

The Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence
Fall Board Meeting
Colt's Neck, New Jersey

The Board meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by President-General, Richard H. Corson, M.D. at 4:00p.m. on Friday, October 13, 1995 in the meeting room of the Colt's Neck Inn, Colt's Neck, New Jersey.

Those present were Richard H. Corson, M.D., Barbara Kalbfleisch, Eleanor R. Hall, Anna W. Hall, Percy H. Goodsell, Jr., John D. Nelson, Agnes C. Carstarphen, The Rev. Frederick W. Pyne, William Ward, Philip Schuyler Pyne, Ruth March Hagan, Allan M. Heyward, Gabrielle M. Bielenstein, Dorothy Lewis Grant, Mai Duane Harper and Elizabeth N. Gottwald.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President-General Richard M. Corson, M.D. followed by prayer led by Gabrielle Bielenstein.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Elizabeth N. Gottwald. They were approved as read.

Treasurer-General William Ward reported total income to date of \$10,443. Total expenses to date of \$5,580. A copy of the Treasurer's report was ordered filed with the minutes of the meeting.

Registrar-General, Ruth M. Hagan reported 16 new Senior Members, 9 new Junior Members, 2 corrections, 15 changes to Life Membership, 10 members dropped for delinquency, 1 Resignation, and 5 Deaths.

There was discussion about one member voted in posthumously, who had been a Korean War Hero. The family wanted to honor his memory. Anna W. Hall moved that we accept him, then place him on the list of deceased members. This motion passed.

The Scholarship Fund Report will be in the Spirit.

Alan M. Heyward reported on future sights for meetings. We will meet in New Bern, NC March 23, 24 & 25, 1996. July 3, 4 & 5 we will meet in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the 89th Congress of the Society. Fall Meeting 1996 will take place in Boston, Massachusetts, September 27, 28 & 29. We will meet Fall 1997 in New York City, NY

Reports of State Societies. The New York society will attend the Opera this fall. Agnes C. Carstarphen gave location of the Spring meeting, said the General Meeting would be at 8:30 AM Saturday and we would tour Tryon Palace. Sunday we will attend Christ Episcopal Church.

The Pennsylvania society received thanks for donation made to Christ Church.

Under Old Business, First Vice President Heyward reviewed the process initiated in the summer of 1994 to review, revise and update the Constitution and By-Laws under the Ad Hoc Committee headed by Reiman McNamara which process led to the discovery that our Society's original incorporation in the District of Columbia had not been updated to take advantage of the 1962 District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act, with later amendments which provided

substantial benefits to our operational and administrative rights. In accordance with legal advice, the rewritten Constitution and By-Laws were combined into a single document entitled Constitution and By-Laws; and a Statement of Election of the Nonprofit Corporation Act was prepared as legally required. The Board of Governors was presented with a Resolution for Adoption and Recommendation to the Membership the Statement of Election and the revised Constitution and By-Laws for a vote at the October 13, 1995 Board Meeting. A motion to adopt was made by Agnes C. Carstarphen and was seconded by Barbara Kalbfleisch. The motion was carried. A copy of the Resolution for Adoption is attached to these minutes for the record. Copies of the Statement of Elections and the Constitution and By-Laws will be included with the notice to the Membership at the March 23, 1996 meeting.

Fred Pyne asked permission of the Board to negotiate with a publisher to have the "Register Project" published. He wants to have a commitment from the publisher to print all proposed volumes of the work. He anticipates the project will consist of 6 volumes. Percy Goodsell moved to release of general information from membership applications and the membership number. No addresses may be released. Allen M. Heyward seconded the motion, which passed with one member not voting. Percy Goodsell moved we give Fred Pyne permission to negotiate on these guidelines in anticipation of a contract on behalf of the Society. Gabrielle Bielenstein seconded the motion which passed.

Gabrielle Bielenstein moved and Percy H. Goodsell seconded the motion that \$2,500 be appropriated from the projects fund to pay for the "Register Project".

New Business:

Allen M. Heyward presented the question of payment to Mays & Valentine for the work done on behalf of changing our Certificate of Incorporation and by-laws. Their Bill amounts to \$3,511.75. Mr. Heyward moved funds be taken from the project fund. This suggestion was approved.

Barbara reported Philip Strong has had surgery, but is doing better.

Philip Pyne reported that he has located portraits of all of the Signers, and anyone interested in finding the location of a Signer's portrait, may contact him.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

Elizabeth N. Gottwald, Secretary-General