



California Society



Fall BOM November 2022 Meeting Minutes

Please see attached minutes from the Fall BOM Meeting. Please let me know if there are any corrections or edits that need to be made.

Libertas et Patria,

Randy Dhindsa

CASSAR Historian

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California Society Sons of the American Revolution

Minutes of the Fall Board of Managers Meeting

DoubleTree Hilton

Rohnert Park, California

November 3-5th, 2022

Meeting was convened by **President James Klingler** at 9:00 am on Friday November 3, 2022.

Rev. Louis Carlson gave the invocation. The CASSAR Color Guard, commanded by Brandon Villardi presented the Colors. **Vice President North, Don Littlefield** led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by **Treasurer Kevin Bidenkap** leading the reciting of the SAR Pledge.

A roll call of the Chapter Presidents, or their official designee, and CASSAR was conducted: [Chapters] Chris Cerillo, Coachella Valley Chapter; Scott Elliott, Delta Chapter; GG Washington, Owen Stiles; Harbor Chapter, Brandon Villardi; Tom Adams, Mother Lode; Paul Garcia, Orange County; Bill Nay, Redwood Empire Chapter; Riverside, Mark Kramer; Sacramento, Jim Faulkinbury; San Diego, Michael Hirman; San Francisco, Bob Ebert; Silicon Valley, Terry Briggs; Scott Whitman, South Coast Chapter; Thomas Jefferson, Dan Shurtz; Randy Dhindsa, Yosemite Chapter; EVP and President James Klingler declared “ With 15 of 24 present, there is a quorum established”. [CASSAR Officers] James Klingler, President; James Klingler, Executive VP; John Ferris, VP South; Don Littlefield, VP North, Kevin Bidenkap, Treasurer; Owen Stiles, Registrar; John Dodd, Chancellor; Terry Briggs, Genealogist; Randy Dhindsa, Historian; Louis Carlson, Chaplain; Dr. Matthew Bowdish, Surgeon; John Dodd, Inv. Fund Trustee; Stephen Renouf, Inv Fund Trustee; Kent Gregory, Inv Fund Trustee; Past President. Brian Stephens. EVP and President James Klinger reported “We have a Quorum of Officers.”

President James Klinger Introduced Special Guests: California's past presidents: Robert Ebert, Stephen Renouf, Rev. Louis Carlson, John Dodd, Jim Faulkinberry, Kent Gregory, Derek Brown, Don Littlefield, Brian Stephens. National Officers: C. Bruce Pickette, President General; Derek Brown, VP General Western District; **John Dodd, Secretary General and candidate for President General** who commented on SAR leading the way with America 250 and the opportunities available to educate the citizenry. The need to be active within local chapters and community to drive awareness; **Darryl Addington, Treasurer General and candidate for Secretary General** commented that they are working to manage inventory to ensure products are made in America; **Brooks Lyles, Historian General** discussed the Revolutionary War

Education Forum which has been sponsored by the Society in Cincinnati has sponsored to make the Revolutionary War relevant to the younger generations. Brooks presented a letter and lapel pin for Compatriot Skip Cox to Compatriot Michael Herman on behalf of the SAR Education Committee for his generous donation towards NSSAR Youth Education; J. Fred Olive, Librarian General who presented Compatriot Brian Stephens with a certificate of appreciation and Medal, for his donation to the Friends of the Library life Membership, noting that donations like Brian's have made it possible for the library to purchase the first document signed by George Washington; **Dr. Keith A. Weissinger, Surgeon General** who discussed the importance of keeping emergency medical information into your phones; Brian Stephens, National Trustee. President James Klingler also introduced out of town guests: Rob Moore, Secretary of the Western District; Edmond Mckinley, Chancellor General candidate; **Jeff Thomas, Foundation Board Candidate** who discussed programs to help facilitate achievement of the 250th anniversary goals and five-year operational plans. Those plans are the 250th memorial bench program and a new SAR Constitution Day program. **National Foundation Board member Dan McKelvie** reported that there has been movement with regard to the Education Center and Museum. It was approved at congress and \$2 Million was invested in coming up with a new design. The concept is 100% complete. Congress approved an RFP to start with the build. Former PG Warren was placed in charge of leading the efforts. The goal being to have it open by the 250th anniversary. Estimated costs to be approximately \$20 million all in. They are also working on the digitizing of the records/resources and the goal is to have that portion available at the same time the project is completed. There is a section on the education tab on the SAR website which has digital records, copies of artifacts, interviews, etc. A series of Podcasts and YouTube videos are also developed and available. There are ways to donate directly and via the 1776 society and Liberty Tree campaigns.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Spring Leadership Meeting:

Motion was made by Owen Stiles to accept the minutes as presented. **Louis Carlson seconded**, and approval was ratified by quorum members present. Historian Randy Dhindsa provided thanks to VP North, Don Littlefield for his assistance in drafting the minutes.

CASSAR Officer Reports: President James Klingler notes that for the Board of Managers meetings, there is not a requirement for written reports from the officers or chapters, but a brief oral report. **President Klingler** provided thanks to Past President Craig Anderson for his service as CASSAR President for the first 6 months of his term. President Klingler noted his EVP/President report focused on finishing the planning and agenda for the upcoming meeting for the Spring Leadership meeting in April. Noted the change to constant contact in order to get the CA Compatriot, (published 6 issues). Don Littlefield has agreed to take over as editor. **President Klingler** noted his visits to chapters including attending the Orange County chapter annual picnic, where, amongst other awards was our Eagle Scout Award. The California award winner won the National award and President Klinger presented it to him at the picnic. Vice President North Don Littlefield provided remarks regarding his Officer role including being a part of the nominating committee and Co-Chair of the Flag committee. He encouraged

chapters to continue to provide Flag Certificates to those who fly/display the Flag in a patriotic and proper manner. **Vice President North Don Littlefield** noted the challenges and core weakness of getting members to step up and take leadership roles and the importance of solving that issue. **Vice President South John Ferris** remarked his focus has been on Flag certificates and promoting America 250, as chair of the CASSAR 250 committee. The two are uniquely combined in that the presentation of a Flag certificate can be paired along with education regarding America 250. **Vice President South Ferris** also noted the focus and success regarding the PRS system and volunteer work that has gone into it. **Treasurer Kevin Bidenkap** noted a focus being compliance with state regulatory filings by the local chapters. This has historically been a challenge within the chapters. **Chancellor John Dodd** provided an update on the need to ensure and attest that SAR applicants or persons of good standing and repute in the community. Additionally, the need for chapters to spend money they have in reserves. These funds are not chapter funds, but the memberships and the IRS rules regarding 501C3's are serious. The chapters should spend 4% of assets on public good each year. **Genealogist Terry Briggs** reported on current pended applications which have varied between 25-49 for the State. Currently, the number is 42. There is an effort to educate chapters to work to bring down the number of pended applications. Genealogist Briggs publishes a weekly pended report to State Officers regarding current pended applications. Pended applications have 3 years to be corrected. Chapter Presidents should be working with chapter registrars to verify information and ensure National Genealogy Committee Policies are being followed. National has put on 4 registrar training seminars and the videos are available on the website. **Registrar Owen Stiles** reported that CASSAR was at approximately 180 applications as of the date of the meeting, which is down from approximately 250 the year before. Currently, we have more supplemental applications coming up for review than new member applications. The Genealogy committee is reviewing policies regarding the identification of gender on birth certificates, given that some states, including California do not require you to state a gender on a birth certificate. **Historian Randy Dhindsa** reported that CASSAR received the Walter Buchannan Meek award for the recruitment of the most George Washington fellows for 2021-22. CASSAR also received the Youth Protection Training appreciation award in recognition for YPT being completed by the current President, President-Elect and Past President. CASSAR was awarded the Marion L Brown Eagle Scout award for sponsoring the winner of the Arthur McCain Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. Lastly, CASSAR awarded the CAR state Society with the Eleanor Smallwood Award for the best newsletter according to the guidelines set forth by the NSCAR. This award also comes with a \$250 check. **Chaplain Louis Carlson** reported on the importance of recruiting new members to keep up with the outgoing members, deceased and otherwise leaving the organization. **Surgeon, Dr. Matthew Bowdish** provided a handout with pertinent medical/emergency information for the attendees of the meeting. He reported on engagement efforts with local chapters, speaking on topics regarding colonial history, medical history, especially the medical history of George Washington. **National Trustee Brian Stephens** reported on using the video on the national website regarding the conceptualization of a new Museum and Education Center. This is a great opportunity for chapter presidents to utilize as speakers for their meetings.

Chapter Reports: **Chris Cerillo, Coachella Valley Chapter** reported that they have been actively recruiting and have approved 2 new members. Focus has also been on handing out Flag Certificates to those who qualify in the community. Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month. Chapter is currently part of the Upbeat Parade program and will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade. **Scott Elliot, Delta Chapter** reported that they are recovering a bit from the COVID slump with membership. Challenges remain in securing new leadership to fill the roles of the Chapter. They have been active in the Flag Certificate program. Chapter is promoting Wreaths Across America and working with Orations contest with the local School District. They have been focused on America 250 and gaining points for chapter members. **Owen Stiles, General GW Chapter** reported that they have been struggling with gaining members after COVID. Members have not been attending meetings, however, they have been paying dues. Participated in Memorial Day and July 4th activities. Have issued one Flag Certificate and working on Flag Retirement ceremonies in partnership with the VFW. **Brandon Villardi, Harbor Chapter** reported that November 6th is the 40th anniversary of the Chapter's founding. Chapter held a big 250th event on the USS Iowa to celebrate the 247th birthday of the US Navy. Chapter has issued 4 flag certificates and is working to issue more in the community. **Tom Adams, Mother Lode Chapter** reported that they have increased by 2 members. They have been active in the Poster and Brochure contests and focus on community engagement. Recently hosted a community awards event with about 60 people in attendance. **Paul Garcia, Orange County Chapter** reported that current roster includes 161 members. They are active in the ROTC program and America 250 program. Recently presented America 250 flag to local DAR chapter and DAR district chapter up-and-coming presentation at Fort Harbor Exchange Club. About 1000 people were in attendance. Chapter has upcoming presentations for the Newport Harbor Exchange Club and presenting Flag Ceremony to the city of Newport Beach. Annual chapter picnic in August was a rousing success. **Bill Nay, Redwood Empire Chapter** reported that they include a 250 minute at each chapter meeting. Chapter has been very involved in Youth Programs. In support of programs, invited speakers were Scout Executive for the Redwood Empire Council, and the volunteer Vice President for programs to Chapter meeting. They had presented them both with the outstanding citizen pin, and America 250 California coin. Chapter is active in community events, including, America 250 presentations at the local Summer Twilight Camps, the Human Race in Santa Rosa. Includes 5K/10K runs and chapter was able to set up a booth at the events to promote SAR. Chapter participated in the 4th of July Parade. Chapter is active in ROTC and Sea Cadets along with Wreaths Across America. Chapter has a strong relationship with local veterans' groups. **Mark Kramer, Riverside Chapter** reported that chapter has had some difficulty with rebuilding since COVID. They have been active in America 250 and getting members qualified for 250 awards. They have been working on securing insurance for "live fire" exercises while performing in the Color Guard. Chapter has been involved in Junior ROTC program, Boy Scouts, awarding medals and certificates. Recently had a memorial service for Compatriot Charlie Jennis. **Jim Faulkinberry, Sacramento Chapter** reported that chapter is recovering from COVID and have recently approved 17 new members with 4 pending approval by years end. Color Guard is active, participating in 4th of July parade, Veterans Day Parade in Folsom. Color Guard presents the colors for the local DAR

meetings. Recently presented colors for the Blind Golfers Association. The Chapter has been involved with the American Legion and CAR. They have utilized the America 250 program within the local CAR chapter and DAR chapters. 6 awards for CAR with 2 being DAR seniors. Nine additional 250 awards are pending for CAR members. Chapter has a 250 Minute at each meeting. **Michael Herman, San Diego Chapter** reported that they had a leadership change and have now stabilized the chapter officers. They are holding an event for George Washington's birthday at the Green Dragon Tavern, a restaurant/Museum with a collection of colonial artifacts. Chapter is involved with Wreaths Across America. Chapter lost Compatriot Larry Haden in the past year. **Robert Ebert, San Francisco Chapter** reported the chapters first meeting in 1875 at the Palace Hotel under the original charter, the Revolutionary War Sires. Chapter has been active in ROTC bronze medals, awarding seven medals. **Terry Briggs, Silicon Valley Chapter** reported current membership at about 107 members. Chapter has been active with Color Guard activities supporting events on Memorial Day, Independence Day. Chapter will be participating in Veterans Day in Pleasanton, and in San Jose California. The Chapter donated \$1,500 towards the SAR Education Center Museum this year. Active in the Sea Cadets program, JROTC/ROTC and Eagle Scout Program. **Scott Whitman, South Coast Chapter** reported that current membership is about 171 members. Chapter works to have a speaker at each meeting. Chapter is active in SAR initiatives and America 250. Focused on Flag Certificates, and active Color Guard. The Chapter has worked with local schools on ROTC/JROTC medals and Sea Cadet awards. **Danny Shurtz, Thomas Jefferson Chapter** reported chapter membership at about 112 members. Has been struggling with members stepping up to take leadership roles. Currently working through about 25 new applications. Chapter has 250 minute at each meeting, active in ROTC, Sea Cadet and Eagle Scout programs. Chapter donated \$3,300 towards a German Officers Pistol in the Revolutionary War. Chapter is active with local DAR and will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade. **Randy Dhindsa, Yosemite Chapter** reported that chapter has about 60 members, recently celebrated a 65-year member, registered in 1957 in San Francisco. His Father was also a member of SAR. His name is Charles Mauzy. Chapter has a new slate of officers who are taking over. Have approved 10 flag certificates, active in JROTC with presenting 8 medals and certificates, partnering with DAR on events. Chapter adopted a local cemetery "Liberty Cemetery" and is actively working on a SAR memorial project to be completed in time for the 250th anniversary. Chapter has a 250 minute at each meeting and offers in person and zoom options to attend. Will be marching with DOD in the upcoming Veterans Day parade. Brandon Villardi and John Ferris will be attending with us. Color Guard has been active, presenting colors for various organizations and events in the Fresno community.

Program and Committee Reports: Dan Mckelvie, Youth Programs, reported on Youth Protection Training and the importance of being certified in order for any SAR member to interact with youth in the community. It is required and critical for the society and lasts for 3 years. 2022 was an excellent year for CASSAR results with regard to youth programs. Entries were sent to congress, with 3 winning first place and one winning second. Poster contest winner was Audrey Davis from Lincoln California via the Gold Country Chapter. The brochure contest won 1st at national, and Brochure was 2nd with Julia Abbott represented by Sons of Liberty Chapter. **Bill Nay, Eagle Scout and**

Sea Cadet Chairman John McPhie won 1st Place in the Eagle Scout Contest, winning \$9000 (won \$1k for 5th place in 2020), cumulative award is capped at \$10k. Would like to get more states to follow CASSAR lead with Sea Cadets and create a National Sea Cadet program. NASSAR Scout committee has decided to have a booth at the BSA National Jamboree, July 19th, the 28th of 2023. **Brandon Villardi, Color Guard Commander:** ROTC/JRTOC contestant that was sent to National placed sixth in the National. First place was Alabama, followed by Oklahoma, Arizona, Utah, and Ohio. Daniella Gonzalez, who's application was provided by Orange County Chapter. The deadline for the '22-'23 will be February 1st. Color guard report would be, of course, that's the most active at this moment. Of course, as we march forward in celebration of our 250, our color guards continue to be played major roles in all of the 250 events.

America 250 Chair, John Ferris: Committee members include Randy Dhindsa, Brian Stephens, Bill Nay, Brandon Villardi, and Michael Herman. AB 1600, the legislation that we had introduced into the assembly naming SAR and DAR to go ahead and sit on the California Commission. Unfortunately, that bill did not make it to be voted on and died in the assembly late in the year. Working to re-engage on trying to get the State Legislature to look at rediscussing it. Our America 250 partner, the California Society of Colonial Awards held a successful luncheon in June, topic, "The beginning of the end of the first British Empire Colonial Resistance, 1763 to 1766." At that meeting, there was a combined color guard of colonial wars and SAR. CASSAR designed a challenge coin. Year to date over 800 challenge coins have been delivered for the California Society. There have been 59 bronze medals earned, 17 silver, nine gold medals. For state, we have Randy Dhindsa, who oversees the authorization for the state matters. Then of course, National is the one who get us approval on the board. Work is being prepared to share stories of our Spanish involvement from California and our Hispanic communities to put that on the web. We have somebody working research on Black Patriots, which is also being created. Brandon Villardi, is now overseeing the Sons and Daughters Patriot Program for national America 250. Bill Nay, is also working on developing some stuff for Hispanic Heritage Month next year. Michael Hermann is working on doing some scripting to present information to school boards and city councils. **Audit Committee, James Klingler, Don Littlefield, John Ferris:** Added Yosemite Chapter President Randy Dhindsa and Harbor Chapter President James Bunker. Included are Investment Fund Trustee Stephen Renouf and Treasurer Kevin Bidenkap. Process we used was QuickBooks for California Society financial statements on the accounting process. There are two audits a year, one in the spring, and one in the fall. It was recommended, given that there were a number of outstanding old checks, to investigate and voided if no longer viable. **Budget Committee Chair James Klingler:** The budget committee met virtually also, and a draft budget has been distributed. Assumptions included were starting with the membership as of the end of last year on a reconciliation report. Forecasted new members applications, 180, drops in deceased 130, so in net 50 growth. I think that's 4%. The other assumptions were with regard to donations. Over the last five years donations average almost \$13,000. projected budget of \$9,000. Increase in expenses. Proposing an increase in the American 250 expense line. Last year, amount was \$250. Proposed to increase his budget to \$1,750. Included to members was proposed budget in the packet. **California Compatriot, James Klingler:** Issued 6 volumes distributed through email. Don Littlefield will take over as editor.

Chapter Activities, Brandon Villardi: Upcoming will be the outstanding chapter, award, deadline for submission for this will be January 31st. In addition to participation in certain events, one of the requirements is that chapters submit their tax forms. For this reason, we're making the deadline will be January 31st. **Chief of the Protocol, Brandon Villardi:** No new report at this time. **CAR Liaison, Randy Dhindsa:** CASSAR Awarded the State Society CAR with the Eleanor Smallwood Award. No other updates to report. **Color Guard Adjutant South, Duncan Campbell:** Has been working to support Color Guard Activities at chapters in the south. Attended the grave marking representing the California Society in Michigan at the Michigan Society. The Southern California Color Guards have been active in Wreaths Across America, Memorial Day Services, 4th of July observances, Constitution Day, President's Day, Field of Honor, School programs and America250. Continued support of DAR events by presenting colors. **Compliance Committee Chair, Don Littlefield:** Chapters will be filing tax related forms starting in January. There will be Q&A sessions put on by CASSAR treasurer to help support chapters and assist in the speediness of filing. Will track chapters on submission and reporting requirements. Chapters who have not filed with the Secretary of State in the last two years will have to do their biannual filing with the Secretary of State. To legally exist as a charitable trust, forms and filings must be submitted. Important to remind chapter treasurers of the responsibilities of timely and complete filing for the chapter. **NSSAR Congress Planning, John Dodd:** Hotel reservations for Orlando are open. Registration is always mid-May. **DAR liaison, Brian Stephens:** The DAR finder form is finally getting to the membership. Notes that he has been attending the DAR Continental Congress every year in Washington DC, the California Society meeting, Congress in Irvine and northern and southern council meeting. DAR Finder form is just a referral. The ladies aren't expected to do the actual application, but they're going to furnish us a name that we can pursue. Form is located online, along with the instructions. National annually awards \$400 in cash prizes to the state DAR Society in two categories, the highest number of referrals, and the largest percentage of referrals based on the number of state members. California Society annually awards the DAR Medal of Appreciation for five referrals with an oak leaf cluster for additional batches of five referrals, the Martha Washington medal for 20 referrals and the Daughters of Liberty Medal for 50 referrals. Councilor also annually awards a certificate of appreciation and a cash prize of \$100 to the California Society that provides the highest number of referrals, greater than five, that results in approved SAR member applications. In 2020, California submitted 33 finder forms and placed fifth nationally. The Bakersfield Chapter DAR was the winner of the \$100 cash prize and a certificate of appreciation for 15 referrals. In 2021, during COVID, we received seven DAR finder forms, and no individual or chapter qualified to receive the award. This year we have received 23 DAR finder forms. **Ethics committee, Louis Carlson:** Reported on what could have been a very difficult moment for the society with the need of our sitting president to resign his position, move smoothly to our executive vice president. The financial committees that he's on and other things are all just working out perfectly. California bylaws have worked flawlessly in support of the process needed to manage the potential issues. **Flag Committee, Don Littlefield and John Ferris:** 7 of 13 chapters in the south have issued Flag Certificates. 4 chapters in the north have issued flag certificates for a total of 11 out of 24. There needs to be a focus on issuing flag

certificates in the community. **Handbook committee, Derek Brown:** Handbook developed for the California Society was put on the website in 2022. The goal is to update this document, this resource about every year around January It's intended as a resource for state officers, committee chairs, chapter officers, committee chairs and for that matter all the members. It's a high-level document and there are links in there rather than just ongoing discussions so that'll make it easier to stay updated. One potential major change is the updating of disciplinary procedures. That was developed by Judge Tom Lawrence. President General Tom Lawrence and his committee to help identify inconsistencies throughout the states and any disciplinary procedures. **Medals and Awards: John Ferris on behalf of David Grinnell:** There is a supply of CASSAR state medals from 2008 Congress that are available for a donation of \$35.00, John Dodd noted that for \$250 donation, you receive a Cogswell Sires Pin. These funds are stored in the permanent fund which provides income each year. Additional pin is for Life memberships. **Media and Public Relations, John Dodd on behalf of David Gilliard:** Hired a national Director of Marketing, Media and PR to assist with national messaging. David Gilliard can assist with press releases and media relations at the chapter and state levels. Both National YouTube Channel. Can submit chapter activities to the national YouTube Channel for publishing. **Nominations Committee, Don Littlefield:** Nominations Committee is going strong. Wrapped up for nominations. **Public Service and Heroism Committee, Brian Stephens:** It is important to notify when awards are presented so there is a record of the presentations for the awards. State society chapters and accommodation recipients are recognized in a book that published by the National Society, Public Service and Heroism Committee. The books are distributed at the Youth Awards luncheon during Congress every year in July. This list is also available on the national website under the Public Service and Heroism Committee heading. It's important that we document those presentations so the people that receive them actually get credit on our national website and in the booklet, that's presented at Congress. There are five awards, heroism, life-saving, law enforcement, fire service, and EMS, emergency medical services. **Patriot Research Project, Terry Briggs and Randy Dhindsa:** The Patriot Research System is a system that was established at the national level, and it's the equivalent to the Daughters of the American Revolution's Genealogical Research System. It provides information about SAR members, their patriot ancestors, and lineages from the applicant to the patriot ancestors. It's a useful tool and a resource in researching for applications. As of relatively recently, we now have 100% or about, 10,100 SAR record copies that were approved after 1970 are now fully entered into the Patriot Research System. This work for those 10,000 record copies was done by about 65 California volunteers. This is just for CASSAR record copies. The volunteers, the 65 volunteers from California, have contributed a significant amount of time to this, 40-hours of volunteer work earns the Lafayette Volunteer Service medal. Currently, there are the pre-1970 record copies, which are also available on ancestry.com, are being brought into the system and made available to do the data entry of the lineages on those. At present, there's about 250 of those remaining to be entered. Again, these are pre-1970 and they are also available on ancestry.com. There is also a continuing effort as newly approved applications are completed.

President Klingler, without objection, recessed the Annual Meeting until Saturday at 9:00 am.

President Klingler reconvened the 147 Fall BOM meeting at 9:00 am on November 5th, 2022.

Reverend Louis Carlson gave the invocation, John Ferris lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Randy Dhindsa lead the SAR Pledge.

A roll call of the Chapter Presidents, or their official designee, and CASSAR was conducted: [Chapters] Chris Cerillo, Coachella Valley Chapter; Scott Elliott, Delta Chapter; GG Washington, Owen Stiles; Harbor Chapter, Brandon Villardi; Tom Adams, Mother Lode; Paul Garcia, Orange County; Bill Nay, Redwood Empire Chapter; Riverside, Mark Kramer; Sacramento, Jim Faulkinbury; San Diego, Michael Hirman; San Francisco, Bob Ebert; Silicon Valley, Terry Briggs; Scott Whitman, South Coast Chapter; Thomas Jefferson, Dan Shurtz; Randy Dhindsa, Yosemite Chapter; EVP and President James Klingler declared “ With 15 of 24 present, there is a quorum established”. [CASSAR Officers] James Klingler, President; James Klingler, Executive VP; John Ferris, VP South; Don Littlefield, VP North, Kevin Bidenkap, Treasurer; Owen Stiles, Registrar; John Dodd, Chancellor; Terry Briggs, Genealogist; Randy Dhindsa, Historian; Louis Carlson, Chaplain; Dr. Matthew Bowdish, Surgeon; John Dodd, Inv. Fund Trustee; Stephen Renouf, Inv Fund Trustee; Kent Gregory, Inv Fund Trustee; Past President. Brian Stephens. EVP and President James Klinger reported “We have a Quorum of Officers.”

President Klingler announced the National Candidate Forum: The following candidates for National office:

President General: John Dodd

Secretary General: Darryl Addington

Treasurer General: Mike Elston

Chancellor General: Edmond Mckinley

Registrar General: Alan Greenly

Historian General: Brooks Lyles

Librarian General: J Fred Olive

Foundation Board: PG C. Bruce Pickette

Foundation Board: Jeff Thomas

Foundation Board: Sam Powell

President Klingler asked if there was a motion on the floor to endorse the uncontested candidates. **Motion was made by Louis Carlson, with a second by Mark Kramer.**
Unanimous Consent.

Nominating Committee Report, Don Littlefield: The following nominations were presented to the member delegation for CASSAR Officer roles:

CASSAR President: James Klingler

Executive Vice President: Don Littlefield

Vice President South: John Ferris

Vice President North: Randy Dhindsa

Vice President Membership: Chris Cerillo

Secretary: Fred Schuster

Treasurer: Kevin Bidenkap

Registrar: Terry Briggs

Chancellor: Michael Hirman

Genealogist: David Morrow

Historian: Scott Brooks

Chaplain: Reverend Scott Elliot

Surgeon: Dr. Matthew Bowdish

Investment Fund Trustee for the term 2023-2026- Steven Renouf

Past President: Craig Anderson

National Trustee: Don Littlefield

Alternate National Trustee: James Klingler

President Klingler announced the creation of a position named "Assistant Secretary" to support CASSAR Secretary Fred Shuster.

Invested Funds Trustee Report: Stephen Renouf, John Dodd and Kent Gregory:
Report was emailed to members prior to BOM Meeting. Beginning balance on October 1st, 2021 was 53,000. On September 30th, 2022, that declined to 458,000. That's a

decrease of 71,000, primarily due to 65,000 and unrealized losses due to the slumping stock market for the last 11 months and \$5,000 in fees. At Feb 22 meeting, Advisor proposed making an asset allocation change. That was approved and committee moved forward with recommendation. As of November, advisor is not recommending any allocation changes. Advisor has recommended replacing the American Century Equity Income Fund with the Newberger Berman Large Cap Value Fund. The American Century Fund has been lagging compared to its peers and the advisor believes that the new fund will have a better performance. Committee recommends approving this change recommended by the advisor.

President Klingler advised that “The proposal to change this advisor fund on the recommendation of our third-party financial manager comes from the committee. We do not need a motion, but we do need a vote. All in favor, please say aye.”

Motion carried via unanimous consent.

Motion requested to accept the Investment committees reports: **Motion by Louis Carlson, Second by Duncan Campbell.** Motion carried.

Budget Committee Recommendation: James Klingler provided report and recommendation for the adoption of the FY 2023 Budget. This includes adding \$10,000 to the budget for Congress Hospitality Suite to pay for PG reception.

Motion was made by Dan McKelvie, second by Jim Faulkinberry. Motion Carried.

Request was made for the adoption of the full budget as amended. Motion carried via unanimous consent.

President Klingler reminded the group of upcoming National Congress of which CASSAR will have availability for approximately 35 voting delegates to attend.

Additionally, the next Fall BOM meeting will be November 3rd-4th, hosted by the Harbor Chapter. Brandon Villardi is the conference chairman for the meeting.

President Klingler asked for any remaining business, new or old. **Dan McKelvie** noted that Phil Lloyd with the National Foundation is working as the funds development manager. He would like to visit California to see what kind of fundraising programs can be initiated in the state to support chapters and CASSAR.

Kent Gregory noted regarding the issue of checks not being cashed by Chapters. A solution could be for chapters to provide deposit details and an ACH direct deposit could be established for remittance of CASSAR funds to the chapters in lieu of checks. This would be overseen by the CASSAR treasurer.

Historian General Brooks Lyles asked the members present if revisiting the national virtual policy on Color Guard events would be welcome. This would be to include more members and allow those members to receive credit for participation.

President Klingler advised to have a break in order to provide paper ballots for the contested position of Foundation Board. **Kent Gregory** offered a motion to support both candidates, namely Sam Powell and Jeff Thomas. **Phil Mitchell** seconded. There was a discussion as to the ability for CASSAR to “endorse both candidates” as brought to the floor by **John Dodd**. His advice: “the motion should be, we find both candidates equally qualified and therefore do not choose one or the other.” **Michael Hirman** made a motion to table the previous vote/motion for in support of Johns Comments. **Terry Briggs** seconded, and the motion carried with 3 “Nays”.

Kent Gregory offered and new motion to find that both candidates, (Sam Powell and Jeff Thomas), for the SAR Foundation Board are qualified and that we allow our delegates to vote as they see fit. This motion was seconded by **Louis Carlson**. Motion carried with 4 “Nays”

President Klingler announced the adjournment of the 147th BOM meeting and called for the opening of the Western District meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Randy Dhindsa

CASSAR Historian