

THE DESCENDANTS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
JUNE 4, 1994

THE ANNUAL 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 6:30PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1994, IN THE LONG ROOM OF INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PRAYER OF THE SOCIETY, GIVEN BY CHAPLAIN-GENERAL HERBERT N. TUCKER, JR. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY RICHARD CORSON.

FOUR FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES WERE INTRODUCED: PETER D. STALLER, FROM PENNSYLVANIA; MARY E. LOWRY, FROM NEW YORK; WILDA TAYLOR, FROM CALIFORNIA; AND LUCIE MINSK FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE PREVIOUS MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS READ BY SECRETARY-GENERAL F. NELSON LIGHT.

#### REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

TREASURER'S REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY ASSISTANT TREASURER-GENERAL JOHN D. NELSON. AS OF APRIL 30, 1994 THE GENERAL FUND OF THE SOCIETY HOLDS A BALANCE OF \$15,705. EXPENSES PERTAINING TO THE GENERAL FUND ARE \$14,382. OUR FUND ASSETS ACCOUNT, INCLUDING PROJECTS, YEARBOOK, AND RESERVE FUNDS HAS A BALANCE OF \$24,753. THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND HAS A MARKET VALUE OF \$145,162 AND THE LIFE DUES FUND HAS A MARKET VALUE OF \$65,024. THE SOCIETY'S SUSTAINING FUND CURRENTLY HAS A BALANCE OF \$2,900.

THE REGISTRAR'S REPORT, PRESENTED BY REGISTRAR-GENERAL RUTH HAGAN NOTED 9 NEW SENIOR MEMBERS, 3 NEW JUNIOR MEMBERS, 4 REINSTATEMENTS, AND 3 DEATHS. THE MEMBERSHIP OF D.S.D.I. NOW STANDS AT 889 SENIOR MEMBERS AND 130 JUNIOR MEMBERS.

DOROTHY KENNEDY GAVE THE REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE. APPROXIMATELY 1000 INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE TO D.S.D.I. FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION. TWENTY-TWO APPLICATIONS WERE MAILED OUT, OF WHICH SEVENTEEN WERE COMPLETED AND RETURNED. AWARDS WILL TOTAL \$9000 FOR 1994.

PRESIDENT-GENERAL RICHARD CORSON GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE BOARD REPORT WHICH FOLLOWS: THE LEACH PAPER PROJECT IS UNDER REVIEW. THE CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IS BEING EVALUATED AND IS UNDER REVISION AND STUDY DUE TO THE NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN ADMINISTRATION. THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS IS ALSO BEING REVIEWED AND REVISED TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE NEW YEARBOOK IN 1995.

BARBARA KALBFLEISCH AND GRACE STALLER HAVE BEEN APPOINTED LIAISONS TO WORK WITH INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

REPORTS OF STATE SOCIETIES

GRACE STALLER, GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, WELCOMED EVERYONE TO PHILADELPHIA AND WENT OVER THE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEKEND. D.S.D.I. BADGES AND SCARFS CAN BE ORDERED THROUGH THE SOCIETY.

BUNNY MAUPHIN, GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON, D.C. REPORTED SHE HAD LAID A WREATH AT THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL IN COMMERATION OF JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY APRIL 13. SEASON, DOROTHY RUQUESTED THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 7TH.

DOROTHY KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, REQUESTED MEMBERS ATTENDING THE FALL MEETING IN MANCHESTER MAKE THEIR RESERVATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 7 BECAUSE OCTOBER IS PEAK SEASON AND SPACE IS LIMITED.

NEW BUSINESS

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE FOR 1994-1995 WAS READ BY BARBARA KALBFLEISCH.

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| PRESIDENT-GENERAL           | DR. RICHARD H. CORSON      |
| FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT        | MR. ALLAN M. HEYWARD       |
| SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT       | MR. F. NELSON LIGHT        |
| CHAPLAIN-GENERAL            | MR. HERBERT N. TUCKER, JR. |
| REGISTRAR-GENERAL           | MRS. J. BRUCE HAGAN        |
| ASSISTANT REGISTRAR-GENERAL | MRS. CHARLES KRATZ         |
| HISTORIAN-GENERAL           | MR. PHILIP SCHUYLER PYNE   |
| ASSISTANT HISTORIAN-GENERAL | MR. MARK C. WARD           |
| TREASURER-GENERAL           | MR. WILLIAM WARD IV        |
| ASSISTANT TREASURER-GENERAL | MR. JOHN D. NELSON         |
| SECRETARY-GENERAL           | MISS NINA HILL HOPKINS     |
| ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL | MISS ELEANOR R. HALL       |
| CHANCELLOR-GENERAL          | MR. PHILIP L. STRONG       |

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS WAS ACCEPTED AND APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF BARBARA KALBFLEISCH, CHAIRMAN, RIEMAN McNAMARA, AND DOROTHY KENNEDY WERE ELECTED FOR 1994-1995.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDEENCE WAS READ BY ALLAN M. HEYWARD.

THE ROLL CALL OF THE SIGNERS WAS READ BY RICHARD CORSON.

	<u>GENERAL MEETING</u>	<u>BANQUET</u>
SAMUEL ADAMS	1	1
JOHN WITHERSPOON	1	1
JOHN HART	10	11
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN	2	3
GEORGE ROSS	1	1
THOMAS STONE	2	2
RICHARD HENRY LEE	1	1
BENJAMIN HARRISON	2	2
THOMAS NELSON, JR.	3	3
CARTER BRAXTON	2	2
WILLIAM HOOPER	1	1
THOMAS HEYWARD, JR.	1	1
ARTHUR MIDDLETON	1	1

THERE BEING NO FUTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:15PM.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

*Nina H. Hopkins*

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SECRETARY-GENERAL