



Minutes of
The Nevada Society 65th Annual State Conference
April 4, 2020

The 65th Annual State Conference was scheduled to take place at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno Nevada on the 4th and 5th of April 2020. Despite many months of planning for this important event by the hard working Battle Born Patriot Chapter, the Corona Virus upset these plans and the Society was forced to cancel, or at the very least postpone the conference. Nevertheless, the needs of the Society demanded that at the very least Elections must be held and various business activities needed to be addressed. Therefore it was mutually decided to Teleconference on the 4th of April 2020 at 10:00 AM. These are the minutes of the Teleconference Business Meeting.

Nevada Society Members On-Line

Donald Hotchkiss, Al Conant, David Hess, Roger Linscott, Stephen Schroder,
James McLane, Paul Hicks, Michael Fitzpatrick, Charles Smith V, David Smith, Bob Till
Jim Farmer, Paul Bell, Jonathan Dickey, Gary Parriott, Brian Worcester, Bill Burton
David Barnard, Richard Dalton, Charles "Chip" MacLeod, Robert Stoecklin

Other Members On-Line

Vice President General Western District James C. Fosdyck

Guests On-Line

Un Hui Yi Fosdyck

Patricia?

Opening Remarks President Donald L Hotchkiss Jr.

Welcome to all, despite difficult times we are happy to be able to use technology to enable us to conduct this important task.

1. President Hotchkiss opened the meeting with a Prayer, and led the On-Line Attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the SAR Opening Pledge.
2. President Hotchkiss next requested a motion to accept the minutes of the 64th Annual State Conference, which was held in Tonopah Nevada on April 13, 2019 (Attachment 1). President Emeritus Roger Linscott made the motion, Past Vice President General Western District Brian Worcester seconded and the motion passed.
3. President Hotchkiss next requested a motion to accept the Treasurers Report (Attachment 2), (which had been emailed to the membership along with other documents to be addressed later on at this meeting). President Emeritus Paul Hicks made the motion, Past Vice President General Western District Brian Worcester seconded and the motion passed.
4. Approval of the Paul Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund Bylaws Changes was to be addressed next. These Bylaws with changes are attached below (Attachment 3). President Hotchkiss asked for a motion to accept the changes as proposed. Past Vice President General Western District Brian Worcester made the motion and President Emeritus Paul Hicks seconded, it went to a vote and the motion was passed.
5. Awards and Recognition was the next item of business. President Hotchkiss announced the following awards and certificates:

<i>Award</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
Past President Pin	Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr.
State Meritorious Service Medal	Donald L. Hotchkiss, Jr.
Patriot Medal	Roger Linscott
State Distinguished Service	Charles B. Smith, V.
State Meritorious Service Medal	Albert Conant
Bronze CAR Medal of Appreciation	Jackson Bellard – CAR NV State President
Silver Good Citizenship Medal	David Hess
Certificate of Appreciation – Co-Chairman of State Meeting 2020	Michael Fitzpatrick Jonathan Dickey

6. President Hotchkiss asked for Chapter Reports:
 - a. Battle Born Patriots President David Hess had submitted his report via email (Attachment 4), He added thanks to everyone in Battle Born for their outstanding work in preparation for the Annual Conference despite the situation. President Hotchkiss also lauded their organization as an example of excellence.

 - b. Signers Chapter President Charles Smith also submitted his report via email (Attachment 5). He noted that his chapter has learned much from the Battle Born Patriots, and have adopted some of their practices. Signer now have formal bi-monthly meetings and have adopted "Compatriot's Muster" for the in between months. These have worked good to build rapport and camaraderie in his chapter. Also as State Registrar, he recognized Battle Born's outstanding record of reaching out to past members and reinstating them into the active roles.

7. The next order of business was the election of the slate of officers. President Hotchkiss called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he proceeded to ask for a vote to accept the slate of uncontested officers proposed (Attachment 6). (Note: The original slate distributed for consideration had two positions requiring a separate vote. The Color Guard Commander Position had two candidates, Robert Stoecklin and Paul Hicks, and the Secretary position had Paul Bell and Stephen Schroder. Prior to the meeting Paul Hicks withdrew his bid to be the Color Guard Commander, leaving the Secretary Position in question).

The vote was held and the uncontested officers were unanimously elected.

8. Next in preparation for the vote on the remaining Secretary position, President Hotchkiss asked Paul Bell and Stephen Schroeder to each give a short introduction to the On-Line attendees. Following this introduction, while discussing the upcoming vote, Candidate Paul Bell chose to withdraw his candidacy, making Stephen Schroder our Secretary. Congratulations came from everyone.

9. Signers Chapter President Charles Smith pointed out that we also needed to replace President Emeritus Rev Anthony Perry as the Jones Scholarship Fund Trustee. Treasurer Al Conant made a motion to nominate Stephen Schroder to fill this position, Signers Chapter President Charles Smith seconded the motion and the attendees made this change official.

10. Installation of Officers, President Hotchkiss asked Vice President General Western District James C. Fosdyck to administer the oath of office. After swearing in the new officers, the meeting was turned over to our new President Michael Fitzpatrick.

11. The final order of business was the drawing for George Washington's Original Formula Mount Vernon Distilled Whiskey. The winner this year was Paul Hicks

12. President Michael Fitzpatrick thanked everyone involved for their superb effort preparing the original conference plans, and hinted at the possibility of holding an actual meeting in the near future.

13. Past Vice President General Western District Brian Worcester led the on-line attendees in the SAR Closing, and President Fitzpatrick officially closed the meeting.

For the Secretary
Albert E. Conant
Treasurer
Nevada Society SAR

Attachment 1:

**Nevada State Society Sons of the American Revolution
Annual State Conference
April 13, 2019
Mizpah Hotel, Tonopah, Nevada**

Business Meeting:

NEVADA MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Arentz Albert Conant Jeff Gutting David Hess Paul Hicks
Donald Hotchkiss, Jr. Larry Kesler

Roger Linscott Charles MacLeod Gerald Miller Gary Parriott
Rev. Anthony A. Perry Hugh Pickering
Ralph Requa

Stephen Schroder Charles B. Smith Robert Stoecklin Bob Till
Brian Worcester

OTHER SAR MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Barker Deric Brown James C. Fosdyck

GUESTS PRESENT

Kristina Perry Un Hui Yi Stan Vaughan

The meeting was brought to order by President Paul Hicks at 16:30.

The blessing was given by Rev. Anthony A. Perry, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the SAR Pledge were recited.

The Secretary, Rev. Anthony A. Perry introduced State Officers and special guests.

Greetings were received from Ron Barker, Western Vice President General. He mentioned the 2019 National Convention will be in Orange County, CA and hoped many of the Nevada members would attend. He also spoke about building out of the Headquarters building including the completion of the President's Office, Compatriot Barker thanked the Past VPGs in attendance, and encouraged Nevada compatriots to participate in leadership meetings, and conventions to encourage Nevada based National officers, He also thanked the membership for an enjoyable adventure and rounded off his comments on building membership and growing societies. Greetings were received from Terry Rubenstein, Nevada State Regent, DAR and presented by Kristina Perry, Nevada State Historian, DAR. Greetings were received from Madison Van Ness, State President, CAR and presented by Kristina Perry, Honorary Senior State President Nevada, CAR.

The minutes from the 2018 State Conference were presented. The motion to accept the 2018 Conference minutes was made by Larry Kesler, and seconded by Brian Worcester. It passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Albert Conant: Balance forward as of 12/31/17 was \$10,690.00. Ending balance as of 4/15/19 \$5,203.68. Audit was performed by Ben Allen. Compatriot Allen praised the thorough and well documented records of the treasurer's, and the actions keeping the society in line with current laws and standards PayPal is working for dues payments and new membership payments. The motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Larry Kesler, and seconded by David Hess. It passed unanimously.

The Registrar's report was presented by Charles B. Smith. 17 new regular members, 1 new junior member in 2018. 15 members were dropped due to non-payment of dues, 1 member transferred out, and 3 members were deceased. Had 8 members transfer into the Society. Ended 2018 with 151 members. National is making great strides in making the records available for genealogical research online. The motion to accept the Registrar's report was made by David Hess, and seconded by Larry Kesler. It passed unanimously.

Committee reports

The Color Guard's report was presented by Paul Hicks.

The Battle Born Patriots Chapter President David Hess gave his report.

The Signers Chapter President Emeritus Don Hotchkiss gave his report.

All reports filed are attached to the official copy of the minutes.

The report of the Nominating committee was presented by Roger Linscott and consisted of:

Slate of Officers:

President: Donald Hotchkiss Jr. President Emeritus: Paul Hicks

Vice President North: Mike Fitzpatrick Vice President South: Charles Smith Secretary: Rev.

Anthony A. Perry Treasurer Albert Conant

Registrar: Charles B. Smith

Chaplain: Rev. Dr. Joseph deBeauchamp Historian: Rev. Anthony A. Perry

State Surgeon: Dr. Donald McGee Chancellor: Daniel L. Orr II

DAR Liaison North: Roger Linscott DAR Liaison South: Albert Conant CAR Liaison: Marcus Green

Boy Scout Chairman: Stephen Schroder Color Guard Commander Paul Hicks Trustee: Charles B. Smith

Alternate Trustee: Brian I. Worcester

The slate was unopposed and passed unanimously.

The slate of officers for the Paul Jones Memorial Educational Fund Board was presented:

Donald Hotchkiss Jr Rev. Anthony A. Perry Brian I. Worcester

Ben L. Allen Roger Linscott

Awards were presented. The Bronze CAR Medal of Appreciation was presented to Madison Van Ness for serving as the Nevada State President, CAR. The Silver CAR Medal of Appreciation was presented to Lisa Zeles for serving as the Nevada Senior State President, CAR. The Silver CAR Medal of Appreciation will be presented to Chloe Woodbury for serving as the National Vice President, Western Region, CAR.

President Hicks Awarded Compatriot Roger Linscott the State Society Distinguished service medal for enthusiastic support and outreach in the Battel Born patriots chapter and the Nevada Society , Compatriot Charles Smith the SAR Law Enforcement medal for a life time of service to his community as a Deputy Sheriff in Los Angeles County, The silver Roger Sherman medal to Anthony Perry for years of ongoing service to the Chapter State and his community, the Silver good Citizenship medal to Compatriot Donald Hotchkiss Jr for outstanding work in the community.

VPG Barker also presented A Silver Roger Sherman Award to long serving Nevada Compatriot JB Coats who was not in attendance, Paul Hicks will deliver the award.

The State Society, Paul Jones Memorial Educational Scholarship awarded \$500 scholarships to Nicholas Vitillo.

The Signers Chapter, John Harney, Jr. Educational Scholarship awarded \$500 scholarships to Andrew Lutz, Savanah Childers and Rys Finnigan

The State Ladies Auxiliary awarded a \$500 scholarship to Rachel Perry.

The new State Officers were installed by Ron Barker, Western Vice President General. Newly elected State President Don Hotchkiss received the State President neck ribbon to be used during his term, and then passed to the next State President.

Un Hui Yi's (former Calif. LASAR state president) presented to all present of the SAR veterans with the Viet Nam Commemoration pin. The Society wishes to commend her zeal on this subject and her support of veterans.

President Hotchkiss asked for comments for the good of the order, and then lead the SAR Closing.

The meeting was adjourned until the banquet at 7pm.

Banquet:

The banquet, was brought to order by President Donald Hotchkiss The blessing was given by Rev. Anthony A. Perry, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the SAR Pledge were recited.

The presentation, “They Shall Not Be forgotten” was presented by prospective member Stan Vaughan, on his ancestors’ participation in the Revolutionary War, the prison hulks in Charlestown and New York Harbors. The deaths by patriots in the prison ships easily outnumber the deaths by all others in the revolution.

Dinner was served during the presentation in the lovely Jack Dempsey room by the conscientious and professional staff of the Mizpah

President Emeritus Paul Hicks presented the Lydia Darragh Medal to Diane Hicks for her steadfast support during his term as Nevada State Society President.

After dinner several groups were taken on the Historic behind the Scenes Ghost tour of the Mizpah Hotel. The spooky basement holds lots of history, along with the recreation of a late 19th century mine and other fixtures that must be seen to be believed.