



Board of Managers Meeting Minutes
Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution
Hilton Garden, Temple, Texas
October 6 and 7, 2012

**Minutes for the TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting
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Opening Session - Saturday, October 6, 4:00 p.m.

President Robert Clark at 4:00 p.m. called the opening session of the Fall BOM to order and welcomed all in attendance. Clark asked the color guard to advance the Colors followed by SAR pledge. This was followed by an opening prayer.

Ron Walcik, President of the Heart of Texas Chapter, welcomed everyone to Temple and for bringing the pleasant weather. He hoped all were enjoying themselves.

President Clark introduced Past NSSAR President General Ed Butler, not as a guest but as a Texas member, and asked if he had anything he would like to discuss. Ed said in 2009 when he was PG, Joe Dooley had me sign a contract with Ancestry.com. Under the terms of the contract Ancestry came into our office and microfilmed all of our SAR Applications up through 1970 with an agreement that each year they would add more. These now appear on Ancestry. Stage two of the agreement started this weekend. When someone is searching for an ancestor and he is the Patriot Ancestor of one of our SAR members, past or present, that person will receive and e-mail from Ancestry stating they may be eligible for membership in SAR and they will give all of the information they need to proceed. Ancestry will also send a message to each state contact the identity of this person that is qualified. Let me explain what this means to SAR. When I became PG our membership was about 28,000 and had never been more, but when I left, and with our applications in Ancestry, our SAR membership increase to 30,000. Today, we are at 31,000 and the year is not over. In 2010, we received 2,000 applications; in 2011 we received 3,000; and, this year we expect to have more than 4,000 men apply for membership. The second phase is a great opportunity to grow our organization; but we still have the same problem and that is certificate memberships. These are men who receive their certificates, and then drop out. Maybe a solution would be to have something like a perpetual membership for a year or two. Once they have been a member for a while, hopefully they will become interested and remain. Bob Cohen asked Ed Butler asked who are the state contacts. Ed said our registrars. It would be up to them to notify each chapter.

In Louisville, PPG Butler a large donation to our CAAH building fund has allowed us to signed contracts to begin the next phase of construction and we are expecting a completion date in the summer of 2014.

Rules of Order – Hank Voegle reviewed the rules of order, Robert’s Rules, and he read the list of board positions; President, Present Elect, etc. Each individual wishing to discuss an issue with the board of managers will be allowed 3 minutes.

President Clark asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23-25, 2012 TXSSAR Convention in San Antonio, which were taken in part by Stephen Rohrbough and the Sunday morning BOM by Larry Stevens and are posted on the TXSSAR Website. Clark asked if there were any questions concerning the minutes. Tom Green made a motion to approve the minutes, Drake Peddie seconded the motion, and the board voted approval.

President's Report: President Bob Clark said his report and comments were submitted and posted and mirrors what he reported in the last COMPATRIOT Newsletter. He said any updates to his report will be in the next Compatriot. He said during his travels, he has focused his talks on Education, Patriotism, and what our activities are. Clark said we cannot do everything we would like to because our resources are limited. So, we need to focus our energies on our youth programs; such as the Eagle Scout Program.

President Elect Report: Stephen Rohrbough said his report has been given to the Staff Secretary but he would add some comments. He reported he had compiled the Officer Reports and Committee reports and had them listed on the TXSSAR website. Stephen said he completed the minutes of the First business session of the March convention and then Larry Stevens did the minutes for the Sunday session. The minutes were posted to the website. Stephen reported that he attended the SAR Congress in Phoenix and attended some of the committee meetings and he participated with the color guard on four occasions.

District vice Presidents Committee: President Elect Stephen Rohrbough then reported that 8 of 11 District VPs were in attendance and he read their reports. He said all of the reports were very good; concise and to the point. There was discussion between the districts addressing issues facing individual districts and advice or suggestions on how to handle issues. One of the things discussed was members living in your area but belonging to a chapter elsewhere. We discuss some of the in-fighting between chapters on this subject and concluded there was not really anything wrong with asking. It could possibly improve attendance in those chapters where this could be an issue.

Long Range Planning Committee: President Elect Rohrbough said there were 3 members in attendance of 7 because of conflicts with other meetings. First, we discussed looking at our business 3 to 5 years out. And identify what needs to be done, targeting items that members of our society should pay attention too. Among the things that we looked at was the joint interface between the State Meetings Committee and Long Range Planning. One of the things we discussed is going back to the original concept where the State Meetings Committee is a part of Long Range Planning and not a planning committee. We decided to do this. Input concerning meetings from Chapters, District, the state or national will flow through Long Range Planning and then referred to State Meetings with some directions as to where meetings are held, state and national, and when they should be held. State Meetings can then take this information and run with it. Another issue that should be an agenda item for Long Range Planning is the needs of our Archives, which will be a motion made later, due to the need to begin digitizing our documents, microfilm, and other material. This needs to be a part of Long Range Planning because it will be a long range budget item. We are going to need somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3,500 a year forward until complete. Another item discussed was the location of our

annual state convention and that it should be in a three city rotations similar to DAR; Dallas/Ft. Worth area, San Antonio, and Houston. The BOM's could be done on the outside perimeters or other towns. This way the chapters who want to participate can do so and the larger meeting or the convention could be a more central and consolidated effort.

State Secretary Bob Cohen said his report is on file.

Communications Secretary Sam Massey said his report is on file. He said his responsibility is to improve communications and he has been working on application of the Cloud for some of our databases.

Staff Secretary Larry Stevens reported all officers sent their reports to him on time and they were posted on the Website on September 28, 2012. Members were advised if they going to make any motions in the session that there is a motion form to fill out. The BOM agreed it to clarify the language of proposals presented during the sessions to help shorten discussions.

Treasurer John Beard said the bulk of his report is on file with the Staff Secretary absent the financial information. John said don't get to excited about the revenue numbers because there is \$44,000 in unrealized gains on the investment portfolio, which is a good thing; though August we had \$127,000 Gross Revenue; expenses was \$79,000, so there is an excess of revenue over expenses of about \$47,000, but keep in mind that \$44,000 is unrealized gains. Total cash was \$112,000, consolidated for the funds, at the end of August and \$646,600 in the market value of the investment portfolios. The overall yield through August was 9.7%. John proposed the membership approve the financial report. John and Bob Cohen discussed the 2013 Dues notices and said Allan Henshaw was working on downloading them. John said he received a draft of the audited financial statement for 2011 from Frank Melvin and there are no significant adjustments to be made. It should be finalized before the end of the year. John said with the 990, we have an extension granted until November 15th; hopefully we can get it filed before the first and not have to file for an extension. Fifteen (15) chapters had not filed their 990 Postcard; Marvin Morgan and John will be glad to help get these prepared and filed; we don't want to jeopardize the non-profit status. John said for the first time we have remitted chapters money through the automatic clearing house (ACH). John encouraged all chapters to use Auto Banking because this makes sending their dues check so much easier and safer, does not go to the wrong address and we don't end up with a bunch of outstanding checks. When chapter officers change, you don't have to worry about because the bank accounts stay pretty much the same. We have 23 chapters that participated. John said between this meeting and the next, we need to put together a state budget. John asked all of the committee heads to let him know what they need so he can put these request in along with the operation needs so they can arrive at a budget for the next year. There was a question about the dues notices and John deferred to Bob Cohen who said they were working on time and they would be out before November 1st. Drake Peddie asked that any instructions for the use of ACH and the Form 990 were given to him he could make sure the chapter presidents manual was updated to include this.

Chancellor Hank Voegle said his report was on file. He had read the list of voting officers and reminded all the meeting will use Roberts Rule of order, and that speakers for any contested items are allowed 3 minutes. He said the Constitution and the Bylaws were on file this March on the website; we had pending matters before the meeting today; the two proposed changes to the Bylaws; one, concerning

the distribution of Patriot Funds money, how it is calculated and how distributed in the given year and any gifts for the purposes of awards and prizes will be specifically added. The other proposal that was received was for the Treasurer to have an accounting background and when I looked at the current bylaw Article 10, it said in section 3 that the person preferable would have a background in accounting, background in non-profit, computer skills to include a basic understanding of data base spread sheets and word processing software; so, I am not sure we need that. So, I will go ahead and give my report for the **Bylaws Committee**. We met today and in addition to what we talked about, the treasurer and the Patriot Fund, we also have two recommended changes to the TXSSAR Constitution, one is to be clear as to the terms of state officers which is to be installed during the state convention and hold office for one year or until they are succeeded by someone elected and qualified; and the second, concerning the meetings of local chapters, currently the section provides that the chapter must elect officers not less than 30 days before they are installed in a meeting and the local chapter officers serve in the same fiscal year as the state officers. The problem is the state officers do not serve in one fiscal year, they split two years, so our proposal is to change the section to read local chapters shall hold annual meetings for the election of officers and transaction of business and said officers will be elected to serve in a fiscal year of the society and the other provisions are to make it a responsibility of outgoing chapter president to file annual reports as specified by the Americanism and Award committee. And, something that affects the bylaws is a member at large, so in Article 17 sections 7, I want to change "member at large" to Communications Secretary ; Article 18 Section 9 which pertains to reinstatement fee, that has gone away so delete the reference to \$8.00 reinstatement fee; and Article 18 Section 13 pertaining to transfer, delete the reference to the transfer fee and add a provision to provide a copy of the record copy of the individual's application or to pay the fee specified by the national society for the record copy. Article 20, Section 1, Clarify the number of delegates in subsections B and C to determine if each chapter gets one delegate at large plus one delegate for each seven (7) members or the delegate at large covers the first seven members. Article 20 Section 1, Move "all delegates must be members of the Society in good Standing" from subsection C to the preamble so that it reads: "If a member in good standing, the following shall be members of the Annual Meeting or any meeting and entitled to vote therein:". Article 20, Section 1, sub section F., should be deleted as it is redundant with Article 18, Section 3. And that is the report of the Chancellor of the Bylaws Committee. President Clark asked if there was discussion. Staff secretary asked that the proposed changes be written and submitted in the Chancellor's Report so the language of the changes will be correct in his report and Chancellor Voegle agreed. There was a question of voting on the changes. The chancellor said the proposals will be taken up at the annual meeting for approval by the members and does not require the approval of the board prior to presenting to the members. The board members had no comments concerning the change and agreed the proposals should go forward. A vote of approval by the board is not required. Chancellor Voegle submitted the following Committee report to the Staff secretary after the meeting:

The Bylaws Committee met at the TXSSAR Board of Managers meeting in Temple, Texas on Saturday, October 6, 2012.

The Committee considered proposals concerning changes to the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws. One proposal, to add language to the qualifications for the office of Treasurer was determined as unnecessary as the current wording of Article X, calls for the treasurer to be "an individual with an accounting background. . . ."

The proposals, which are recommended by the committee for adoption at the state meeting upon notice being provided as required by the Constitution and Bylaws, are set forth below: (Where the complete text is set forth, deletions are struck through, additions are in italics and underlined):

Recommend Changes to TXSSAR Constitution:

Article V, Section 1:

The officers of this Society shall be a President, President Elect, State Secretary, Staff Secretary, Communications Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar(s), Historian, Chancellor, Chaplain, Vice President for Americanism Contests and Awards, and District Vice Presidents, whose duties shall be prescribed by the Bylaws. They shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates present at the Annual Meeting of the Society, *be installed at the Annual Meeting at which they were elected*, shall hold office for one year ~~and or~~ until their successors are elected and qualified. Any other officer except the President may hold the office of Chancellor.

Article VIII, Section 3:

Local chapters shall hold an Annual Meeting ~~not less than thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting of this Society~~ for the election of officers and the transaction of business. The said officers shall be elected to serve for the ~~same~~ fiscal year ~~as the state officers as provided in Article V of the Society~~. Names and addresses of officers elected shall be immediately forwarded the State Secretary. *The outgoing local chapter president or his designee shall file the chapter's annual report as specified by the Americanism Contests and Awards Committee.*

Recommend Changes to TXSSAR Bylaws:

Article 17, section 7: change “member at large” to Communication Secretary.

Article 18, section 9: delete the reference to \$8.00 reinstatement fee.

Article 18, section 13: delete the reference to the transfer fee and add a provision to provide a copy of the record copy of the individual's application or to pay the fee specified by the national society for the record copy.

Article 20, section 1: Clarify number of delegates in subsections B and C to determine if each chapter gets one delegate at large plus one delegate for 7 members or the delegate at large covers the first seven members.

Article 20, section 1: Move “all delegates must be members of this Society in good standing” from subsection C to the preamble so that it reads:
“If a member in good standing, the following shall be members of the Annual Meeting or any meeting and entitled to vote therein:”

Article 20, section 1(F): delete as redundant with Article 18, section 3.

Article 28, section 13: The “Patriots Fund” shall consist of Principal Funds acquired according to Section 2 above, and also include those certain “Available Funds” acquired as a portion of the earnings (interest, dividends, and capital gains) on the investment of said Principal Funds. The definition of “Available Funds” is described as those certain funds derived solely from earnings *(the aggregate of realized capital gains reduced by realized capital losses, but not below zero, interest earned, and dividends earned)* on the investment of the Principal Funds ~~and Patriot Fund Expenses donations~~ for the designated period of time as from January 1st through December 31st

of the year prior to the preceding year, e.g., realized capital gains reduced by realized capital losses, but not below zero, interest earned, and dividends earned, ~~and Patriot Fund Expense donations~~ from January 1, ~~2009~~ 2011, through December 31, ~~2009~~ 2011, considered “Available Funds” at the Annual Meeting in March ~~2011~~ 2013. In addition, “Available Funds” shall include Patriot Fund Expense donations received during the current and prior years. Such Available Funds may be obligated only at the Annual Meeting and should be awarded prior to December 31 of the same Meeting year. Any Available Funds not awarded prior to December 31 of the same current Annual Meeting year shall accumulate as Available Funds from year to succeeding year. However, projects duly and properly approved by the Texas Society delegates at the Annual Meeting, pursuant to Section 15 below, shall represent appropriation of Available Funds and, remain open for expenditure until the approved project is completed, with the exception that scholarship awards shall be deemed an apportionment of “Available Funds” for a period of five years only.

Chaplain Rev. James Taylor was absent; however, Bob Clark said he did see him in Louisville. Clark asked the members to remember Mrs. Lawrence in their prayers and hope her speedy recovery. Also, there is Jim Cantrell in Galveston with heart problems. Tom Jackson reported that Stephen Tanner, Robert Rankin Chapter, is very ill and in the hospital.

Alternate Trustee Jim Jones had nothing to report. Jim did report on the **Patriot Medal Selection Committee**, saying they had eight men nominated; however only five can be selected; the following will be presented at the state convention; **Peter Baron, John Beard, Robert Cohen, Tom Jackson, David Temple.**

Registrar (Coastal) Gerald Irion said his report was on file.

Registrar (Inland) Mike Radcliff said his report was on file.

Historian David Temple said his report was on file. David discussed him and Bob Clarks meeting with the university and what will be required to preserve our collection. He said the dean is very much interested in preserving our records. He said he had two motions to put before the voting members and the first is to request \$3,500 for 2013-2014 to digitize and otherwise preserve our archives and UNT and make our records available to the public. And the second, the committee requests up to \$2,500 this year to pay UNT to begin the process of digitizing and preserving our microfilm, documents, and other materials. President Clark stated that in the interest of time today, he would like to continue the report Sunday.

Vice-President ACMA Russell Dart said his report was on file. He said to date we have only 15 public service awards reporting and only 6 flag certificates. He encouraged all to recognized our public servants, give out flag certificates, and report doing so.

District Vice-Presidents

District #1 Report on File Holcombe Absent

District #2 – Report on File Harper Absent

District #3 – Report on File

District #4 – Report on File

District #5 – Report on File
District #6 – Report on File
District #7 – Report on File
District #8 – Report on File
District #9 – Report on File Munford Absent
District #10 – Report on File Lee Absent
District #11 – Report on File

Council of Chapter Presidents President Drake Peddie reported they met for 90 minutes. Dan Reed reported on the redone Texas Flags, correct on both sides, there are still some Texas Society SAR Flags for sale. Drake discussed the CCP Bylaws, written in 1995 and found we are not really following them and will be making a few adjustments on how the council operates and we will modify the bylaws and present them at the next conventions. We discussed the chapter presidents manual that new presidents should be using and if there is something that is not in the manual, refer that to the CCP and we will make the changes needed. President Clark said that any changes in the CCP Bylaws need not be brought to the BOM. In retrospect and after discussion, it was decided that the changes should be reviewed and approved. Peddie said the CCP would make the changes to the bylaws and the manual, give it the chancellor for his review and when finished the CCP would present these at the convention for approval.

Information Technology chairman and **Web Master** Ray Cox asked all if they had not done so to add themselves to the e-mail file and encourage their chapter members to do so all so. He said officers need to update their sites. He said the Speakers Bureau list is out of date; there has been no change in the lists for over 3 years. If there are those in your chapters who give programs and want to be listed, please send me their information and I will put them on the list. Again, Ray offered to set up chapter web posts for any chapters wanting one; these are part of the TXSSAR site and are free.

President Robert Clark recessed and said we begin the session again at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning, October 7, 2012.

Committee Reports

Sunday, October 7, 2012

Business Session Cont:

President Robert Clark reopened the Business meeting at 9:00 a.m., on October 7, 2012, and after the prayer and pledges, President Clark presented Certificate of Appreciation to Ron Walick and Bill Marrs for the outstanding hosting the BOM in Temple; and a thanks not only to them, but to their chapter and the Ladies Auxiliary for all of their hard work.

President Clark proposed a resolution to the Heart of Texas Chapter and asking all of favor this motion to indicate by stating Aye. The proposal passed.

Bill Marrs, the **TXSSAR Trustee**, gave his Trustee Report discussing all of the meetings attended while serving. Bill stated that as a part of the Ancestry Project, SAR Members will have free access. He said as least this is the plan for now and that more details will come out over the

next couple of months. Texas and Virginia will be the trial Societies. We will get referrals to our registrars and they will send these out to the chapters. As a part of this, our Genealogy General, Larry Cornwall, has made a study as to how long people stay members. So, with this, we are doing a study and survey, Harry Fife is the Committee Chair, to find why people drop. We want to record this data so we can attack this problem. Also, new members who express and interest, throughout the nation are told you go buy the paper and use this form, and when you have it all ready, come back and see us. This is not the way want to approach those who want to become a member in to SAR. Bill said all chapters should have at least three or four guys that assist people who want to join. He said there are millions and millions of eligible men. We need to help these men when they express and interest to help our organization grow. Ancestry predicts that we could add 50,000 members to SAR in five years if we take an active role in this plan. Bill said we have some new training material that will be up on our website from the Genealogy General. Larry has a very interesting program for our registrars. It's not about rules and regulations but "how you do it" train session. Ray Cox is in the process of adding this to the TXSSAR Website. Bill encouraged all who could to attend the National Leadership meeting and the National Congress saying that is where our business gets done and what SAR is all about. Bill said in April, we will unveil our new application management program where all application will have to be completed in the system or imported into to it. This will give us a fully digitized application and the lineage. This will give us a system where we can keep track of our applications. Bill asked if there were any questions and Gerald Irion said the members here today to recognize Bill for receiving the Minuteman Medal at the National Congress. The members present stood and applauded Bills achievements.

Robert Clark reported on the **EXCOMM Committee** meeting, stating we went through our agenda and there are a couple of things. Jim Jones will be talking about one of these. There is an issue we need to vote on. This is the issue of nominations for National Offices, of all of the offices, only one is contested, Librarian General, by two members in the Alabama society, Bruce Picket and Michael Wells. President Clark proposed we vote to support all of those candidates that are unopposed. Jim Jones seconded the motion. The voting members present voted to support these. The two members running for the office of Librarian General were not present. Bob Cohen and Jim Jones agreed to speak about each; Bob for Bruce Picket and Jim for Michael Wells. Each was given 3 minutes. The members present endorsed Michael Wells.

President Clark asked for the **Audit Committee Report**.

Tom Jackson said the Audit Committee submitted 3 reports; the first the Sarbanes Oxley Report was given to the Executive committee and also to the Audit Committee gave out the Conflict of Interest Form report and said all forms have been received but one and that position has nothing to do with the spending of funds or the investment of funds. The third action of the Audit Committee was; one, a motion had to with posting of Sarbanes Oxley materials on the state public website and two, a motion was sent to the Bylaws Committee for a better definition of what constitutes available fund for funding youth awards coming out of the two funds that we have, and the third was a question of the clarification of the job duties of the Treasurer position. These were approved by the committee and/or referred to the Bylaws Committee. Chancellor Voegle did have input on any potential bylaw language changes.

President Clark asked Chancellor Voegle if he had any comments and he said it was a part of his report submitted during yesterday's meeting.

President Clark reported on the **Nominating Committee** for Bill Marrs saying Bill will have the list of individuals for state positions before the Texas Convention next April. He stated there could still be nominations from the floor. Clark said if anyone is interested in filling an officer position to please contact Bill Marrs.

Americanism Contest, Medals, and Awards: Russell Dart reported they met yesterday with approximately 15 people in the meeting. He said there are two items that need to be brought before the Board. The first, Peter Baron worked on the reports and said the National Reports would be first and the Texas Report would be at the end of it. Russell said he would like an endorsement of this. The National Report has been revised and when Peter Baron gets it worked out to where we are ready to go, then he would like Ray Cox to post on the Website with the revisions. President Clark said this is an internal matter and if sent to him he would approve it. Hank Voegle said he sees nothing wrong with the changes being made. Second, it was reported youth travel for Scholarship Contest is at 14 cents per mile and would like to raise the travel reimbursement to 20 cents per mile for those traveling outside of a 50 mile radius for round trip. This was discussed at the meeting in San Antonio. He said there was a motion from the committee to raise it to 20 cents due to fuel costs. Jim Jones said the Patriot Funds Committee will be presenting a Budget that includes the 20 cents per mile. If the budget is approved then the mileage increase would be also.

President Clark reported that Charles Luna had presented the Texas Society with a check for \$5,000 from the H. Ross Perot Foundation. He said Charles had contacted this organization and had made and sent an eleven minutes video, parts of which he obtained from Steven Lee taken during our youth awards program during the Dallas State Convention and included Mr. Perot, about our Eagle Scout program. He said Mr. Perot signed the check himself. Clark said Luna suggested we use the money to purchase our Eagle Scout trophies and name them the "H. Ross Perot Eagle Scout Award". He said the EXCOMM supported his recommendation. The check has been given to our Treasurer John Beard.

JROTC Committee: John Thompson said he had the JROTC Medals and has been giving them to members and Districts. He asked those present to pick these up for their district chapter. He said there have been some changes to the ROTC Enhancement scholarship program and these are being posted on the SAR Website.

The **Color Guard Committee** meeting was reported by Peter Rawley. They discussed the possibility of having a Quarter Master and decided not. Peter said we need to recognize Tom Green for being name the Color Guardsman of the Year, and receiving the SAR Gold Medal, at the Annual Congress in Phoenix. The other issue discussed was the Color Guard Handbook and it was recommended to have it reviewed by the chancellor. President Clark said another side issue has to do with our Archives at Denton and a question about Willie walker Uniform which was donated. He thought maybe the uniform should be turned over to the Color Guard and it

could be given to someone who does not have a uniform. He stated that Mrs. Walker does not want the uniform.

Car/DAR Liaison report was made by Chair Tom Green. He said he had asked for room for an SAR Table at the DAR state convention. Members in Uniform would staff the table with some small gifts and a computer, so members in uniform and talk about CAR transfers to SAR. We would have the forms, etc., and get the message to DAR Chapters. We could present the colors for their meeting. At the national level, Tom said he would like to get a meeting with the DAR and SAR to discuss some of the problems faced by our registrars processing CAR transfers. Gerald Irion said if a DAR member assists you with an SAR Application you need to report this on the DAR Finder Form to get credit for this interface with the DAR. This includes CAR transfers and member transfers. The prize is \$500 to the DAR for this support. We discuss given a money award to the CAR for the DAR Chapter who gives us the most CAR transfers. The Finder Form is on line and once you fill it out e-mail it to Aaron Adams in Louisville for tracking. You just need the DAR Members number and chapter name with the name of the new member, which is generally her son or grandson. Irion said you need to turn in one form for each application.

Newsletter Committee report: Chairman Baker was not present. Clark reported that Baker had some members proofing the next newsletter which will be out in the next couple of days. Baker also talked about the newsletter contest for this year. He would be asking chapter that wanted to enter the contest to submit 4 printed newsletters to him by mail; no more than four and if the newsletter is electronic to print it preferable in color. Baker asked those present to commit on the newsletter, to give him input as to what should be in the newsletter and what should not. The different sections were discussed and most present said they liked what he was doing. Future newsletters should report on what our members are doing at national meetings; our color guard, members going to dinner together, our youth contestants, and other activities. Robert Clark said in future issues; he would like articles on our officers.

Patriot Fund Trustee: Jim Jones reported that there is \$25,000 available for youth awards in 2013 and this does not include Patriot Fund donations that come in the dues. This is what is used to determine what our budget should be. At the request of the Patriot Funds committee chair the committee agreed that the first place youth awards be increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Also, the amount money for purchasing JROTC Medals is being increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000, which should cover the cost. With this, the committee is requesting approval of a Patriot Funds budget of \$19,070. After analysis "available funds" from 2008 from data provided by John Beard from our record, balancing all to the ins and outs; such earnings vs. investments, the committee determined we have \$25,000 available funds. There was a questions concerning youth awards winners travel, and Jim said travel is included in the budget with travel reimbursement at 20 cents a mile and a \$1,000 for the orations contestant travel to the National Congress. The Orations committee questioned if this was enough to cover the cost. Jim said this is the only contest where Texas provides a separate reimbursement. Tom Jackson said National pays up to \$1,000 for JROTC travel to Congress; there was \$600 not covered which was paid for by two individuals connected to the Robert Rankin Chapter which

were hotel bills. Gerald Irion committed that even the \$1,000 for travel is inadequate considering the increasing cost of travel especially if to New England. Jones stated he and Russell Dart discussed this and they are going to study travel expenses. Jim said the next Congress in Kansas City by checking on airline cost from Dallas, Houston, or San Antonio to KC to see if this is more than \$1,000 and will present this to the next committee meeting in April. We can always increase this amount if travel expense warrant. Further, Irion said the oration candidates stay much longer than the other youth contestants increasing the money needed from lodging, etc. Tom Green reported that National has no money for travel so it is up to the state societies to pay for this. Jim said this why we need to study this each year. The proposal did not need a second so Clark asked the board how many were in favor of the committee proposal and all supported the increase in awards to \$2,000 and the increase in mileage reimbursement to 20 cents for those living more than 50 miles from the meeting site. Jim Jones continued his report stating the Patriot Funds Trustees had invested funds in two different places, approximately 50% in Vanguard and the other 50% with Brinker Capital. Brinker charges us fees and Vanguard does not, because they are built in, and when you add the two patriot funds (PFT), we are paying about \$3,000 a year in fees to Brinker Capital. Jim said they are taking no action but are looking into this area of our investments; but he said the committee is thinking of recommending we cease using Brinker Capital and instead move it to USAA funds. We have obtained portfolio information of the breakdowns in the types of investment strategies; 30 percent stock, 70% Bonds; etc. Projected earnings appear to be equal to or greater than Brinker Capital plus there are not fees charged. Jim said the committee will present a proposal at the April convention.

Patriot Grave Committee: Chairman Jim Mitchell could not stay but his report is on file.

ROTC/JROTC Committee: John Thompson said the report is on file.

State Meetings: Tom Jackson said the President has already reported on the next two state meetings; Dallas in April and Houston in the fall of 2013; the Houston BOM will be hosted by two chapters, at this time, PineyWoods and Robert Rankin, no specific locations has been selected. Clark said looking at the state convention schedule, we were in San Antonio last year, in Dallas in 2013, and then in San Antonio again in 2014, and 2015 is up in the air. State conventions should be in the major metro areas but BOM's could be in many others areas. Tom Jackson said this would be in coordination with Long Range Planning. Members agreed with this plan.

Tom Jackson said there is a second proposal from the committee and Sam Massey will present it. Sam said the Texas Society is proposing that Texas submit a proposal to host the 2018 National Congress, by changing our proposal to host 2016. And, since there is a possibility of hosting in 2017 if another state cannot host, that a part of our proposal would be to host the Congress in 2017 if needed. The members agreed with the proposal.

Veterans Committee Chairman Frank Rohrbough said there are two items that the committee needs to report. He said there were ten attendees. First, the Volunteer Services Program has many facilities with on site representatives that work with National Organizations and in our case the contact is with our headquarters. We have received information from headquarters

through our president and I have passed this on to the two individuals for actions and if they are not, we will find replacements for them. This is in North Texas and the Houston VA Hospital. Bob Northcraft will work the north area and the president of Paul Carrington, Mark Worthing, Houston. The second item is a program started at National several years ago for wounded warriors called Operation Ancestor Search or OAS. Ed Butler talked about the program here yesterday. It is active in three locations, San Diego, Washington DC and San Antonio. Although new, the programs are doing well. Soldiers are approached while in treatment to help get their minds off of their injuries by getting them interesting in finding out about their heritage using Ancestry. Ancestry.com has worked with the National Society donating the programs. What we want to do is expand to other veterans in the many facilities and hospitals where veterans are living down to the chapters in the areas. Ed Butler has a wonderful video and a PowerPoint presentation to introduce the program and conduct first meetings with the veterans. We need to appoint a state officer to be the OAS Chairman. We were asked to look at this as a committee and we have selected Peter Baron who has been very active in the program in San Antonio and he has agreed to take the position. We will submit a letter to the president appointing Peter and this would be a part of the Veterans Committee and a letter should be sent to National OAS coordinators advising them of their contact in Texas. Ed Butler reported that another part of this program is something just adopted; it is a wounded warrior tool box, suggested by North Carolina, and they have found a company in North Carolina who will donate tools to fill a tool box. Each wounded warrior when released from the hospital would be given a tool box to help them get started around their home. On each tool box will be a decal with the SAR Logo. We will be asking for \$8 donations to buy the tool box.

Archives and History Committee Chairman David Temple state to committee proposed two motions yesterday and would like to withdraw both and make one motion to the Board. This motion is a request to add \$3,500 to the 2012-2013 to preserving our documents, materials and records archived at UNT Denton. Some of the Microfilm is beginning to deteriorate to a point where we need to get started coping these before we lost the information filmed. The \$3,500 will be used to get the project started after we discussed this with UNT Friends of the Library and UNT. Funds not spent would carry over to the next year. Tom Whitelock, a past chairman, said this will be on-going and we will be asking for at least \$3,500 each of the next 5 years. The University is supporting us on this issue because they are very interested in preserving and maintaining our TXSSAR Achieves. This would become a project for Long Range planning. The \$1,498 in the budget is not part of the \$3,500. President Clark asked the board to vote on this motion and it was passed.

New Business

Color Guard Commander Peter Rawley proposed we present Stephen Tanner with a Silver Good Citizenship Medal for all of his outstanding service to the Color guard, the work he has done for SAR and in the community. Jim Jones said he would write the proposal. Peter proposed Tom Jackson present this medal and that this needed to be expedited due to the health of Stephen. Members present approved the award.

Tom Green discussed Laredo and the President General traveling in to attend. And, he talked about the Battle of Medina and ceremony.

Ed Butler discussed the Texas proposal to present George Strait Gold Good Citizenship Medal. This was proposed two times. This was first proposed by Tom Lawrence and seconded by Jim Jones but passed over by National for another candidate. But, there are new members on the national committee and we should have a much better shot at getting this approved. Ed made the motion, there was seconds and the members approved the proposal.

President Robert M Clark said our business was concluded Stephen Rohrbough lead the recessional, the color guard retired the colors, the chaplain to give the benediction and President Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

George of the Galveston Chapter said they have permission from the City of Galveston to have a statute of Bernardo de Galvez on a horse made and installed at the Seawall. George requested donations to help in this project.

Respectfully Submitted

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