennis VanWormer announced the nominations approved by the Board of Managers by office and asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. Moved by Chancellor David VanHoof and seconded by Chaplain Gerald Wall to cast a unanimous ballot for the approved slate. The Michigan Society officers, National and Alternate Trustee candidates, and Chapter Trustees for 2017-2018 are:

President – Paul R. Callanan
First Vice President – James L. Petres
Second Vice President – Kenneth L. Goodson, Jr.
Secretary – Dennis P. VanWormer
Treasurer – Dennis P. VanWormer
Registrar – Michael A. Huey
Genealogist – Michael A. Huey
Chancellor – David W. VanHoof
Director of Youth Awards – (open)
Director of Training – Charles H. Stevers
Director of Communications – Gregory J. Winters
Chaplain – Gerald L. Wall
Historian – John K. Crissman
National Trustee – Joseph C. Conger
Alternate National Trustee – James L. Petres
Blue Water Chapter Trustees – Robert C. Eager & Robert W. May
Central Michigan Chapter Trustees – David H. Anderson & Bernard J. Grosskopf
Detroit Metropolitan Chapter Trustees – Stuart B. Shuster & Eugene M. Tomlinson
Huron Valley Chapter Trustees – John D. Critchett & Michael P. Pohlman
Kensington Valley Chapter Trustees – John R. Matthews & Bernie W. Wagers II
Northern Michigan Chapter Trustees – Charles W. Barr II & (open)
Oaks Chapter – Robert C. Huber & Raymond J. Lucas
Paul Emery Chapter – Gerald J. Burkland & John H. Daly III
River Raisin Chapter – Jerry W. Reed, Sr & (open)
Sauk Trail Chapter – Jack W. Haines & Duane A. Peachey
West Michigan Chapter – Craig R. Rich & Nathan A. Triplett

Annual Reports

President Rodney Wilson accepted the annual reports of officers, committee chairmen, and chapters as printed in the annual report. Genealogist Michael Huey, DAR/CAR Liaison Robert Huber, and Vice President General William Vette offered additional comments to their printed reports.

Recess for Lunch

President Rodney Wilson recessed the meeting for lunch. Chaplain Gerald Wall offered a blessing of

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the food. After lunch, President Wilson called the meeting back to order.

BSA Eagle Scout Award: Past Vice President General and Eagle Scout Committee Chairman Gerald Burkland introduced his East Eagle Scout Coordinator, Compatriot John Raya, and his West Eagle Scout Coordinator, Compatriot Thomas Lannon. Chairman Burkland then introduced Eagle Scout Dale J. Apley III, his parents Dale Jr. and MariAnn, and his grandparents Jim and Mariel Mortensen. Dale read his winning Eagle Scout essay, and he received a \$1000 scholarship check, a certificate, and a trophy from Chairman Burkland. Chairman Burkland announced that the Eagle Scout fund had received \$1100 from the Craig R. Burkland Memorial Fund as continuing support of the Eagle Scout Award fund.

Rumbaugh Oration Contest

First Vice President Paul Callanan conducted the Rumbaugh Oration Contest. The three contestants – Sumaya Tabbah, Jazmyn Johnston, and Natalia Johnston – each spoke to the group for 5-6 minutes.

Knight Essay Award: Past Vice President General Joseph Conger introduced Anthony Lumetta and his father, Bert Lumetta. Anthony read his winning Knight essay, and he received a \$1000 check, certificate, and medal from Past Vice President General Conger.

Rumbaugh Oration Award

First Vice President Paul Callanan awarded certificates to all three contestants and then announced that Sumaya Tabbah was the winner. He introduced Sumaya's mother, Jenan Jondy, and Sumaya received a \$1000 check from First Vice President Callanan.

Law Enforcement Award

Second Vice President James Petres introduced Michigan State Police Trooper Donald Stewart, his wife, Kristen, and his daughter, Allison. He then awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation to Trooper Stewart.

CAR Incoming State President Remarks

MSCAR Incoming State President Natalia Johnston offered her remarks on her upcoming term in office and her state project, which is to raise \$3000 to restore the headstone of Harold E. Anderson of the Michigan State Police.

MISSAR Member Awards

President Rodney Wilson and First Vice President Paul Callanan presented certificates and medals to members of the Board of Managers and other MISSAR Compatriots, along with some of the guests.

Two Bell Ceremony

Chaplain Gerald Wall and Trustee Charles Barr II conducted the two-bell ceremony in remembrance of those MISSAR compatriots whose deaths were reported over the last year:

Emory M. Ford, Jr.
George E. Gerow
Bruce Goodson Coleman, Sr.
John Emanuel Sheneman
Kenneth Porter Pettibone
Ronald Jesse Conger
Francis Eugene Noggle
Henry Barnard Davis, Jr.

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Dennis Carey Zeiss
Lt. Col. Ervan Lloyd Amidon, USAF (Ret)

Outgoing President's Remarks

President Rodney Wilson offered his remarks about his two terms as Michigan Society President.

Sword Salute

Commander Gerald Burkland led the Michigan Society Color Guard in offering their sword salute to President Rodney Wilson for his accomplishments as Michigan Society President.

Installation of 2017-2018 MISSAR Officers and Trustees

The 2017-2018 Michigan Society officers and chapter trustees were installed by Past Vice Presidents General Gerald Burkland and Joseph Conger.

Incoming President's Remarks

President Paul Callanan offered his remarks about his upcoming term as Michigan Society President.

S.A.R. Recessional led by Oaks Chapter President John Crissman.

Colors retired by the Color Guard led by Commander Gerald Burkland.

Benediction offered by Chaplain Gerald Wall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm by President Rodney Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis VanWormer
Secretary, MISSAR