

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONGRESS of the  
DESCENDANTS of the SIGNERS of the  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INC.

Philadelphia, Pa.  
May 12 and 13, 1973

I. Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The meeting was called to order by President-General DeForest at the Holiday-Inn - Independence Mall on Saturday, May 12, at 10:30 A.M.

The following members were present: Agnes B. DeForest, James Paul Hopkinson, Julia M. Wilcox, Tommy B. Callison, D.H. Heyward, Jr., Dorothy Charlton Hauck, Frederick C. Pyne, C.B. Axford, Mary Stokes Schumacher, Barbara B. Walker, Franklin B. Satterthwaite, Juliana Tilghman Paca, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., Frederick Wallace Pyne, John Morton Fultz, Jr., Sarah I. Lynch, Natalie L. Densmore, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, and Schuyler N. Pyne.

President-General DeForest opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary-General Fultz read the minutes of the Winter Meeting which was held in Charleston, S.C. in February 1973.

Registrar-General Barbara Kalbfleisch proposed for membership 10 new Seniors, one reinstatement, and 11 Juniors. They were all unanimously elected. There were two resignations, which were accepted, and five deaths. (See attachment I)

<u>Status of Membership</u>		<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Juniors</u>
2-9-73	On the Roll	583	238
5-12-73	Report - Deceased	-5	
	Resigned	-2	
	Dropped		
	Reinstated	1	
	Reclassified		
	New	10	11
5-12-73	On the Roll	587	249

Treasurer-General Hopkinson reported receipts of \$8600 during the fiscal year ended April 30, 1973, of which \$5600 came from dues and fees, \$1300 from interest, and \$1700 from contributions. Expenses for the year were \$8630, including a \$3500 payment on account for the Bicentennial Plaque. This latter amount had not been included in the expense budget approved by the Board at the 1972 Annual Congress, but was paid from the fund dedicated to that purpose. The remaining expense, \$5130, exceeded the \$4900 budget by \$230; however, \$200 was paid in advance for the 1973 Annual Congress and this should be properly charged in the next fiscal year.

In answer to a question from C. B. Axford, Mr. Hopkinson stated that the amount still to be paid for the Bicentennial Plaque was \$9500, of which \$3800 was in hand, leaving about \$6000 yet to be raised.

The detailed report of the Treasurer-General appears in Attachment II. This report includes the names of five members delinquent in dues for two years.

In the absence of Scholarship Chairman Downs, Mr. Fultz reported that three applications had been received and evaluated. The Board approved the Committee's recommendation that the 1973-74 award of \$800.00 be given to the present recipient, Miss Margaret W. Patterson of Indianapolis, Indiana, a descendant of William Floyd, who is a Senior at Purdue University.

Bicentennial Committee Chairman Goodsell reported that Sculptor Alan "Toby" Robbins had completed the wooden model of the plaque, which will be used to shape the mold in which the bronze casting will be formed. He also exhibited a framed color sketch of the plaque, which is to be sold at auction as part of the Bicentennial fund-raising effort. Mr. Goodsell said he had recently given three illustrated talks on the Homes of the Signers, resulting in contributions to the Fund in the amount of \$70.00.

Reporting on Publications, Mary Schumacher commended Editor Julia Wilcox for the attractive March issue of the Signers Bulletin. Mrs. Wilcox was responsible for the new format and design of the Eagle logo. She was able to keep production and distribution costs within her limited budget by careful selection of the printer and the use of a non-profit organization postal permit.

Honorary President-General Satterthwaite reported on his efforts to find a home for the Francis Lewis Miniature which had been donated to the Society by Mrs. Andrew Kidd of Vero Beach, Florida. The National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution believes the miniature to be that of Morgan Lewis, son of the Signer. On that basis, it is now the opinion of the Board that the miniature, as well as the Morgan Lewis ring, also donated by Mrs. Kidd, should most appropriately reside in Anderson House, Headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati, since Morgan Lewis was a charter member of that organization.

Honorary President-General Goodsell volunteered to contact the Society of the Cincinnati and offer the miniature on loan or as a gift. Secretary-General Fultz, who had originally received these gifts from Mrs. Kidd for the Society, asked that he be informed of action taken so he could communicate this to Mrs. Kidd.

The Board requested Mr. Goodsell to offer the Miniature and the Ring to the Society of the Cincinnati, to make the appropriate arrangements, and to report to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Goodsell  
Mr. Fultz

Mary Schumacher, President of the New York State Society, discussed plans for the Fall Meeting which will be held in Saratoga Springs, New York, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 5, 6, 7. On Sunday the Battle of Saratoga will be commemorated with the staging of the encampment of British and American troops on the battlefield.

Announcements of the meeting will be mailed to the membership the last week in August.

Mrs. Wood

First Vice President-General Pyne announced tentative plans to hold the 1974 Winter Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia on March 22, 23, & 24. Mrs. Callison, past President of the Virginia State Society, extended the invitation on behalf of President Risman McNamara.

Amendments to the Constitution

Upon motions duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were approved by the Board of Governors:

1. RESOLVED: that Article IV, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Inc. be amended by omitting the last four sentences, save the last sentence.

The revised text and sentences to be omitted appear in Attachment III.

2. RESOLVED: that Article X, Section I, of the Constitution of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Inc. be amended by adding the sentence: " The society shall hold at least two other meetings each year at places and times of convenience and considering geographic distribution and related historic interest".

The complete text appears in Attachment III.

3. RESOLVED: that Article VIII, Section 1, of the By-Laws of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Inc. be amended by the insertion of the words: " or as otherwise determined by the Board of Governors" after the phrase "issued every five years".

The complete text appears in Attachment III.

4. RESOLVED: that Article X, Scholarship, of the By-Laws of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Inc. be amended by the deletion of the words " of four hundred dollars (\$400) " from the first sentence.

The revised text appears in Attachment III.

A motion to amend Article VI, Section 2, of the Constitution, Duties of Officers, was defeated. The intent of this amendment was to specify duties of the First and Second Vice Presidents-General.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 P.M.