



# ***Committee Reports***

***Board of Managers Meeting***

***Temple, Texas***

***October 2008***

## **Archives and History Committee**

Tom M. Whitelock, Chairman

### **MISSION**

Our continuing goal is to acquire significant historical documentation, photographs and recorded membership participation in Texas Society's State & Chapter activities as well as all SAR promotional events for archiving in the TXSSAR Collection. In addition the Committee will endeavor to expand its base by encouraging all Chapters to assign "Historian" officer positions, periodically publishing our state society's history and securing donations of memorabilia and financial aid for future projects.

### **MEETING REPORT**

Held in the Trinity Room (Hilton Garden Inn) at 3:00 pm, Chairman Tom Whitelock opened the meeting with a "door prize" drawing and then directed the attendees' attention to the first subject on the agenda – The status of the new 54 member Archives communication network of Chapter Historians, Officers, interested Compatriots and Committee representatives.

A number of Chapter Presidents had assigned a Compatriot member or other Chapter Officer to serve as their historian of record.

After a second prize drawing (and much levity), the second agenda topic –Funds for the TXSSAR Collection projects – was discussed. Committee Treasurer Donald Stone noted that with recent TXSSAR History Book sales and donations from individuals or Chapters like Denton, our current balance of funds was now a little over \$2,000. Peter Baron offered the motion to reimburse Don for expenses that he has incurred over the last few months. The committee voted approval.

A report from George Harcourt pointed out that his discussion with HEB grocery store chain was not favorable for them setting up a "rebate program" similar to the Albertsons' fund raiser for our Archives Collection.

The Chairman reminded the committee that \$600 will be placed in the TXSSAR Budget each year (starting in 2009) for use in maintaining and expanding the Archives Collection at UNT in Denton.

The committee said they were ready for the third prize drawing prior to the next agenda subject – Recovering Chapter and Texas Society Records & BIOs.

The Chairman reported he had received most of the original TXSSAR Compatriot's SAR applications for transfer to the Archives Collection. In addition an increasing number of Chapters have gathered up documents and photo records to send up to Denton.

The Athens' Chapter was especially lauded for their effort to collect BIO information on new members and their Patriots. Additional forms are being distributed during the BOM and will also be sent out to the Archives network members throughout the year. The "BIO" information is desired in order to prepare for TXSSAR History book Vol. III.

This year's Yearbook competition will have two basic changes:

1) No special events envelope will be required since a State Society Scrapbook is not needed for the NSSAR any longer.

2) A "Cash Award" is being offered to First Time Chapters who have never entered the yearbook competition and turn in at least their 2008 minutes, newsletters, a list of their officers and a couple of identified activity photos.

Under pressure of the "Committee" another door prize drawing was held just prior to discussion of the final topic -TXSSAR History tab on the website.

The Chairman reported that not enough volunteers for researching "trivia" on the Past State Presidents had come forward and that each member in today's session needed to select one of the remaining PSPs to write up trivia /short stories of unique historical interest. These will be added as links to the existing new tab. Other history stories will also be assigned as well as a link to the TXSSAR Archives Collection records prepared by the University of North Texas Rare Books & Texana staff. They will also scan and enter the President's SAR Application into the link.

Before adjourning the session, the Chairman quickly announced that proposed projects for the months ahead: Presentation of a set of History Books to President George H.W. Bush, Placing History Books on eBay, Creating a video tour of the Archives location and new promotion brochures.

## **Auditing**

Dr. Wendell E. Edwards, Chairman

### **Mission**

The Mission of the Audit Committee is to provide oversight of internal and external audits of all functions involving the finances of the Society in order to maintain adequate internal control over the Society's procedures and operations; make recommendations for the selection of external independent auditors; review the scope of audits; and review the findings of the external independent auditor.

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## **Color Guard/Flag Committee**

Michael J. Radcliff, Chairman

### **TXSSAR Color Guard Mission Statement**

1. To promote and participate in patriotic, historical, and educational events and activities, in the state of Texas or other locations as requested, while wearing U. S. Revolutionary War period clothing.
2. To convey a commitment to excellence when presenting the colors and the Flag of the United States in a respectful military manner at all Texas State Society SAR meetings and in our communities as visual spokespersons of the Texas Society.

### **Minutes**

Informed the Guardsmen present that to receive the Silver Color Guard Medal, a guardsman needs to attend and participate in three National Events per year for 3 years-- For example a National Congress and a Fall or Spring Leadership meeting , or a National congress and a SCD meeting.

Texas is trying to get the George Washington Parade in Laredo, Texas to count for one of the National Meetings. The George Washington parade will be on February 21, 2009. Please contact Tom Greene for more information.

TXSSAR Color Guard was well represented at the Southern District meeting in August 2008 in Oklahoma.

A motion was made and passed to authorize Tom Whitlock to establish a Color Guard Bank Account under the title of "Color Guard Projects & Operations Account." The Color Guard Commander and the State Color Guard Treasurer will be on the signature card with only a single signature required for expending funds

We need 30 chapters to give out Flag Certificate so far we only have 12 Chapters. They are Bernardo De Galvez, Dallas, Denton, Mesquite, Panhandle Plains, Piney Woods, Plano, Robert Rankin, San Antonio, Bluebonnet, Fredonia and Victoria. The State has given out a Flag certificate in order for TXSSAR to receive the Furlong Award also we need 30 chapters to give out Flag certificates we now have 12 given out.

TXSSAR State Adjutant and the Southern and Northern Commanders gave reports.

Guardsmen present at the meeting were: Peter Rowley, Marvin Morgan, John K. Thompson, Don Stone, Ray Cox, Jim Heath, Vic Smith, Wendell Edwards, Arthur Munford, Peter baron, Larry Piek, Ron barker, Bob Clark, Howard Roach, John W. Knox and Tom Whitelock

## Compatriot Newsletter Committee

H. Charles Baker, PhD, Chairman

During the BOM, it was announced that Larry Stevens has been selected as the new Editor of The Texas Compatriot.

Most of the Committee Meeting involved discussion with the new Editor about plans for upcoming issues. The concept of emphasizing specific topics during each of the four annual issues was discussed. Larry wants to “play it by ear” for at least the first issue and hold off on topic emphases.

For the Winter issue of the newsletter, a deadline of January 10, 2009 was set, with a publication goal of January 20, 2009. Specific Topic Emphasis will be revisited during the State Meeting in Nacogdoches

## Americanism, Contest Medals and Wards Committee

Stephen W. Rohrbough, Co-Chairman

Robert B. Schwart, Jr., Co-Chairman

- I. **Attendance:**
  - a. Present: - Vice President CMA – Stephen Rohrbough  
Chairman ACMA Committee – Bud Schwart  
Chairman Annual Reports – Robert Cohen  
Chairman Contest and Awards – Russell Dart  
Chairman ROTC/JROTC Committee – Ron Barker  
Chairman History Teacher Committee – Willie Walker  
Chairman CAR Essay Contest Committee – Stephen Rohrbough  
Chairman Veterans Committee – Willie Walker  
Chairman, Orations Contest Committee – Peter Rowley  
Chairman Eagle Scout Committee – John Knox  
Chairman CAR Liaison Committee – Mike Radcliff
  - b. Absent: Chairman Poster Contest Committee – Tom McCormick  
Commander, Color Guard Committee – Dr. James Johnson  
Chairman Yearbook Committee – Tom Whitelock  
Chairman Knight Essay Committee – Randoll Reagan
  - c. Visitors: President Elect – Tom Lawrence  
Howard Roach
  
- II. **Mission Statement:** The Americanism, Contests, Medals, and Awards Committee is composed of as many sub-committees as deemed necessary by the BOM to conduct the Awards Program and Youth Contests of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Sub-Committee Chairmen conduct and administer the Awards and Youth Programs including Orations, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout, JROTC/ROTC, Poster, CAR Essay, and History Teacher Contests. Other Sub-Committee Chairmen include Chapter Annual Reports, Public Service and Law Enforcement, Color Guard, Yearbook, Newsletter, CAR Activities, CAR Liaison, and CAR Award Programs.

- III. **Goals/ Projects to implement mission.**
- a. Chapter Annual Reports - All 49 Chapters submit Annual Reports by January 30<sup>th</sup> each year. (Note that suspense date is January 10<sup>th</sup> of each Year).
  - b. Chapter Activities. Chapters participate in nine (9) of the twelve (12) reporting elements of the Chapter Annual Report and participate in at least one (1) Youth Contest or Program.
  - c. Youth Contest Due Dates – Develop a Handout to reflect Due dates of Youth Contest Programs.
  - d. Youth Budget - Develop a budget for Youth contests to include scholarship amount, travel expenses, meals, and hotel.
  - e. Youth Program Expense Matrix - Prepare a Matrix to clarify who pays for what expenses; i.e. Patriots Fund, Richie Fund, War of 1812, Chapter, Escort, or Sponsor. These expenses should be highlighted in Youth Contest and Program Instructions.
  - f. Youth Program Brochure - Develop and provide a Youth Program Brochure to encourage Chapter to invite contestants to participate in Youth Contests.
  - g. Youth Programs - 30 Chapters participate in at least one (1) Youth Contest.
  - h. Poster Contest Rules Revised – Revise contest rules to address problems with posters being submitted that have artistic value, but do not conform to the guidelines required for National competition.
  - i. Youth Medals Awarded - Track the number of medals presented to youth contestants to determine how to increase youth participation in Youth contests.
  - j. Flag Presentations - 30 Chapters present a flag certificate to an individual, company, or organization that flies the flag proudly and deserves recognition.
  - k. Monetary Donations to Patriots Fund - 25 Chapters make annual contributions to the Patriot fund or a selected Youth Program.
  - l. CAR Activities and Awards – 20 Chapters participate in the John K. Harrell Awards Program by submitting end of year CAR Activities Report.
  - m. History Teacher Award – 6 Chapters to nominate outstanding history teachers for this Award and recognize their work to educate the Youth in public, private, and home school programs.
  - n. CAR Essay Contest – 10 Chapters nominate an applicant from the TSCAR to compete in the TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest.
  - o. Medal for Veterans – Genealogist General Joe Dooley suggested that there was a need to create a medal to give to deserving Veterans. There is no SAR Medal that is appropriate for presentation to Veterans.
  - p. Establish a sub-committee for Awards – the person holding this position determines who receives Society Contests Awards presented at the state convention. Also, he maintains an inventory of TXSSAR Award Streamers, handles the TXSSAR Service Medals, and sells medals to Chapters.
  - q. Establish a sub-committee for Annual Reports – The chairman for this sub-committee receives Chapter Annual Reports and consolidated them into a Consolidated Summary Report in order to provide data and information to prepare Society Reports for national awards; and determine TXSSAR Awards for Chapters.
  - r. Brochure for Public Service Awards – Tom Lawrence asked the Committee to develop a Brochure to help chapters and fellow Compatriots to market and participate in the Society’s Public Service Awards. **NEW Item.**

- s. Cash Awards to replace the current method of funding scholarships for all Youth Contests – Compatriot John Knox raised a point about paying cash awards to Youth Contest winners in lieu of sending funds to University Registrars and eliminating the cumbersome process used by the State Treasurer. The BOM voted to refer the motion to CMA Committee for review and presentation at the next BOM meeting during the Annual Convention in March 2009. **New Item.**

IV. **Projects Status – Open or Completed.**

- a. Chapter Annual Reports for 2008 – see paragraph III a -**Completed.**
- b. Chapter Activities – see paragraph III b – Open.
- c. Youth Contest Due Dates – see paragraph III c - **Completed.**
- d. Youth Budget – see paragraph III d - **Completed.**
- e. Youth Program Expense Matrix – see paragraph III e - Open.
- f. Youth Contests Brochure – A Youth Contest Brochure was handed out to all attendees and placed in Officers mailboxes. See paragraph III f - **Completed.**
- g. Chapter Participation in Youth Programs – Results will be tracked based on Chapter Annual Reports for 2008. See paragraph III g - Open.
- h. Poster Contest Rule Changes – The Chairman Poster Contest did not attend the BOM meeting and did not provide status on changes to the Rules of the Poster Contest. See paragraph III h – Open.
- i. Youth Medals Awarded – see paragraph III i - The LRP Committee created a line item in the District VP Reports to track this information and tasked District VP’s to report this information. Results will also be tracked based on Chapter Annual Reports for 2008 - Open.
- j. Flag Presentations – see paragraph III j – **Completed.**
- k. Chapter Monetary Donations to Patriots Fund – see paragraph III k - Results will be tracked based on Chapter Annual Reports for 2008 – Open.
- l. TXSSAR John K. Harrell Activities and Awards – see paragraph III l - A Handout announcing the CAR Activities Award and Report was included in the Handout noted above during the August BOM. Results will be tracked based on Chapter Annual Reports for 2008 – Open.
- m. History Teacher Award – see paragraph III m - Results will be tracked based on Chapter Annual Reports for 2008 – Open.
- n. CAR Essay Contest – see paragraph III n - Results will be tracked based on Chapter Annual Reports for 2008 – Open.
- o. Medal for Veterans – Genealogist General Joe Dooley moved that a Medal be created to give to deserving Veterans. The Committee presented the motion to the BOM in August 2008. It was passed unanimously. Report from NSSAR is pending – Open.
- p. Establish a sub-committee for Awards – see paragraph III p – **Completed.**
- q. Establish a sub-committee for Annual Reports – see paragraph III q – **Completed.**
- r. Brochure for Public Service Awards – Tom Lawrence asked the Committee to develop a Brochure to help chapters and fellow Compatriots to market and participate in the Society’s Public Service Awards - Open.
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V. **Other Information.**

- a. Chapters submit Chapter Annual Reports to report activities in 12 categories including: chapter meetings, programs, media relations, patriotic special events, presentation of medals and certificates, donations to state society and national programs, participation in Youth contests, submission of membership applications, attendance at State and National conventions, color guard activities, veterans activities, and participation in Children of the American Revolution programs and events. By submitting Chapter Annual Reports, Chapters compete for awards in categories by size of membership to win TXSSAR Awards including: Adrian Drouilhet Award , John Bruce Stuart Jr. Award, Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Streamers, Karl E. Wallace Award, Col. Joe M. Hill Membership Award, Marshall Hunter Attendance Award, E. A. Limmer Award , Outstanding Chapter Award, Frank Watkins Award, Wilbur S. Strong Award, Galveston Award, TXSSAR Americanism Award, Hartsell Stephens Award , TXSSAR Flag Recognition Award.
- b. The Committee encourages Chapters to compete for National Awards including the President General's Chapter Activities Award, President General's Cup Award, and USS Stark Memorial Award. More information is found on the NSSAR web site.
- c. The Committee supports the TXSSAR Society by completing Award Report Forms to compete for National Awards by using the Consolidated Chapter Annual Reports Summary to prepare Society Reports. Reports are submitted to NSSAR to compete for President General's State Society Award, USS Stark Memorial Award, CAR Activities Award, Admiral Furlong Flag Award, and the Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Newsletter Award.

VI. **Special Presentation.** The Chairman, Council of Chapter Presidents Charles Luna asked the CMA Committee to make a presentation to the committee reflecting an in-depth overview of the content, instructions, calculations, and methods used to determine Chapter winners for all TXSSAR Contests and Awards.

Chairman Bud Schwart opened the meeting and provided attendees an agenda, handouts, and summary of the Annual Consolidated Report used to determine Chapter winners for TXSSAR Contests and Awards. An Overhead Slide presentation was used for clarity of topics presented.

Stephen Rohrbough presented information on the TXSSAR Society Awards and the Introduction for Chapter Annual Reports.

Bob Cohen presented information regarding the specific items contained in the Chapter Annual Report and discussed specific Instructions for preparing the Annual Reports.

Russell Dart presented the Consolidated Annual Report for all reporting Chapters and showed how the Consolidated Report was used to determine winners for the various TXSSAR Society Awards.

Bud Schwart made concluding remarks and asked for questions from the floor.



## **Council of Chapter Presidents**

Charles Luna, Chairman  
Dr. Wendell E. Edwards, Vice-Chairman  
Larry G. Stevens, Secretary

### **Mission Statement**

Provide a forum for discussion and dissemination of various aspects of operational information, community service programs and Chapter leadership between Chapter Presidents and officers / leadership of the Texas Society.

### **Minutes**

The COCP held its meeting at 8:00 AM, 25 October 2008 at the Temple BOM.

Chairman Luna called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present. There were 31 Compatriots in attendance, representing 24 TXSSAR Chapters.

Chairman Luna requested that COCP Secretary Edwards give the invocation. Upon conclusion of the invocation, Chairman Luna welcomed guests, COCP members and introduced members of the team presenting the Chapter Annual Report Program. In an effort to conserve time and in as much as the minutes of the Tyler BOM had been published, the decision to forego the reading of minutes was declared by Chairman Luna.

The Chapter Annual Report was the primary focus of the COCP meeting at the October 2008 Temple BOM. Fully realizing the importance in completing the Chapter Annual Report in an accurate and timely manner, a working seminar re the Chapter Annual Report was conducted for CCP members and any other interested parties by TXSSAR Americanism VP Rohrbough, District 11 VP Walker, CMA Co-Chairs Schwart, Cohen and Compatriot Dart. The program was presented in a very detailed and informative manner utilizing an overhead projection format to present the program. A question and answer session conducted by COCP V-Chair Stevens followed. V-Chair Stevens introduced Compatriot Stephen Tausend of Athens Chapter 54, COCP Chairman Luna's Grandson, who was attending his first TXSSAR meeting.

Chairman Luna thanked the presenters of the Chapter Annual Report program on behalf of the COCP and then introduced TXSSAR Registrar Art Hall to address and clarify the current confusion in utilizing DAR Record Copies in support of SAR Applications and Supplemental for Compatriots who had not attended the Friday afternoon seminar on the subject. A brief discussion followed.

10 minute break

Upon return from the break, Chairman Luna called for discussion of old and new business. The following items were discussed:

- (1) Availability and inclusion of the Chapter Grant Program in the Chapter Presidents Manual and on the TXSSAR website
- (2) Disclose website access and proper use of grant information (Contact District Vice-President for access information)
- (3) Announced distribution of CD ref Chapter Grant Program to TXSSAR DVPs

- (4) Announced intent to hold election and call for slate of candidates for COCP Chairman, V-Chairman and Secretary for 2009-10 to be held 21 March 2009 at 114th TXSSAR Convention in Nacogdoches

As there were no further business or items for discussion before the Council, Chairman Luna adjourned the meeting at 9:55AM.

## **District Vice Presidents**

Thomas E. Lawrence, Chairman

The District Vice Presidents and the Expansion and Membership Committees met with and participated in the special workshop held on Thursday afternoon hosted by the State Registrars and the Genealogy Committee on the new Registrar's Handbook.

## **Expansion and Membership**

Thomas E. Lawrence, Chairman

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## **Executive Committee**

Harry M. Fife, Jr., Chairman

Members Present:

Harry Fife  
Tom Lawrence  
W. M. "Bill" Marrs  
Don Pugh  
James T. Jones, Jr.  
Robert M. Clark, Jr.  
George West

Members Absent:

None

The meeting was called to order about 7:40 am by President Harry Fife.

1. Review of State Meetings this year. The general consensus was that the meetings were run appropriately. Several suggestions were: cut down on Individual Certificates of Appreciation, Set up Budget for medals, State Cost for printing and other medals,
2. George West – Patriot Medal Selection Committee. Requested information on procedure.
3. It was announced that Lance Salge had resigned as Newsletter Editor and was to be replaced by Larry Stevens. Tom Green was going to handle the exchange of software and compliance with the requirements of the software company.

4. George West – Nominating Committee. Asked for input from the committee.
5. Patriot’s Fund Trustees – By Laws require that we have 5 members on the committee we currently have 7. Those with longest service: Dick Robinett and Roy Adams will drop off.
6. Committee Members – Jim Jones will send the survey information to Tom Lawrence for committee assignments
7. Secretary General Endorsement. It was decided that the Executive recommend that all endorsements for National Office when they are competitive be limited to individual recommendations and not from TXSSAR
8. Review of hotel contract for Houston meeting. Recommended that Jim Hoffman review a couple of items with the hotel for possible changes.
9. Review of Nacogdoches, and Lake Jackson plans.
10. Leon River Chapter is now defunct.
11. Possible chapter for formation in Weslaco.
12. Because of the rising costs of the Ladies Hospitality maybe we should consider charging a possible registration fees for ladies. It was determined that this needed further discussion.

## **Finance Committee**

James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Finance committee is to monitor, advise and assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties in accordance with the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Meeting**

Members Attending:

James T. Jones, Jr., Chairman; Russell Dart, Vice Chairman: Nathan E. White, FSP PG; W. Roy Adams, FSP; Arthur H. Hall, Registrar.

Visitors Attending:

Tom Lawrence, President-Elect; Howard Roach; Dick Robinett; Jim Heath; Bob Harris; Mark Hansen; Don Stone; Peter McLellan; Marvin Morgan; Wendell Edwards.

The Chairman reported the receipt of the 2007 CPA Audit Report and the filing of the 2007 Form 990 by the CPA Frank Melvin.

Committee reviewed and discussed the Profit & Loss Statement, Balance Statement, and TXSSAR Investment Performance for the period January 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008. The Committee recommended the TXSSAR Balance Sheet include a Note with the amount of Youth Scholarships that have not been funded. Attached is a revised Balance Sheet with the Note added.

The Committee developed the following Mission Statement:

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## **Genealogy Committee**

Arthur H. Hall, Co-Chairman  
Michael J. Radcliff, Co-Chairman

### Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Genealogy Committee is to serve as a resource to TXSSAR and individual chapters with respect to application preparation and genealogical research.

### Short Term Goals:

Prepare a chapter registrar's manual explaining in detail how to properly prepare an application. Include examples of "dos" and "don'ts". Outline acceptable genealogical documentation that must be submitted with the application, including examples. Publish the manual on the TXSSAR web site so that it will be readily available for all chapter registrars and other interested persons and can be easily updated as necessary.

At the October 2008 BOM meeting in Temple, conduct a seminar for interested persons concerning application preparation and necessary genealogical proofs using the above chapter registrar's manual as a guide.

### Long Term Goals:

As requested by the various district vice-presidents, present application preparation/genealogical proof seminars for small groups of chapters in different parts of the state.

Review the different hand outs now available describing requirements for membership in the SAR. Develop a new hand out if deemed necessary. Contact genealogy libraries across the state to have these handouts displayed to create interest in the SAR.

## **Information and Technology Committee**

H. Charles Baker, PhD, Chairman

Several chapters are now using the state website to avoid having to have their own domain names and hosting services, and thereby save money.

The Committee is proceeding with plans to change its website hosting service from iPowerWeb to Blue Host. This will make possible several goals that are not possible with the current hosting service:

1. Better E-mail service for officers of TXSSAR
2. Bulk mailer service
3. Information-gathering capabilities such as conference registration, surveys, etc.

It is expected that at least the first two of these goals will be accomplished before the 2009 State Meeting in Nacogdoches. The third item is a longer-term goal which will involve much more effort.

## **Long Range Planning Committee**

Thomas E. Lawrence, Chairman

The meeting was called to order by chairman Tom Lawrence and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Old business was discussed and State Meeting chairman Larry Stevens reported that no hosts were locked up for 2010 as yet except for Paul Carrington for the convention. He also stated that the committee sent a proposal to the Executive Committee regarding the issue of how the host chapter and state split the revenue from a convention.

The first order of business was a discussion by Staff Secretary Don Pugh of the new procedures for the BOM's. This included the officer reports, committee reports and the committee meeting schedule. The LRP members felt the new procedures were working well and were cutting down the general session time wasted on long reports that could be easily read. Putting committee and officer reports on the website was also working well as it gave all members the opportunity to see what had been done at prior committee meetings and by officers. The schedule of committee meetings was also working well and there were fewer conflicts so members could attend more meetings.

IT Committee chairman and Webmaster Charles Baker discussed the status of the various projects. He reported that several chapters were now using the TXSSAR site to host their chapter pages. He was still working on the bulk mailing software and had not yet made improvements to the web page appearance.

Don Pugh discussed how to get more chapters involved in the state organization. Many suggestions were made but no specific action was taken by the committee.

John Greer had submitted a written proposal to have TXSSAR sell various medals to members and chapters. This would assist those members and chapters who could get the medals faster than from national and could result in some income to the state if the medals could be purchased in bulk at a discount. The committee felt it was too much of an administrative burden for TXSSAR and declined to take any action.

President Harry Fife brought up the problem of the make-up of the Nominating Committee. It is made up of the immediate past state president as the chairman and a representative of each chapter. He said that often the chapters do not send representatives and the actual nominating process is carried out by only a handful of members. He suggested we change the make-up of the committee in order to get better participation. The committee felt that even though the process was somewhat flawed it did allow for broad representation and should be kept. No action was taken.

There was a discussion raised by PG Nathan White and Mark Hansen about raising the cost for the application fee for both new members and supplementals. It was referred to the Fee Committee for further action.

Staff Secretary Don Pugh raised an issue about whether or not TXSSAR should redistrict the district into new configurations. After some discussion the matter was referred to a sub-committee of Mark Hansen and George West to report back at the state convention.

The meeting was adjourned.

## **Nominating Committee**

George West, Chairman

Voting Representatives of seven chapters were present: Panhandle Plains, Athens, Cradle of Texas, Bluebonnet, San Antonio, Dallas and William Hightower. The following slate of officers were nominated subject to floor nominations at the TXSSAR Convention in March, 2009:

President	Tom Lawrence
President Elect	James T. Jones, Jr.
Secretary	W. M. "Bill" Marris
Staff Secretary	Dr. Donald Pugh
Treasurer	Peter McLellan
Registrar (Coastal)	Arthur H. Hall
Registrar (Inland)	Michael J. Radcliff
Chancellor	Robert M. Clark, Jr.
Chaplain	Dr. Wendell Edwards
Historian	Peter Baron
Vice President CM&A	Bud Schwart
District 1 Vice President	Dr. Ron Livermore
District 2 Vice President	William G. Harper
District 3 Vice President	George W. Harcourt
District 4 Vice President	John W. Knox
District 5 Vice President	James Alderman
District 6 Vice President	J. Mark Hansen
District 7 Vice President	Allan M. Henshaw
District 8 Vice President	Ray Cox
District 9 Vice President	Joe Bruce Barrett
District 10 Vice President	Michael J. Everheart
District 11 Vice President	William K. Walker
Trustee	Harry Fife
Alternate Trustee	W. M. "Bill" Marris

## Patriot's Fund Endowment Committee

Charles E. Luna, Chairman

### Mission Statement

The Patriot Fund Endowment Committee will assume full responsibility for fund raising activities of the Patriot Fund and initiate a program seeking contributions from individuals, corporate and foundation grants, to secure One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in additional endowment funds over the next two years. These actions insuring adequate and perpetual funding of the Texas Society Patriot Fund, thereby guaranteeing the continuance and expansion of the Texas Society's youth related programs.

### Meeting Report

Charles E. Luna	Chairman	Present
Tom M. Whitelock	Vice Chairman	Present
Michael Everheart	Secretary	Present
Thomas E. Lawrence	Member	Present
Thomas E. Green III	Member	Present
Nathan E. White, Jr.	Member	Present
James G. Robertson	Member	Absent
Richard L. Robinett	Member	Present
Harry M. Fife, Jr.	Member	Present
Raymond W. Cox	Member	Absent
David J. Temple	Member	Absent
Stephen Lee	New Member	Absent

The following ex-officio members were absent : James T. Jones, Robert M. Clark, Larry Stevens.

The following visitors were present: Arnold Seidule, W. Roy Adams, Peter McLellan, Clifford Slagle, Jack Morton, Bud Schwart, Russell Dart, Stephen Rohrbough.

Chairman Charles Luna called the meeting to order and the Committee immediately got down to business. Chairman Luna told the committee that if we really concentrated on the list of Corporate Giving Programs, distributed and assigned by Committee Secretary Everheart, at the Committee's first meeting at the Tyler BOM, there was no reason why the Committee could not attain our goal of increasing the TXSSAR youth related programs scholarship amounts to \$5,000 per program on an annual basis. Charles informed the group that the only thing that might cause the extension of our goal from one to two years is the current downturn in the economy.

One of the things that Chairman Luna wanted to talk about at this meeting was his concern over naming the awards and recognition of support levels. He also reported to the Committee that he planned to submit a grant request to Chesapeake Energy Corporation in the near future and stressed, Chesapeake only considers and restricts grant requests to those geographical areas in which they are drilling or engaged in active production. Charles informed the committee that his cover letter detailed the number of members and Chapters in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area and using that letter as an example, emphasized that each cover letter

will have to be customized to conform to restrictions of each grant submitted. Compatriot Luna told the Committee members that in order to award \$5,000 annual scholarship for TXSSAR youth related programs and becoming self sufficient, the Patriot Fund will have to generate at least \$35,000 in funds from the current endowment and grant monies we receive from supporting entities.

Next, Chairman Luna discussed the different levels of recognition to be given to “supporting entities” based on the level of support to the Patriot Fund. All “supporting entities” will be presented with a Texas Society Certificate of Appreciation, recognition of the “supporting entity” on the TXSSAR website, and press releases recognizing the entity for their support. Secondly, those entities that give support in an amount of \$25,000 or greater, would receive additional recognition for their support of the TXSSAR youth related educational programs. Charles asked the Committee’s opinion on this suggestion. Among the other suggestions, was one that recommended we give the “SAR Alexander Hamilton Medal” to the supporting entities. Another proposal was that we should give a more impressive award. FPG Nathan White stated that his fraternity had once spent over \$1000.00 for an award for a \$50, 000.00 contributor to the fraternity. After discussion, a distinctive custom made plaque that would hang in the entity’s boardroom, main lobby or other place of prominence was determined as being an appropriate award. An additional suggestion was made to name the recognition level awards after our Countries first three Presidents, George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, designate the three levels of special recognized support and include the words “FOUNDING FATHERS” in the awards’ title.. Chairman Luna stressed that we must be careful not to infringe on anyone’s copyright or violate SAR restrictions in naming awards. After much discussion and debate, the Committee approved the following three support level awards. The three approved award levels are:

1. Texas Society George Washington Founding Father’s Award.(\$100,000+ )
2. Texas Society John Adams Founding Father’s Award (\$50,000 – 99,000)
3. Texas Society Thomas Jefferson Founding Father’s Award (\$25,000 – 49,000)

## **Patriot’s Fund Projects Committee**

Arnold Seidule, Chairman

### **Mission Statement**

Generate and implement projects to be underwritten by the “available funds” of the Patriot Fund.

### **Goals of the committee**

This committee in consultation with Contests, Medals and Awards Committee allocates the “available funds” to the TXSSAR approved projects for the budget year.

### **Meeting Report**

Four committee men and three visitors attended the meeting. Three points were discussed and adopted, a mission statement, goals of the committee and the impending shortage of funds to support the TXSSAR projects



It was decided that all of the approved projects would be supported. Any changes in allocations would be done exercising good judgment and common sense. It was also pointed out that one way to ease the pressure on the budget would to increase our Patriot Fund donations in the expense category. This would allow more of the “available funds” for TSSAR approved projects.

### **Patriot Medal Selection Committee**

George West, Chairman

The seven member committee of Former State Presidents met.

Committee Chairman West had received forms nominating 2 compatriots. Five additional potential nominations were considered during the committee discussions. Tom Green said that he would furnish a form for a previously nominated Compatriot. Others agreed to prepare forms and submit to the Committee Chair. Selections will be made by email and will be announced at the March meeting (2009) in Nacogdoches.

### **Promotion and Media Relations**

Tom M. Whitelock, Chairman

Time being limited (and the 4:15 general session about to start)

There was only time to briefly discuss the following topics and proposed action:

- To provide “Online Samples” for downloading Recruitment and Promotion brochures or information flyers.
- Getting Chapters to assign PR&P members in time for State Conference.
- Continuing with the proposed public access radio “Patriot Moments” project to recap our various Compatriot’s Patriot ancestor history as reported on their BIO sheet. (oh yeah, we had one final drawing)

### **State Meetings Committee**

Larry G. Stevens, Chairman

Dist IIV VP, W. J. Chairman Larry Stevens welcomed those in attended and passed a schedule and progress sheet of State Meetings and reviewed each. The State Convention, March 19-22, at the Fredonia Hotel, Nacogdoches, proposal had been approved and is on schedule.

The BOM at Lake Jackson, July 31-August 2, 2009, at the Cherotel Hotel, was in question due to an ownership change of the hotel. Dr. Don Pugh is working with the owner and is optimistic.

The BOM at Dallas, October 23-25, 2009, (proposed dates) has been referred to Dallas President Bob Clark for action. Mr. Clark was present and discussed current plans for the meeting. He is in contact with a hotel near the SMU campus and will update this committee when more progress has been made.

Paul Carrington chapter will host the March 25-27, 2010, State Convention. Chapter President James Hoffman who could not attend this BOM, submitted a proposed contract the State Meetings Committee and this contract has been presented to the BOM for approval. The meeting site is the Westchase Hilton.

The Independence Chapter in College Station has been asked by the State Meetings Committee to explore the possibility of hosting the Summer 2010 BOM.

The State Meetings Committee was asked by the Executive Committee. The following was agreed as the proposal and was submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration.

“It is proposed that the host (s) of the State Convention and the split the first \$2000 in profit raised by hosting the convention and that any profit above \$2000 the host chapter (s) keeps. Both the State and the hosting Chapter (s) have the bear responsibility of hosting a profitable and successful convention, and any profit realized will give added incentive to make the event profitable. Also, the state costs incurred at a state convention will tracked and if deemed necessary will review the formula of splitting profits realized by hosting a state convention.”

This report was given in the general session by Committee Chairman Larry Stevens and a written report will be submitted to the Staff Secretary.

Attendees: Bill Marrs (State Sec.), Don Pugh (Staff Sec.), Bob Clark (Cancellor and Pres. Dallas Chap.), George Harcourt, Robert Cohen (Independence Chapter), Robert Berry (Heart of Texas), Allan Henshaw Scott (Hill Country), Hank Voegkle (Dallas Chapter) and Larry Stevens

## **Veteran's Committee**

Harmon L. Adair, Jr. Chairman

The TXSSAR Veteran's Committee met Oct 25, 2008 at 1:00 pm, with 9 compatriots attending.

I provided all attending the meeting with a CD with downloaded copies if the Texas Veterans Commission Directory 2008 Edition, Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents and several VA Pamphlets.

We had a wide ranging discussions on the following subjects:

The NSSAR USS Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet & Service to Veterans Medal Guidelines.

The locations of Department of Veteran Affairs Facilities in Texas.

Texas Veterans Commission Directory 2008 Edition.

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

Ways individual compatriots and local chapters can serve veterans and active duty service members.

Some of the ways the State of Texas provides services to its veterans.

Compatriots attending this meeting:

Harmon Adair, John Lenes, Marvin Nottbohm, Cliff Slagle, James C. Taylor, Ron Barker, Don Stone, Willie Walker, Howard Roach.