

Sons of the American Revolution



Nevada State Society SAR

2024 Business Meeting minutes

The 2024 Business meeting, which was the 69th annual meeting, was held at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino on April 20, 2024.

President Hagan called the meeting to order precisely at 3:00 PM welcoming everyone.

Opening:

Bernie Hamm gave the invocation and the Color Guard, Commanded by Roger Linscott, posted the colors. Compatriot Paul Hicks led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and Jeff Gutting led us all in the SAR Pledge.

Introduction of Guests: In attendance were:

1. Rob Moore, Western District Vice President General and Past President of the Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Aloha!
2. Brian Stephens, Western District Secretary
3. Kent Gregory, Past Western Vice President General and Chair of Museum Board

And with us today are several Past Nevada State Presidents; Jay Dickey, Ben Allen, Roger Linscott, and Don Hotchkiss.

Rob Moore Vice President General spoke to the conference and emphasized the need to continually advertise SAR, who we are and what we do. He is concerned at our losses and the organizational losses, and feels very strongly that we all need to display our pride and membership to the community.

Minutes Approval:

First order of business: **Approval of minutes** from last years' meeting.

Rob Moore pointed out an obvious error in spelling his last name. This has now been corrected.

Rob Moore made a motion to approve seconded by Jeff Gutting. The vote was taken and the prior minutes were approved.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Tim Hagan gave our **Presidents' report** that can be found as **attachment 1** below to these minutes.

Vice President Jeff Gutting of the **Signers Chapter** gave his report talking about the success of the Fireworks booth and how it made it possible for the Signers Chapter to support six scholarships (seen as **attachment 5** to this report).

The next report was that of Vice President Paul Hicks **Battle Born Patriots Chapter** President who spoke about the challenges we are faced with keeping members, and their chapters success raising money through a Boston Tea Party Commemorative Henry Rifle Raffle that Compatriot David Hess helped ramrod.

The **Treasurer** James McLane could not attend this meeting so President Hagan gave his report. See **attachment 3**.

The next report was given by Al Conant the **Secretary**. His report is **attachment 2** to these minutes.

The **Registrar** Richard Dalton also could not attend Secretary Al Conant summarized his report for him. The complete report is **attachment 4** below.

President Hagan called upon our Honored Patriot Ben Allen to speak about the **Scholarships for 2024**. He spoke about the State Paul Jones and the Signers Chapter John Harney award winners. These are listed in **Attachment 5** below.

President Hagan next called upon Compatriot Bernie Hamm Jr. to talk about the **Eagle Scout Scholarship Program** and other Scouting issues. He told us about the significant loss of memberships since the law suits against the Boy Scouts of America, but they are endeavoring to overcome these handicaps. He encouraged members to support the scouting program and told us about assistance with various merit badges Battle Born Patriots have provided to the Washoe Council.

Old Business:

We had no old business

New Business:

President Hagan introduced a **bylaw amendment** proposal provided by the Secretary Al Conant.

Secretary Al Conant had provided all the membership advanced copies of suggested changes to the bylaws to amend Article IV making the Board of Managers responsible to set and publish in the Standing Rules, all fees and Dues, along with the other necessary cosmetic changes to make this process consistent throughout the bylaws.

Secretary Al Conant made the motion and Compatriot David Bentley seconded the motion. President Hagan asked for a vote, it exceeded the necessary two-thirds to pass.

The second order of business was introduced by President Hagan. **Discussion about possible dues increases.** Last Year the National Society dues increased. There were talks about whether the Nevada Society and Chapter dues should also increase. The current dues are \$3 for the Nevada Society and \$12 for the chapter. President Hagan opened this topic up for discussion for the next Board of Managers to consider. The discussion was a good one. Various members thought a small increase was in order, several others wondered why we needed one. Secretary Al Conant explained that the entire amount the state received annually from dues was only \$3 per member and we only had 158 members paying these fees so the state coffers receives less than \$500 a year from dues. A portion of this usually goes to support the annual conference and banquet and for state sponsored awards plus postage etc. Compatriot Rafael Ortiz suggested the state seek other contributions to support more costly activities such as the awards program. Lots of good ideas were presented as options for the new Board of Managers to consider. The discussion was ended.

Election of Officers:

President Hagan called upon Secretary Al Conant to report on the slate of Officers. He stated the slate and candidates were included with the agenda. They were:

President	Robert Stoecklin
President Emeritus	Timothy Hagan
Vice President North	Paul Hicks
Vice President South	Jeff Gutting
Chaplain	Richard Dalton
Secretary	Albert Conant
Treasurer	James McLane
Registrar	Gary Watson
Historian	David Hess
Chancellor	Dr. Daniel Orr
Surgeon	Dr. Daniel Orr
DAR Liaison	Roger Linscott and Albert Conant
Awards Chairman	Patrick Wright
Scouting Chairman	Bernie Hamm
Commander of the Color Guard	Roger Linscott
National Trustee Nominee	Timothy Hagan
Alternate Trustee Nominee	Donald Hotchkiss, Jr.
Jones Scholarship Fund	
Fund Trustee	David Hess
Fund Trustee	Jeff Gutting
Fund Trustee	Ben Allen
Fund Trustee	James McLane
Fund Trustee	Albert Conant

President Hagan asked for additional Nominees from the floor, hearing none he asked for a vote on the slate of officers and it was unanimous. He then noted that we still have several positions are open and asked for volunteers for the Director of Communications (webmaster), CAR Liaison. No one stepped up for these positions.

President Hagan thanked all of the new officers for their willingness to serve.

New Officers Installation:

Vice President General Rob Moore: asked all the new officers trustees and scholarship trustees to gather in front of the lecturn for installation.

The oath was administered; everyone agreed to abide by the requirements of their offices.

All were congratulated.

Vice President General Rob Moore next asked Jeff Gutting to step forward and be sworn in as acting society president in the absence of our newly elected president Robert Stoecklin. Another oath was administered. The society now was presided over by Acting President Jeff Gutting.

Outgoing President Tim Hagan presented the Gavel and his Neck Ribbon effectively transferring the position of leadership of the society to Jeff Gutting.

Acting President Jeff Gutting presented outgoing President Tim Hagan the past President Pin and Certificate.

Acting President Jeff Gutting thanked everybody for their service to the society and looked forward to working with all of the new officers in the new year.

Remarks for the Good of the Order:

Acting President Jeff Gutting asked if there were any additional remarks for the good of the order. Hearing none we proceeded into the closing.

Closing

The entire membership rose and gave the closing pledge. Compatriot Bernie Hamm Jr. gave the benediction and Acting President Jeff Gutting closed the meeting.

Awards:

Note: All Awards were presented at the Annual banquet which followed the business meeting. Awards that were given are included in these minutes as **Attachment 6.**

Attachment 1 Presidents Report

State President Report

Tim Hagan, State President

I am pleased to present the Annual President's Report for the Nevada Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, covering the events and achievements of the past year. This past year has been marked by significant achievements, notable events, and the continued dedication of our members to the principles and values of our organization.

133rd Annual Congress

National Trustee Charles Smith, his wife Phyllis, and I attended the Annual Congress in Orlando. The journey to the Annual Congress in Orlando was not without its share of adventures, from flight delays to stormy weather. However, these minor inconveniences were overshadowed by the great accomplishments of our society.

I am pleased to announce that the Nevada Society won both the Howard F. Horne, Jr., Award for the largest percentage increase of George Washington Fellows and the Walter Buchanan Meek Award for recruiting the most new George Washington Fellows. Unbeknownst to Compatriot Smith and me, each award came with a check. We received \$1826 for the Horne Award and \$1952 for the Meek Award. We received flag streamers for our Color Guard.

The Congress addressed important matters such as the \$15 increase in national dues, reflecting the impact of inflation, stagnant membership numbers and the need for sustained support for our activities. The other Bylaws amendment passed allows the International Society to have a National Trustee.

Awards were presented for several youth programs. Examples are the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award, the Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Program, and the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest for 9-12 grades. Most competitions are applied at the chapter level and progress through the state society and national levels.

All of the officer elections were uncontested and the Nominating Committee's recommendations were elected by acclamation. John Dodd was sworn in as the new President General. Rob Moore was sworn in as Western Vice President General.

The Congress proceedings were complemented by solemn moments, including a memorial service for our departed compatriots and the induction of new member Senator Rick Scott into the SAR.

Futures Annual Congresses will be in Lancaster, PA; Uncasville, CT; Greensboro, NC; and New Orleans, LA. I have ancestors who lived 50 miles northeast of Lancaster and in southeast Connecticut, so I may combine the next two Congresses with visits to ancestral graves.

Leadership and Board of Trustees Meetings

The Board of Trustees held a special meeting in January to consider and approve a construction contract for the infrastructure phase of the Education Center and Museum, signaling progress in our long-term vision for preserving and sharing our history.

I represented the Nevada Society at the Fall 2023 Leadership Meeting in Louisville.

Website

The Board of Managers agreed to use the funds from the Horne and Meek awards to update the website (sar-nevada.com). We hired a contractor to convert the website to WordPress. WordPress is a free, open-source software for creating websites and blogs. The website has main pages and subpages for the Nevada Society and for both chapters. During the conversion, the contractor taught me many of the WordPress functions and our own volunteers can maintain the website.

Change of Officers

Signers Chapter President and Nevada Society Second Vice President Paul Bell moved to Houston in December. Former Signers Chapter Vice President Jeff Gutting filled the Signers Chapter President and Nevada Society Second Vice President vacancies. Past VPG and Past State President Charles Smith resigned as National Trustee. I thank Paul Bell and Charles Smith for their services to the SAR.

Engagements with other Societies

Compatriot Gary Watson and I attended the state conference of the Nevada State Society Children of the American Revolution. I gave greetings from the SAR at the conference and promoted our scholarships.

At their State Conference, the Nevada State Society Daughter of the American Revolution (NSSDAR) awarded the Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction to Compatriot Gary Perriott and me. The medal recognizes Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or Sons of the Revolution (S.R.) members for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Like many SAR compatriots, I am a member of other lineage and genealogical organizations. I am the Governor of the Nevada Southern Branch, Sons and Daughter of the Pilgrim, Assistant Governor of the Las Vegas Colony of the Mayflower Society, and recently joined the Clark County Nevada Genealogy Society.

Conclusion

The past year has been filled with accomplishments, challenges, and exciting opportunities. I extend my deepest gratitude to each member of the Nevada Society Sons of the American Revolution for their dedication, passion, and contributions. Together, we honor the legacy of our ancestors and continue to uphold the principles of liberty and patriotism.

Attachment 2 Secretary's Report

2024 Nevada Society Secretary's Report

Al Conant

I am proud to say I have successfully completed year one as Secretary to our organization with a lot of help from two exceptional associates, Jim McLane who took on the yeoman's task of Treasurer and Richard Dalton, the gold standard of Registrars. I personally hope to have performed as well, and have earned your confidence as Secretary to be confirmed for another year.

Now fortunately for you here today, the role of the secretary has no statistics to report. Rather it's filling out forms and signing documents, tracking down phone numbers and addresses and assisting the other elected officials in any way I can. One such was is to now shift gears and move directly into the most important part of this support.

At this time, I am very honored to submit Richard Dalton's Registrar Report for this last year. He sadly is unable to be here, and receive the accolades he is due, however I will assist him and provide you a summary of his achievements.

Every year is challenging. We are a dynamic organization. People joining people leaving and the Treasurer and Registrar along with the Secretary are tasked with reporting these numbers to the National Society and paying the dues.

We started last year with 164 Members. We added 16 new members 7 to Battle Born Patriots, and 9 to the Signers Chapter. We had added two junior members, and two transfers in for a gain of twenty new members.

However, we had one transfer out, and twenty five members dropped for non-payment of dues, for a loss of twenty six members.

The Nevada Society ended the year with a total active membership of 158.

This is not uncommon and it is very easy for members to be reinstated as soon as they realize they forgot to pay their dues.

On a positive note, our society added six new Life members, as the entire Ortiz family are now Life members. Please Congratulate Rafael Ortiz on his gift to his family.

Attachment 3 Treasurer's Report James McLane

Nevada Society

Sons of the American Revolution Annual Financial

Report 2023

The year 2023 has been a financial success. We began the year with \$37,444, including \$26,280 in our Paul Jones Fund used for Scholarships. It was determined that the Paul Jones Fund was not generating sufficient income to continue funding the Nevada Society Scholarship Program. In an effort by David Hess and myself, we were able to secure a Certificate of Deposit (CD) through

Wells Fargo with an interest rate of nearly 5%. This is now in place and has generated nearly \$950 since April of

2023. Interest continues to accumulate at the rate of about \$100 per month. We will need to renew the CD in the

Fall, if we wish to continue this amazing return.

As a result of the above action the Paul Jones Scholarship account (Wells Fargo Saving) had

\$1,462 at the end of the year, and is estimated to have nearly \$1,800 by the time of the next Scholarship award this spring. I would suggest however, that we not award the total amount in the account, primarily because we do not know what the future holds and should be prepared to hold back for future awards.

Our Operating Account (Wells Fargo Checking) began the year with a healthy \$9,560 and has grown to \$18,630 throughout the year. Our biggest contributor was the National Society with two monetary award – one for \$1,826, H.F. Home Jr. Award and one for

\$1,952, W.B. Meeks Award. We have also had series of donation totaling over \$2000, including last years donation for Web Design.

I apologize for not being here to personally present this report, but I am currently cruising along the California coast on my 49th Wedding Anniversary, returning May 4th.

Respectfully Submitted
 James A. McLane
 Nevada Society SAR Treasurer

State of Nevada
Nevada Society Sons of the American Revolution SUMMARY
2023 Calendar Year Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance		26,280.22
Total Income	640.97	
Expenses	1,921.19	
Ending Balance		25,000.00
	<u>Operating Account (Wells Fargo Checking)</u>	
Beginning Balance		<u>9,560.70</u>
Income		
Donations	2,030.00	
Dues, Application, etc	15,196.89	
Paul Jones Interest	656.80	
Miscellaneous Income	<u>3,913.11</u>	
Total Income		<u>21,796.80</u>
Expense		
Operational Expenses	10,283.00	
Administrative Expenses	383.46	
Scholarships & Grants	1,000.00	
Annual Meeting	200.00	
Member Services	695.34	
Unidentified Expenses	<u>167.76</u>	
Total Expense		<u>12,729.56</u>
Ending Balance		<u>18,627.94</u>

Beginning Balance		134.53
Total Income	<u>2,327.62</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Ending Balance		<u>1,462.15</u>

Paul Jones Scholarship Fund (Wells Fargo Savings)
Paul Jones Scholarship Fund (Wells Fargo CD)

Attachment 4 Registrar's Report

Richard Dalton

Registrar's Report 2023

Began 2023 with 164 members [2 less than in 2022]

Additions:

New Members approved: 16

BBP 7:

Chris Cox

Steven Hook

John Mandagaran

James Record

Edwin Bassett

Bernie Hamm

Brian Phelps

Signers 9:

Thomas Healing

Gary Watson

Robert Ain

Grant Roelf

Samuel Strahan

Robert Thalgott

John Thalgott

Julian Thalgott

“Mike” Patrick Mitchell Winstead

New Junior Members approved: 0

New Memorial Members: 0

Transfers In:

Regular Members: 0

Junior Members: 2

Abraham John Franke – Signers

Theodore Stanley Franke – Signers

Members reinstated: 1

Alan Cole Clifton – Signers

Reinstatement – Transfers In: 1

Thomas Mercer Ray - Signers

Total New Members: 16

Total Reinstatements: 1

Total Reinstatements/Transfers In: 1

Total Transfers In - New Junior Members: 2

Total Additions: 20

Sub-Total Members: 184

Losses:

Members deceased: 0

Memorial Members: 0

Resignations: 0

Transfers Out: 1

James "Jay" Paxton Chapman Jr -

Dropped [for non-payment of dues]: 25

Richard Lang Webster

Charles Daniel Musser

Michael Wayne Gravitt Jr

Daniel Thomas Heggem

Maj Kristean Thomas Heggem

De Willow "Bill" Frank Semerau

Y. Clifford Thomas Browne

Robert Arthur Ain Jr

Cpt Timothy L Baird

Thomas C Baird

Maj Charles F Baird Jr RN

Robert Joseph Boyd

Col Edward Gordon Carson

Daniel Patrick Carson JD

Jason James Carter

John William Carter

John M Chuldenko Jr

Darold George Haug

Herbert Stone James III

Michael Howard Juckett

Michael Scott McNevin

James Harry Record

Jess Solomon Traver III

David Michael Van Hooser

Douglas Alan Wood

Total Losses: 26

Membership Additions +20//Losses: 26 NET – 6

184 Members Less Losses 26 = 158

National Life Members: 17 includes 4 Junior National Life Members

Clifford C Pinkham - Emeritus

Eric George Arentz Sr

James Allen McLne

Gerald Hardy Miller

David Alan Ortiz
Jackson Luke Ortiz – Junior
Jacob Michael Ortiz – Junior
Jaiden Matthew Ortiz - Junior
Johnathan Alan Ortiz – Junior
Rafael Alan Ortiz
Richard Ray Pyatt USN
Arthur Lester Salt III
Robert Lawrence Stoecklin
Michael Charles Bradley
Albert Edward Conant USAF
Charles Terry Robertson
Charles Burroughs Smith V

Total Active Regular Members as of 1 Jan 2024: 148

[includes 14 National Life Members]

Total Junior Members: 10 [includes National Life Members]

Total Members [less Juniors] as of 1 Jan 2024: 158

Attachment 5 Scholarships Awarded in 2024

The Nevada Society's **Paul Jones Scholarship Fund** awarded \$750.00 to the following individuals:

Cassidy Husson and Dana Surwill

Signers Chapter's **John Harney Scholarship Fund** awarded six \$500.00 Scholarships to the following Individuals:

Bethany Blakely
Zachary Claus
Jenna Dource
Jacob Harnois
Xavier Johnson
Samantha O'Brien

Attachment 6 Organizational Awards Presented at the 2024 Banquet

Tim Hagan: District Silver Roger Sherman Medal

Al Conant: State Patriot Medal

Richard Dalton: State Distinguished Service Medal

Jim McLane: State Meritorious Service Medal

Ben Allen: State Silver Roger Sherman Medal

David Hess: State Silver Roger Sherman Medal

Roger Linscott: State Silver Roger Sherman Medal

David Bentley: State Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Gary Parriott: State Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal

John Galloway: State Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Patrick Wright: State Joseph Plumb Martin Outstanding Young Member Medal

Kathy Lowe: SAR/DAR Medal of Appreciation

Dana Surwill: Silver CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation