

Sons of the American Revolution



THE MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY

September 26, 2020

2020 SAR Fall Leadership Board of Trustees Meeting Report

With the assistance of my friend Chris Moberg, MNSAR and VPG North Central District The Fall Leadership Board of Trustees Zoom Meeting was held on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 1 PM to 4:50 PM ET.

Some of the items of business conducted at the trustee meeting included:

1. Approved motion that requires all General Officers to complete the NSSAR Youth Protection Training (YPT) program within three months.
2. Approved motion that requires all National Education committee and CAR-SAR Liaison committee members to complete the NSSAR YPT program within three months.
3. Approved motion that requires all chairs and vice-chairs of national committees to complete the NSSAR YPT program within three months.
4. Approved motion to extend the Conflict of Interest Policy to include the members of all Bylaw 19 standing committees.
5. The 2021 budget was approved. It is expected that the application fee increase that was planned for the 2020 Congress will be approved at the 2021 Congress in Renton, Washington, assuming that congress is not also cancelled.
6. Approved a policy to clarify the purpose of the SAR Founders Circle. Membership in the Founders Circle is open to individuals who have made a bequest of \$10,000 or more to the SAR Foundation. Upon the death of the individual, the donation will be placed in the Alexander Hamilton endowment fund.
7. Approved the Patriot Sons and Daughters program. This program is an initiative by the 250th Anniversary Committee to hold grave marking ceremonies for the children and grandchildren of Revolutionary War patriots.
8. Voted on first, second, and third place winners for the SAR logo contest.

The intent of the first three motions is to have national officers lead by example in completing the YPT program. Once complete, the certification is good for three years. The course is available at www.sarcourses.org and takes about half an hour to complete.

*The next Board of Trustees Zoom meeting will be held on Saturday, December 5th. The meeting will take up the issue of amending the NSSAR constitution to allow for congresses to be held in a format other than strictly in-person meetings. While the current plan is to hold an in-person congress in Renton, Washington on July 10 - 15, 2021, it is prudent to have additional options should the pandemic continue to be a problem. Making an amendment to the NSSAR constitution is complicated, as it would require the trustees to authorize an in-person special congress of at least 25 state society delegates to make any constitution changes.