

2023 Minutes

Nevada State Society SAR

2023 NVSSAR Business Meeting

The 68th Annual Nevada Society Sons of the American Revolution met at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno Nevada in April 1st 2023.

Opening

Nevada Society President, Jay Dickey, Called the 68th Annual Nevada State Conference to order at 3 PM Saturday April 1st 2023.

Compatriot Reverend Richard L. Dalton gave the invocation.

Compatriot David Hess Led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

Compatriot Charles Smith led us in the SAR Pledge.

President Jay Dickey introduced our special guests.

1. Derek Brown, Past California State Society President, and current Western District Vice President General of the National Society
2. Brian Stephens, Past President and Current National Trustee, California State Society
3. Rob Miller, President of the Hawaii Society
4. David Gilliard, President of the Gold Country Chapter of the California SAR
5. Frank Gagliardi, Vice President of the Red Cliffs of Zion chapter of the Utah SAR, and former President of the Nevada SAR
6. Alan Fitch, Past President, Silicon Valley Chapter, California SAR
7. Carl Cooper, Secretary and Treasurer of the Oklahoma SAR

President Dickey identified several past Nevada State Presidents, Charles Smith, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Frank Gagliardi, and Paul Hicks.

Vice President General for the Western District, Derek Brown, gave his remarks: As Vice President General – Western District, I bring personal greetings from our President General, who wishes us a successful conference. He believes the 250th Anniversary will be the best opportunity this Society has to capture the American people’s attention and to attract and retain new members. Our focus must remain on educating the public and prospective members on the importance of the American Revolution and why we must continue to celebrate the accomplishments and sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors who fought, struggled, suffered, and gained our liberty and independence. The California and Hawaii Societies are leading with legislative efforts to create and support America 250 Commissions in their states and all three societies in the Western District have developed unique and successful strategies to fulfill the National Society’s mission statement.

Approval of Minutes

The first order of business is the approval of the minutes from the 2022 State Conference. President Jay Dickey called upon the members to approve the minutes of the last meeting which had been distributed via E-Mail on March 27th. There were no corrections or discussions. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Minutes were approved as published

Officer and Committee Reports

President Jay Dickey gave his report, (Attached).

The Society Treasurer Al Conant gave his report, (Attached). There was no discussion, and a motion was made from the floor and seconded. The report was accepted by the majority of the attendees.

The Society Registrar, Richard Dalton Gave his report, (Attached).

Battle Born Patriots President, David Hess Gave his report (Attached)

Signers Chapter President, Timothy Hagan, Gave his report (Attached).

Old Business

No Old Business was Identified or discussed

New Business

Bylaw Revisions

David Hess submitted presented to the attendees, a number of largely cosmetic changes to the Society Bylaws.

Among those changes were adjustments to the Secretary and Treasurer responsibilities. When the Secretary and Treasurer's positions were separated in 2018, the bylaws no longer matched the business model being used by the two officers. Rather, a Secretary Treasurer Manual was developed and contained the details of their respective duties. Thus the recommended Bylaws changes now refer to this manual as the primary guide to their respective responsibilities.

A second change was the elimination of a standing audit committee. It was the recommendation of the Society officers to appoint a committee as deemed necessary. This follows suit with the various other committees which are appointed as required.

No discussion took place about the cosmetic changes nor the Secretary and Treasurer duties, however some members were concerned that the Audit Committee was being eliminated, and that this was not keeping with the National guidelines. President Jay Dickey assured them that we were well within our society's right to move the Audit Committee from a standing committee into an ad hoc Committee that could be created anytime it was necessary.

Once the discussion a **motion was made** and seconded and the bylaw changes were **passed as recommended**.

Paul Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund

The next order of new business was about the Paul Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund. Secretary David Hess gave a report of the status of the

scholarship and announced the two winners for 2023. Claire Halminiak and Cassidy Husson were each recipients of a \$500 Scholarship.

Election of State Society Officers

The final new business was the report of the State Nominating Committee re Election of State Society Officers. Once again Secretary David Hess presented the slate of officers for approval.

The Committee's recommendations for the Nevada State Society Board for the term of 2023 to 2024 are:

President	Timothy Hagan
President Emeritus	Jonathan C Dickey
Vice President North	Paul Hicks
Vice President South	Paul Bell
Secretary	Albert Conant
Treasurer	James McLane
Registrar	Richard L. Dalton
Chancellor	Open
National Trustee	Charles Smith
Alternate Trustee	Timothy Hagan (Floor Nomination)

President Jay Dickey opened nominations from the floor. Compatriot Charles Smith nominated Timothy Hagan to be our Alternate National Trustee. No other Nominations were received and President Jay Hickey called for a motion to close the nominations and to accept the nominees. **Motion was made** and seconded, and **the new officers were elected**
President Hickey thanked all for their willingness to serve.

Paul Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees

President Hickey then called upon Secretary David Hess to present the Nominating Committee's recommendation for the Trustees of the Paul Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Secretary Hess identified the Paul Jones Memorial Scholarship Board for the term of 2023 to 2024 as:

President	Jonathan C. Dickey
Vice President	Ben L. Allen
Secretary	Albert E. Conant
Treasurer	James McLane
At Large	Roger E. Linscott

President Hickey asked for any discussion or candidates from the floor. Hearing none, a **motion to accept the slate as presented was made** and seconded, and all new officers **passed unanimously**.

New Officers Installation

The First officer to be installed was the newly elected President Timothy Hagan. VPG Derek Brown conducted the oath of office to President Hagan who promised to fulfill all duties.

Outgoing President Dickey presented President Hagan the State President Neck Ribbon, thereby completing his duties as the outgoing president.

President Timothy Hagan, proceeded to take charge of the meeting, and called upon all the other newly elected officers and trustees to come forward and take their oath of office.

Once sworn in all new officers officially began their responsibilities.

President Hagan next order of business was to award the past president pin and certificate of service to the outgoing president Jay Dickey. Jay Dickey accepted the pin and thanked all the previous officers and members for giving him the opportunity to serve.

Incoming President's Remarks

President Hagan thanked all members for giving him the opportunity to serve in this vital position and pledged himself to do his very best conducting the business of the state society.

Remarks for the Good of the Order

President Hagan solicited for any new business, hearing none he proceeded to close the meeting

Closing Remarks

President Hagan Thanked everyone from Battle Born Chapter for hosting the outstanding meeting and reminded everyone that the the banquet would follow in the adjacent ballroom. Also, the next year's conference will be hosted by the Signers Chapter.

SAR Recessional

Secretary Al Conant was called upon to lead the attendees in the SAR Recessional.

Benediction

Reverend Richard L. Dalton led the attendees in the Benediction.

Adjournment

President Hagan declared the annual Nevada State Society, Sons of the American Revolution adjourned

Albert E. Conant
Secretary
Nevada Society
Sons of the American Revolution