

DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, Inc.

Philadelphia, Pa.
September 6, 1975

A special meeting of the Board was called to order in the Gold Room of the Bellevue-Stratford at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws received from the membership.

Members of the Board present were: Frederick Wallace Pyne, Eliza C. Funk, Mildred W. Lee, C. B. Axford, Sally Middleton Hawkrige, Dorothy Charlton Hauck, Mary Alice Kean, William F. Haneman, William Ward, Percy Hamilton Goodsell, Jr., Natalie L. Densmore, Doris R. Coley, Hope Middleton Wood.

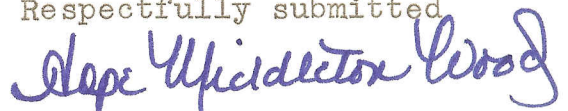
Following his opening prayer, President-General Pyne read greetings and comments from absent members: Franklin Bache Satterthwaite, Agnes B. DeForest, John Morton Fultz, Virginia Campbell, Rieman McNamara, Jr., Edward Ridley Finch, Jr. He then reiterated the purpose of the meeting and proposed the establishment of a committee to prepare the proposals for future Board action.

A motion to this effect was made and carried. It was then decided that a seven person committee be appointed as follows: Chairman William F. Haneman, William Ward, Rieman McNamara, Harriet Ely, Daniel H. Heyward, Natalie Densmore and Percy Hamilton Goodsell.

It was announced that the several proposals would be discussed at this meeting and the committee was charged to take note of the comments of those present and to prepare written versions of those proposals on which the Board concurs. These written versions shall be distributed to the entire Board by April 1, 1976 including any additional proposals submitted to or suggested by the committee. After considering any comments received from the Board the committee shall prepare a finalized version to be presented to the Chancellor-General for a judgment on their legality, after which they shall be forwarded to all Board members for their vote by mail ballot on an item by item bases to be completed by September 1, 1976. Those amendments approved by the Board shall then be submitted to the membership at large 30 days prior to the 1977 winter meeting at which time they shall be submitted to a vote.

Several proposals were then discussed by the Board, chief among which were mail ballot voting for the Officers of the Society and extinguishment of the office of Honorary President-General for life. After a thorough review of the Constitution, By-Laws and suggestions for change, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Hope Middleton Wood
Secretary-General