Mississippi Sons of the American Revolution

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12th, 2019

**The Corner Bakery Café**

**149 Grandview Blvd., Madison, MS 39110**

**601-607-7377**

President **Dr. Fulwider** called the meeting to order at 10:00AM with the following members in attendance as follows: 1VP Dr. **Bryant Boswell**, 2VP **Jak Smith, Esq.**, Secretary/Color Guard Commander **Julius Hite**, Treasurer-Registrar **Lynn Herron**, Historian **Andy Jones**, Chancellor **Mark Henry, Esq**., Chaplain **Rev.** **Glenn Shows**, Sgt. at Arms **Bob Cox**; Past State Presidents **John Taylor**, **Gerald Brent**, **Charles Garrison**; Trustee **Michael Schenk**, Alternate Trustee **Toby Winston**; Local Chapter Presidents **Michael Nolley Sr**. and **Ben Jones**; candidates for Area District Directors **Chad Coutch** and **Jerry Lilly**. 18 total members were in attendance.

Quorum was declared by Secretary Julius Hite.

Invocation prayer was led by Chaplain Glenn Shows.

Pledge to the American flag was led by Jak Smith, Esq.

Pledge to the Mississippi State flag was led by John Taylor

Pledge to the SAR flag was led by Lynn Herron

Charles Garrison identified chapters in attendance.

Motion to accept Minutes from the June Excom meeting as published 1st by Michael Schenk and 2nd by Hon. Toby Winston and passed by vote.

**Officer Reports:**

Trustee: No report given by Michael Schenk.

Alternate Trustee: Hon. Toby Winston will not seek a re-appointment as Trustee.

1st Vice President: Dr. Bryant Boswell had report attached.

2nd Vice President: No report given by Jak Smith, Esq.

Secretary: No report given by Julius Hite

Treasurer-Registrar: Lynn Herron had report attached.

Genealogist: No report given.

Historian: Andy Jones

Chancellor: Mark Henry, Esq. Had report attached.

Chaplain: no report given by Rev. Glenn Shows

Sgt. at Arms: no report given by Bob Cox

Color-guard Commander: Julius Hite had report attached.

**Chapter Reports:**

Captain William Hillhouse: none

Central Mississippi: Ben Jones attached report

David McKie: none

David Murphree: Larry Hellums attached report

Desoto Patriots: Tommy Thompson attached report

Dr. Joseph Warren: Edward Campbell attached report

Jacob Horger: Bob Cox attached report

James Vernon Lynam Sr: David H. Robinson attached report

General Nathaniel Greene: none

South Central: Nolley reported 10 members were meeting at the Brookhaven Library. They had a meeting on the 5th of January. Dr. Boswell was in attendance and has made a personal financial donation to the chapter. Nolley reported that the chapter is and will continue to work closely with the DAR. An Associate Program was discussed for the chapter. For now, the chapter is meeting quarterly. It was made clear by President Dr. Fulwider that if there were persons attending the local meetings and they’re not members, they were not obligated to pay dues to that chapter. They would be able to make donations to that chapter if they wished.

**Committee Reports:**

Eagle Scout: 2 Scouts at this time. Chauncey Godwin reported

Knight Essay: Gerry Brent reported that there have been 4 inquiries but no submissions.

Oration: Bob Cox has attached a report

History Teacher: none to report. (Andy Jones was appointed to this committee by past state president Charles Garrison, not Dr. Boswell.)

ROTC/JROTC: Dr. Andy Jones made a verbal report, Certificates signed.

SAR/CAR Report: Mark Henry, Esq. sent an attached report

Newsletter: no report from Jim Alexander

Medals/Awards: John Taylor gave a verbal report.

Veterans: Bill Horne

Flag: Michael Nolley gave a verbal report.

**Old Business:**

1. Report of the 2019 Officers Nomination Committee Chair Judge Toby Winston. Call to members present for nominations from the floor for each of the 2019 Slated positions, including Trustee and Alternate Trustee. After a call for Nominations from the floor by President Fulwider, there were none.

Hon. Toby Winston of the nomination committee announced nominated slate of state officers for 2019. They are as follows:

President: Dr. John Fulwider

1st Vice President: Dr. Bryant Boswell

2nd Vice President: Jak Smith, Esq.

Secretary: Julius Hite

Treasurer-Registrar: Lynn Herron

Genealogist: Larry Hellums

Historian: Andy Jones

Chancellor: Mark Henry, Esq.

Chaplain: Rev. Glenn Shows

Sgt. at Arms: Bob Cox

Trustee: Dr. John Fulwider

Alternate Trustee: Michael Schenk

1. Motion to move names of the 2019 Officers nominated forward to be voted on at the Annual Convention for election to those Officer Positions.

**Motion to accept the slate of state officers for election was made 1st by Lynn Herron, 2nd by Rev. Glenn Shows and passed by vote. Other nominees to be considered for office should be reported to Toby Winston of the State Nominating Committee as soon as possible for consideration 30 days before Convention.**

1. President to hear report from the Finance Committee under Chairman Treasurer Lynn Herron who was asked by President Fulwider to consider MSSSAR accepting payments/donations utilizing alternative means other than paper checks, and mail in payments.

Finance Committeemen P.E. “Buddy” Irving, and Charles Scruggs researched possible ways that the membership could pay dues, convention registration, memorials, contributions to various youth programs and ancillary programs and supported groups (ie: Sons of Independence, CAR, Color Guard, Ladies Auxiliary, MSSSAR National Congress Committee, etc. as approved by the Executive Committee) using Pay Pal, Credit Cards, On Line Payment Apps, and any other means by telephone, cell phone, Electronic devices, Automatic Withdrawal from Checking Accounts, Savings Accounts, Electronic Texting of donations.

Neither Buddy Irving or Charles Scruggs attended the meeting to give their reports.

Chairman Herron to comment on above report by committeemen.

**As chairman of this committee, Lynn Herron firmly expressed his opposition to any other alternatives of payment for dues, etc. Annual dues payments will be sent out by postal mail and collected by check as has been conducted in years past.**

Michael Nolley to comment on MSSSAR Web Site Web Master transition in cooperation with Gerald Brent and its availability to host a payment avenue when/if one is decided upon by the Excom.

Michael Nolley is presently working with a web-building company named GoDaddy. Nolley had stated that it would take $288 a year to get the website up and running.

A motion to spend no more than $300 to get the website up by GoDaddy was made 1st by 1st VP Boswell and 2nd by 2nd VP Jak Smith.

Convention Checking Account at Trustmark Bank changed to reflect new officers. ***Update on progress by Treasurer Herron.***

South Central Chapter being reactivated for 2019 by President Pro Tem Michael Nolley Sr. Discussion/update by President Nolley. President Nolley will be installed at the Annual convention

1. **Dr. Boswell’s 9/8/18, proposals, REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ VOTE;**

**MSSSAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 12, 2019**

**RE:OLD BUSINESS, MOTIONS COMING OUT OF THE SEVEN PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 BY DR. BRYANT BOSWELL.**

**Although some of these positions/subjects are already in the MSSSAR By-Laws, these came as Proposals at the previous EXCOM meeting to be accepted in “concept only”, to give members an opportunity to consider them before voting. Therefore, it would be beneficial if all seven motions were accepted and presented to the General Membership for acceptance.**

**After nine months of implementation, any necessary Constitution or By-Law changes will be proposed by the By-laws Committee and presented to the EXCOM January 2020 meeting.**

**1.** **Chapter Area Districts**

That the State of Mississippi be divided into three geographic areas to represent a North District, Central District, and South District.

North District – that area of the State north of the following counties (west to

east): Washington, Humphries, Holmes, Attala, Choctaw, Winston, and

Noxubee, to include the MSSSAR Chapters of: DeSoto Patriots, William Gray,

Daniel McKie, David Murphree, William Hillhouse, and any future Chapters

within it’s boundaries.

South District – that area of the State south of the following counties (west to

east): Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, Scott, Newton, and Lauderdale, to include the

MSSSAR Chapters of: Jacob Horger, South Central, Isaac Carter, John Wheat,

James Lynam, and any future Chapters within it’s boundaries.

Central District – that area of the State between, to include the MSSSAR

Chapters of: Nathaniel Greene, Thadeuz Kosciusko, Joseph Warren, Central

Mississippi, Patrick Boggan, and any future Chapters within it’s boundaries.

**2. Area Director**

That there be three Area Directors. That each Chapter Area District be

represented with one Area Director. That the Area District Director be listed as a

member of the MSSSAR Executive Committee, with the same privileges as the Genealogist, Historian, Color Guard Commander, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

**3. District Genealogists**

To assist the Office of State Genealogist, that there be one Genealogist from each of the three State Area Districts. These District Genealogists will be appointed by the President with the advice of the District Director and the consent of the Executive Committee.

**4. Long Range Planning Committee**

That the Long-Range Planning Committee be activated and perform the duties of assisting the First Vice President in the planning, coordination, and

execution of the Annual Convention. Its members serving from the date of the Annual Convention Business Meeting till the next Annual Convention Business Meeting.

The Long-Range Planning Committee to consist of the following

members, serving with the consent of the Executive Committee.

1) Chairman – appointed biennially by the President

2) Vice Chairman -1st Vice President

3) Treasurer – MSSSAR Treasurer

4) North Area District Representative – appointed annually by the Chairman,

with the advice of the District Director and the consent of the Vice Chairman.

5) Central Area District Representative – appointed annually by the Chairman,

with the advice of the District Director and the consent of the Vice Chairman.

6) South Area District Representative – appointed annually by the Chairman

with the advice of the District Director and the consent of the Vice Chairman.

7) At large member – appointed annually by the Chairman.

8) At large member – appointed annually by the Chairman.

**5.** MSSSAR Convention Planning to be 2-5 years out. This will be done through the **Long-Range Planning Committee** as listed in the by-laws.

* 1. Chairman Dr. Bryant Boswell will announce the names of the members he has approved. Those names will be presented to the President and finalized with the consent of the Executive Committee. Committee members will change as the need occurs and at the direction of the Committee Chair with the advice and consent of the President, and formalized by the Executive Committee. The committee shall designate the convention cities three years in advance, and announce the 2020 city (area), the 2021 city (area), and the 2022 city (area) at the 2019 Annual Convention Business meeting, and at the Banquet Program each year thereafter, so that the membership knows at any given time, or year (up to 5 years) in what part/area/city of MS the Convention will be held. National does this, and it works very well. NSSAR Congress 2019 Costa Mesa, Southern California. 2020 Richmond, Virginia. 2021 Seattle, Washington. 2022 Savannah, Georgia.
  2. The decision of the **LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** on the location of the future convention sites is final once approved by the Executive Committee and will be announced at the annual convention each year. The location can only be changed by a vote of the membership at the annual convention, or a special meeting of the membership called in accordance with the then current by-laws of the MSSSAR.

**6. Annual Meeting Location**

That the Annual Meeting of the MSSSAR rotate annually through the three

Area Districts from North to South.

a.) That the host city be chosen three years prior to the date of the proposed annual meeting by a majority of the members of the Long-Range Planning Committee at that given time.

b.) That the Annual Convention host hotel be chosen at least one year in advance by the Chairman with the consent of the Vice Chairman and Representative of the hosting Area District.

c.) That the host city and hotel have final approval of the Executive Committee.

**7. Convention Support Bank Account**

1) That the Convention Support Bank Account be held by the MSSSAR Treasurer.

2) That the signatories on said account be the MSSSAR Treasurer and the

Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

3) That the Convention Support Bank Account carry a minimum balance of an amount sufficient to cover the hotel deposit for the next convention after all debts from the previous Annual Meeting are paid.

4) That the Convention Support Bank Account carry a Debit Card.

5) That the signatories on said Debit Card be the MSSSAR Treasurer and the Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

**8. Educational Alliance**

1) That the MSSSAR endorse the Sons of Independence Educational Alliance.

2) That the MSSSAR’s endorsement of the Sons of Independence Educational

Alliance be in alliance with the MS Society of 1812.

3) That the Director of the Sons of Independence Educational Alliance be a

member in good standing of the MSSSAR and MS Society of 1812.

4) That the Director of the Sons of Independence Educational Alliance give a

written report at each meeting of the MSSSAR Executive Committee.

**All 8 proposals are approved and contingent upon the By-Laws. John Taylor added that area directors/genealogists expectations and responsibilities should be stated in writing upon appointment by the chair. Motion to accept all 8 proposals as contingent upon the By-laws and that expectations of these directors be stated in writing was made 1st by John Taylor and 2nd by Gerry Brent. Voted on and passed.**

Jerry Lilly was in attendance as the appointee for the north district and Chad Coutch was in attendance as appointee for central district. The area district directors and genealogists will be installed at convention.

Updates on purchase of medals for ROTC/JROTC , does MSSSAR purchase the medals if the organization does not recognize SAR medals. Chairman Dr. Andy Jones:

**The chapters and schools that wish to participate in giving out the SAR medals/certificates are either purchasing the medals and certificates themselves for the students, or they’re having the schools pay for the medals and certificates. The state SAR should not be out any money on the purchases of these medals/certificates.**

**New Business**

**Audit Committee.**

a.) 2nd VP shall Chair the Audit Committee per by-laws.

b.) Shall audit the Income generated and expenditures made during the Annual MSSSAR Convention each year.

c.) A detailed written report of the Income and Expenses of that convention will be due at the next Excom Meeting, usually in June.

d.) A copy of that finalized report will be provided to the Long Range Planning Committee to assist them in future planning of MSSSAR Annual Conventions.

**By-laws *Committees of Publicity, and IRS* should they be activated**?

MSSSAR has not been featured in the National SAR Magazine under Chapter News, Mississippi.

**Article V, Chapter Responsibilities. Should Chapters report their Chapter Bank Balances to the Finance Committee during the January EXCOM Meetings each year? This would help in filing the Non-Profit Tax Documents each year.**

MSSSAR Ladies Auxiliary recognition and endorsement of the organization. The organization was recognized by the Excom with no dissentions. Ladies Auxiliary Officers to be decided on prior to February 2019 by the Charter Members announced at the January 12th, 2019 Excom Meeting. Those members are:

CHARTER MEMBERS MSSSAR LADIES AUXILIARY

RECOGNITION/ESTABLISHMENT JANUARY 12, 2019

LAURA SCHENK SARAH BOSWELL KATHY HENRY JANE WINSTON

ANN GODWIN CAROL IRVING SARAH HARRIS AZALIA MOORE

PAT MILLER SUSIE DENT ANITA HITE DOROTHY HERRON

HELLEN POLK FAITH WEST JERRY HARLOW ABIGAIL ALEXANDER

CONSTANCE HAMILTON SANDY BRENT PAM FULWIDER

Report of By-Laws Chairman Dr. Bryant Boswell

**MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 12, 2019**

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The following six pages contain the report of the By-Laws Committee.

Pages 1 – 3 contain the suggested amendments presented to the Committee for review.

Pages 4 – 6 contain the changes recommended by the By-Laws Committee.

The changes, as written, are recommended to the EXCOM by a unanimous vote of the By-Laws Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Bryant R. Boswell, Chairman

Mr. Jak M. Smith, Esq.

Mr. Michael P. Schenk

Mr. Charles F. Garrison

**EXHIBIT A**

***CURRENT* BY-LAWS PAGE 12**

Addendum (A) to MSSSAR By-Laws of 24 March 2012

This addendum concerns the establishment of approved monetary awards for the various participants in the youth programs at the State level:

Rumbaugh Oration Award:

$250 cash award

Expenses for participation at NSSAR up to $1,000

Knight Essay Contest Award

$250 cash award

Eagle Scout Award

$250 cash Award

American History Teacher Award

$100 cash

These cash award levels are proposed as the MSSSAR established levels and this addendum will be included with the current addition of the MSSSAR by-laws.

Approved by two thirds members present at the Executive Meeting 8 June 2013.

MSSSAR President

Dr. John Fulwider (Signature)

Secretary

Julius Hite (Signature)

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXHIBIT A BY-LAWS PAGE 12**

**The current language used in this section details a specific dollar amount to be given out as awards. This means that every time the Executive Committee wants to change that dollar amount, they have to change the by-laws before they can give out the cash. By changing the wording, and allowing the Executive Committee to make changes to the award amount/type, the by-laws can remain untouched for years, even though the amount or type of award is changed. Any changes would not become effective until 1 year after the change was announced at the Convention. This allows time to broadcast the new award to the prospective applicants and before the deadline for submittals for the next convention.**

**Below are the strike outs in red and the new wording in blue.**

Addendum ~~(A)~~(B) to MSSSAR By-Laws of 24 March 2012

This addendum concerns the establishment of approved ~~monetary~~ awards for the various participants in the youth programs at the State level. A cash award or another type of award may be given at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee and by notifying the voting membership present at the Annual Convention or Special Meeting of the Society of the change one year prior to its becoming effective. The change would take effect and be applicable at the next Annual State Convention.

MSSSAR Constitution Part I, Article VIII Amendments pg. 4 and State Constitution Part II By-Laws Article VI Amendments pg. 11 shall provide procedural guidance.

This addendum (B) supersedes all Addendum (A)’s as of January 12, 2019.

Rumbaugh Oration Award:

~~$250~~ $500 cash award

Expenses for participation at NSSAR up to $1,000

Knight Essay Contest Award

~~$250~~ $500 cash award

Eagle Scout Award

~~$250~~ $500 cash ~~A~~ award

American History Teacher Award

~~$100~~ $200 cash award

These cash award levels are ~~proposed as~~ the MSSSAR established levels and this addendum ~~will be included with~~ shall be incorporated into and made a part of the current ~~addition of the~~ MSSSAR by-laws.

Approved by ~~two thirds~~ two-thirds of the members present at the Executive Meeting ~~8 June 2013.~~

12 January 2019.

MSSSAR President

~~Gerald P. Brent (Signature)~~

Current President Signature

Secretary

~~Charles Franklin Garrison (Signature)~~

Current Secretary Signature

**EXHIBIT C**

**CURRENT CONSTITUTION PART I ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS PAGE 4, and PART II ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS PAGE 11.**

On page 4 and 11 the language used refers to having to use the United States Mail (envelopes) and deposited at the place residence of the Secretary. This means that specifically **ONLY** the Secretary can mail the notices, and that **they have to be sent** using the **US MAIL** system in the **Secretary’s town of residence**. This is constrictive and can cause problems in the future if the exact procedure is not followed in the notifications.

#1. of Article VIII below covers it well by giving guidance on procedures for proposed amendments.

***The proposal is to remove #2 of Article VIII Amendments page 4.***

1. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at an Annual State Convention, or at a Special Meeting of this Society, provided that:
2. such amendment shall have been proposed to the Secretary at a prior Annual State Convention or prior Special Meeting of the Society;
3. or by the Executive Committee of the Society;
4. or by a Local Chapter;

Thirty (30) days’ notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent by the Society Secretary to each of the Officers, members of the Executive Committee and to the President and the Secretary of each of the Local Chapters.

~~2. Said notice shall be deposited in the United States Mail at the place residence of the Secretary and the notice period shall be computed from the date of such mailing.~~

**On page 11, the Part II Article VI Amendments the language listed above in #2 was incorporated into the body of the procedure as the last sentence. That sentence of the body, and the body mentioned is shown below. *The sentence* *I propose to be deleted is in red and in strike out form.***

…..Thirty (30) days, notice of such proposed amendment shall be sent by the Secretary to each of the State Officers, members of the Executive Committee and to the President and the Secretary of each Local Chapters. ~~Said notice shall be deposited in the United States Mail at the place of residence of the Secretary and the notice period shall be computed from the date of such mailing.~~

12 January 2019

To:

The MSSSAR Executive Committee

From:

The By-Laws Committee

Chairman: 1st Vice President Dr. Bryant Boswell

Committee Members: 2nd Vice President Jak Smith Esq.,

Past President Michael Schenk,

Past President Charles Garrison.

**EXHIBIT A**

The By-Laws Committee recognizes the following Addendum: Addendum A of 10 January 2015, which amended Addendum A of 24 March 2012 and increased the monetary award to:

Rumbaugh Oration Award:

$500 cash award

Expenses for participation at NSSAR up to $1,000

Knight Essay Contest Award:

$500 cash award

Eagle Scout Award:

$500 cash award

American History Teacher Award:

$200 cash award

This monetary award has been in effect for the past four years.

The By-Laws Committee recommends the following:

**Addendum B to MSSSAR By-Laws of 10 January 2015**

This addendum concerns the establishment of approved awards for the various participants in the youth programs at the State level. A cash award or another type of award may be given at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee and by notifying the voting membership present at the next Annual Convention or Special Meeting of the Society of the change one year prior to its becoming effective. The change would take effect and be applicable at the next Annual State Convention.

Rumbaugh Oration Award:

* $250 cash award (minimum) to $500 (maximum)
* Expenses for participation at NSSSAR up to $1,000

Knight Essay Contest Award:

* $250 cash award (minimum) to $500 (maximum)

Eagle Scout Award:

* $250 cash award (minimum) to $500 (maximum)

American History Teacher Award:

* $100 cash award (minimum) to $500 (maximum)

These cash award levels are the MSSSAR established levels and this addendum shall be incorporated into and made a part of the current MSSSAR By-Laws.

Approved by two-thirds of the members present at the Executive Committee Meeting of 12 January 2019.

MSSSAR President

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Dr. John Fulwider

MSSSAR Secretary

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Mr. Julius Hite

Explanation:

With a limited amount of available funds in the MSSSAR Treasury, it is believed that a minimum monetary award level should be that amount guaranteed, one year in advance, by the MSSSAR to the candidate. However, this amount may be increased by the Executive Committee once the annual dues and donations to the Youth Fund have been received for that award year.

**EXHIBIT C**

The By-Laws Committee recommends that there be no change to Part I Article VIII or Part II Article VI of the MSSSAR By-Laws

Explanation:

#2 of Article VIII and the last sentence of Article VI assists in giving documentary evidence of the said amendment being mailed by the MSSSAR Secretary and documentation of the 30 days’ notice.

Yours in Service,

Dr. Bryant R. Boswell

Chairman, By-Laws Committee

Both proposed changes (Exhibits A and C) 1.) enables the EXCOM flexibility to adjust award amounts each year in January for the upcoming year and 2.) to have the proposed award amounts adjusted as follows for the 2019 year have been approved.

**Motion 1st by John Taylor, 2nd by Gerry Brent. Passed by vote.**

***NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED***

1. President Fulwider to appoint a 250th SAR Celebration Committee. This committee will prepare MSSSAR for the 2026 State Convention. The chairman of the committee must agree to work with the NSSAR 250th Committee.

**Recommendation made for The Southern District Secretary nominee. Motion made by Jerry Brent, 2nd by John Taylor.**

**Motion was made to table the recommendation/nomination 1st by Mark Henry, Esq., and 2nd by Hon. Toby Winston. Voted on and Tabled.**

There will be no Executive Committee Meeting Friday, March 15th at 3:00pm at the Convention Hotel 3pm to 5pm, Next Excom meeting will be combined with the General Annual Business meeting Saturday March 16, 2019 at 0830 to 1130 110th Annual MSSSAR Convention Marriot Courtyard Hotel Columbus, MS.

Motion to Adjourn by Charles Garrison, 2nd by Lynn Herron. Voted on and Passed.

SAR Recessional led by Compatriot Jim Alexander

Benediction: Rev. Glenn David Shows, Time of Adjournment 1:00pm