



California Society



148th Spring Annual Membership Meeting April 2023 Minutes

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

Libertas et Patria,

Randy Dhindsa

CASSAR Historian

Yosemite Chapter Registrar

California Society Sons of the American Revolution
Minutes of the 148th Spring Annual Membership Meeting
Orange County Hilton
Costa Mesa, California
April 13-15, 2023

Meeting was convened by **President James Klingler** at 9:00 am on Friday April 14, 2023.

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

President James Klingler Introduced Special Guests for Remarks: State Senator Janet Nguyen, who spearheaded the America 250 bill that was considered by the CA Senate. Senator Nguyen thanked the SAR and called on America 250 as an opportunity to renew our faith in the history and sacrifices of the Patriots. State Assemblywomen Diane Dixon was not able to be in attendance due to a conflict. Costa Mesa Mayor John Stephens Thanked the SAR for honoring our first Veterans for the sacrifices they made to create our country and discussed the importance of Patriotism. He concluded by reading his favorite passage from the Declaration of Independence. He Presented the SAR with a certificate of appreciation from the City of Costa Mesa. California DAR State Regent Sharon Maas brought greetings from the CA Society DAR. CAR State Senior Sue Fitzpatrick brought greetings from CA President Sage Tousey. President of the Society of CA War of 1812 John Ferris brought greetings. Governor of the Colonial Wars in the State of California, Stephen Renouf brought greetings to SAR.

Remarks by SAR National Officers: Past President General, Joe Dooley brought greetings. **Vice President General Derek Brown** brought greetings from **President General C. Bruce Pickette. John Dodd, Secretary General and candidate for President General** provided information on the importance of retaining SAR pledges to our various programs. Pledges count as assets on our balance sheet. Also noted that we should be focused on the 250th anniversary, through Flag Certificates, awards and promotions in general. Working on a commemorative Henry Rifle as a promotion for SAR 250 and will have one each year. Continue to use available resources to promote America 250. **Dr. Fred Olive**, SAR Librarian gave greetings and remarked on the importance of and progress with our National Library and asked for more members to become "Friends of the Library". **Dr. Keith A. Weissinger, Surgeon General** who discussed the importance of keeping emergency medical information into your phones.

Participating in a new Youth Contest through Visual Medium. This is called Youth Video Contest. Promoting the use of technology to work with youth programs. Brian Stephens, National Trustee brought greetings. Spain Trustee, Stephen Renouf brought greetings from the Spain Society SAR Don Francisco de Borbon, Duke of Seville.

Remarks by other National SAR Guests: Chairman of the George Washington Endowment Fund, Edmond McKinley brought greetings and discussed the importance of and encouraged members to become GW Fellows. Dr. Kent Gregory, Chairman of the Museum Board brought greetings and noted that the SAR museum started an acquisition program and needs support to keep the collection process going on to preserve history within SAR. **National Foundation Board member Dan McKelvie** reported that there has been movement with regard to the Education Center and Museum. The Museum has acquired several great artifacts that will be displayed. SAR is using technology to bring to life the Revolution, including maps, film, interactive touch screen to give a new way to deliver our history. Past President Dooley remarked that the interactive mediums will be available throughout the country and will be available for Chapters to use in education and promotion. Secretary of the Western District Rob Moore brought greetings from Hawaii. Has been attending meetings in Nevada, Hawaii and California and thanked the CASASR for support.

Introduction of California Society Past Presidents: Robert D. Ebert, Stephen Renouf, Rt. Rev. Louis Carlson, John L. Dodd, Esq., Jim L.W. Faulkinberry, Dr. Kent Gregory, Ronald Barker, (absent), James Fosdyck, (absent), Derek Brown, Robert Taylor, Don Littlefield, Brian Stephens, Craig Anderson, (absent).

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; Eagle Chapter: Wayne Rodgers, GG Washington: Owen Stiles; Gold Country Chapter; David Gilliard, Harbor Chapter: John Richardson; Kern County; Arnie Burr, Mother Lode; Steve Belden, Orange County; Phil Mitchell, Redlands Chapter; Brian Christie, Riverside; Michael Mann, Sacramento; Larry Brasher, San Diego; Peter Fagan, San Francisco: Bob Ebert, Silicon Valley; Terry Briggs, Sons of Liberty; Troy Munday, South Coast Chapter; Scott Whitman, Thomas Jefferson; Glenn Martin, Yosemite Chapter; Scott Nichols. EVP and President James Klingler declared "We have 19 of 24 present". [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; John Dodd, Inv. Fund Trustee; Stephen Renouf, Inv Fund Trustee; Kent Gregory, Inv Fund Trustee; Past President. Brian Stephens. EVP and President James Klingler reported "We have a Quorum of Chapters and Officers."

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Fall Leadership Meeting:

Motion was made by Rev. Louis Carlson to accept the minutes as presented. **VP North, Don Littlefield**, and approval was ratified by quorum members present.

CASSAR Officer Reports: President James 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 for meetings. It was noted that Don Littlefield took over as editor for the CA Compatriot. **President Klingler** noted his visits to 16 chapters, 6 color guard events. Attended the DAR state conference, CAR annual conference, promoting coordination and engagement between groups. Attended national meetings representing CASSAR. President Klingler encouraged members to get involved in the State and National Leadership. **Vice President North Don Littlefield** provided remarks regarding his Officer role including being a part of previous Spring and Fall BOM meeting. He attended several chapter meetings in the north. Participated in the Academic Decathlon, with Redwood Empire as the event was focused on the American Revolution. **Vice President South John Ferris** reported that he had been a part of 19-chapter meetings, 20 National Meetings, 21 Color Guard events, focused on promoting America 250, as chair of the CASSAR and part of National 250 committee. **VP Membership James Bunker, (Reported by John Ferris)**; Honored to serve in his role. Has streamlined new member referrals, highlighting CASSAR's role in promoting America 250 and working on a video to support chapters in gaining new members. **Treasurer Kevin Bidenkap** Finances of the Society is in great shape. A copy of the full report was present in the back of the meeting room. CASSAR exceeded budget in both expenses and revenues having a great year. Focus remains on gaining members and keeping expenses manageable. **Chancellor John Dodd** provided an update that the society has been in good standing. Has been working to enlist "notable people" to join SAR as part of America 250 campaign. Asking for chapters and members to help find notable people in the local communities in which they serve. **Genealogist Terry Briggs** reported on current pended applications which have varied between 20-49 for the State. Currently, the number is 30. 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 and providing documentation that conforms to our policies. **Registrar Owen Stiles** reported that CASSAR was at approximately 250-300 applications on average each year. Supplemental applications are still taking a while to complete with the staffing at headquarters and the large number of applications being sent in. 12 applications were lost by the post office, but were eventually delivered to national, (2 months late). 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. When submitting DAR/CAR records, they must be "official" record copies from those societies. Pended apps are available for 3 years, after which we must remit a new payment. **Historian Randy Dhindsa** reported that CASSAR minutes were complete and thanked the society for the assistance with reports and minutes. **Chaplain Louis Carlson** reported on the importance of recruiting new members to keep up with the outgoing members, deceased and otherwise leaving the

organization. Noted that he is retiring after 25 years and has recruited Scott Elliot to run for chaplain. **National Trustee Brian Stephens** Report is in the books and noted that he is looking forward to National Congress in July.

Chapter Reports: Chris Cerillo, Coachella Valley Chapter reported that they have been actively recruiting and have approved 5 new members. Have been playing a big part in Wreaths Across America, focusing on promoting the event and drive sponsorships for the event. Attend local community events, 4th of July, PGA events. 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. **Scott Elliot, Delta Chapter** reported that the chapter had recovered from the COVID slump and pushing members to get involved and they were able to participate in the Orations award contest. Members have started getting more engaged and are now looking at chapter officers. **Wayne Rodgers, Eagle Chapter** reported that the chapter is celebrating its 10th year anniversary., They provided 4 flag certificates, 5 color guard events, and promote chapter activities with a newsletter. Have maintained memberships and have added 4 members. Have been active in promoting America 250 programs in the community and with Chapter members. **Owen Stiles, General GW Chapter** reported that they have been struggling with gaining members and holding meetings. They have had a difficult time getting a quorum to have meetings. Dave Guillard, Gold Country reported that they have about 50 members and hold active meetings. Very active in the youth programs, have presented to 23 5th grade classrooms on the Adams family, have been working on flag certificates, active in the color guard with participation in parades and community events. **John Richardson, Harbor Chapter** reported in October that they had a big event on the USS Iowa celebrating the 247th Birthday US Navy. They have been active in the America 250 program and have had a lot of presentations and members qualify for awards. Noted that November 6th is the 40th anniversary of the Chapter's founding. Active in the Wreaths Across America program. **Arnie Burr, Kern County Chapter** reported they have been busy with going into Kern County Schools and were able to produce educational modules to support online learning at the schools during Covid. These Modules have been accepted by the California State Educational committee. They are available in YouTube. 208 Elementary schools will have access to modules. Color guard was nominated for the Beautiful Bakersfield award. Brought in 4 5th grade classes to work with color guard and showcase history. Kern has several color guard events coming up. **Steve Belden, Mother Lode Chapter** reported that the chapter has been having regular scheduled meetings and added zoom availabilities to the chapter for attendance. Have made recognitions for military members in their chapters. Participated in Mother Lode community events honoring local Law Enforcement, fire, etc. to support community. They have been actively working to join local service organizations to participate jointly and have a larger impact to drive awareness and local memberships. **Phil Mitchell, Orange County Chapter** reported That they are very active in Color Guard activities and will be a part of several upcoming events including funeral services. Presented President Klingler with his 10-year anniversary award. Have been engaged in supporting wreaths across America and Flag Certificates. **Brian Christie, Redlands Chapter** reported membership is growing, however, they are also losing members who are not renewing their memberships. Struggling to keep members involved with chapter activities. They have been involved

with Wreaths across America, have participated in several color guard activities and flag certificates. **Michael Mann, Riverside Chapter** reported that chapter has 84 members with 5 pending approvals. They have been active in America 250 and getting members qualified for 250 awards. 10 members qualified for bronze, with one having qualified for Silver. Still working on rebuilding Color Guard. 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. Working on a Christmas party with members and inviting DAR. **Larry Brasher, Sacramento Chapter** reported that chapter membership is at 188 members. Chapter has been having challenges recruiting members to take on leadership roles. As a result of efforts to get members into leadership roles, there have been newer members taking on leadership roles. Trying to establish a chapter presidents call and something to meet up quarterly to share best practices and advice. 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. Have set up a joint meeting with DAR, American Legion, Mayflower society to hear a quest speaker on the Declaration of Independence. Color Guard has been active and participating in events. Chapter sponsors 2 participants to the Valley Forge program and is looking to invite the teacher from last year. Had 344 entries for the poster contest. **Peter Fagen, San Diego Chapter** reported that they chapter is almost 130 years old. they had a leadership change and have now stabilized the chapter officers. They held an event for George Washingtons birthday at the Green Dragon Tavern, a restaurant/Museum with a collection of colonial artifacts. Had a presentation at their southern area of the county with Robert Brewer, former southern district attorney. Working to install 3-4 members at the next meeting. Continue to have focus on America 250 and have several members qualified for awards. Boston Tea party reenactment scheduled for December. Chapter was approved by the CA forest service for a reenactment of the Battle of Concord. Very active in Wreaths Across America and Color Guard Activities. **Robert Ebert, San Francisco Chapter** reported the chapters has continued with in person meetings at the Palace hotel and noted that the first meeting in 1876 at the Palace Hotel under the original charter, the Revolutionary War Sires. Had a memorial at the waterfront meeting with a member who played taps over the water. 7 JRPTC medals, involved in Wreaths Across America. **Terry Briggs, Silicon Valley Chapter** reported current membership at about 102 members. Resumed in person meetings in January and has added new officers, who are newer and younger members. Scheduled to do Memorial Day in San Jose, Veterans Day events and Color Guard has been active. Have been doing joint events with the Young American Fife and Drum Core. Chapter made donations to the National Museum. **Troy Munday, Son of Liberty Chapter** reported that the chapter was formed in 1908. Back to hosting joint meetings with the Society of the Colonial Wars. Actively back to massing of the colors and working with different color guards. Back to having in person meetings. Membership is up to 93 members after having several drops during Covid. Having meetings, being active in the community have positive impacts on our community members. Hybrid meeting is available using Zoom. **Scott Whitman, South Coast Chapter** reported that current membership is back to in person meetings. Celebrating 40th anniversary. 72 members, 23 new members were added in 2022. Extended invitation to attend BOM meeting to membership. Building up

Color guard members and are currently at 4 members. Was formed during COVID. 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. **Glenn Martin, Thomas Jefferson Chapter** reported chapter membership at about 112 members. Meetings have been good with speakers. This has resulted in about 25 avg attendance. Chapter has 250 minutes at each meeting, active in ROTC, Sea Cadet, Flag Certificate and Eagle Scout programs. **Scott Nichols, Yosemite Chapter** reported that chapter has about 60 members, Have a color guard with 6 members. Will be participating in the Veterans Day parade again this year. Largest parade west of the Mississippi. Involved with Wreaths Across America. Flag Certificates were at 17 presented. Have done 7 color events so far in 2023, including Presenting the colors at Fresno State University for their basketball games. Working with Fresno State to present colors at football game. Active in JROTC, Flag Certificates and partnership with DAR/CAR. DAR presented the chapter with a DAR America 250 award. Very involved with America 250 and have projects in place to celebrate. Starting 5th grade educational program in local schools.

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. 5 youth award winners, with 2 in attendance for the lunch. **David Guillard, Poster Contest-** Poster from CASSAR won national contest. This year's topic is Adams family and we have received several submissions. Poster contest for next year is Boston Tea Party and would be a great tie into America 250. **Kevin Tierney, Brochure Contest-** This year's contest has one entry. Mother Lode provided the submission. Covid had a big impact on the brochure contest submissions. Challenges with communication in getting the contest information out to membership. Need to drive this for middle school next year. **Knight Essay-** Had one winner from CASSAR, Riverside Chapter. **Brandon Villardi, JROTC-** JRTOC has been busy, and chapters should be getting requests from organizations to present certificates and medals to the qualifying youth. Received 2 nominations for JROTC, Sacramento and San Diego. Winner was from Sand Diego. Deadline is Feb 1, 2024, for JROTC nominations. **America 250 Chair, John Ferris:** Committee members include Randy Dhindsa, Brian Stephens, Bill Nay, Brandon Villardi, and Michael Herman. 88 bronze 42 silver and 14 gold medals earned. CASSAR is doing a great job. CASSAR donated an America 250 flag to DAR. Will be working to present an America 250 Flag to CAR. America 250 Anniversary program- importance of chapters to be a part of the program. The America 250 medal signifies more than just doing work. It is due to the sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors who gave us what we have today. We need to continue to promote and celebrate the upcoming event. This is a unique opportunity we can take advantage of. Library of materials available through SAR website. **Audit Committee, James Klingler:** No Audit issues during the review process. **Budget Committee Chair James Klingler:** Report out on the fall. No changes to previous reports. **California Compatriot, Don Littlefield:** Try to send out 12 issues a year. On track to hit that goal. Take the input from chapters to publish. Need well-crafted stories and high-resolution pictures are needed to have a clean picture for the newsletter. Need to get youth

releases for any youth under the age of 18 for pictures to be posted in the newsletter. We need to get content in by the 20th of the month. **Chapter Activities, Brandon Villardi:** 15 responses, 12 chapters met the qualifications. **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. President Klingler presented the award at the State Society meeting. Children are able to join as Jr Members in SAR and should also join CAR. Chapters should coordinate events with CAR/DAR to drive participation. **Brandon Villardi, Color Guard** Thanked the Orange County chapter for recent memorial services. Attended National Meetings, Liberty Village groundbreaking in Utah. Also attended Nevada events to support their Color Guard. Please send high resolution pictures of Color Guard events to Brandon. **Adjutant South, Duncan Campbell:** 14-chapter meetings in the area over the last year. Field of Honor event, Memorial Day service events, 4th of July all had Color Guard events. Massing of the Colors in San Diego. Eagle and Riverside came to San Diego in October for the event. Veterans day events in So Cal. Has been working to support Color Guard Activities at chapters in the south. **Compliance Committee Chair, Don Littlefield:** Notified chapters to complete proper forms. Notified that we have information, on submissions, due dates and forms required. Have only received information from 12 chapters. 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. 15 chapters have issued a flag Certificate. Something that is low hanging fruit. **NSSAR Congress Planning, John Dodd:** Hotel reservations for Orlando are open. Registration is always mid-May. **DAR liaison, Brian Stephens:** Last year CASSAR received 29 DAR finder forms and placed 6th nationally. Linda Adams, Kern Awarded Martha Washington Award for 20 referrals, Patricia Bagley, Ventura, DAR medal of appreciation. Jeanette Lahola, San Diego 6 Referrals. **Ethics committee, Louis Carlson:** Reported that there are no Ethics issues in our state society. **Handbook committee, Derek Brown:** Handbook developed for the California Society was put on the website in 2022. With it being online, it is easier and more efficient to update on a regular basis and has a broader reach. Will update after this meeting with any changes in bylaws. Membership posted online "R-R-R", (Recruitment, Retention and Reinstatement). Available on SAR website to use at chapters to help with membership. **Nominations Committee, Don Littlefield:** Nominations Committee is going strong. Endorsed Candidates are as follows: President: James Klingler; EVP: Don Littlefield; VP North: Randy Dhindsa; VP South John Ferris; VP Membership: Scott Whitman; Secretary; Chris Cerillo; Treasurer: Kevin Bidekap; Chancellor: Michael Hirman; Genealogist: David Morrow; Registrar: Terry Briggs; Historian: Scott Brooks; Chaplain: Scott Elliot; Surgeon: Dr. Matthew Bowdish; Invest. Fund Trustee: Stephen Renouf. **Public Service and Heroism Committee, Brian Stephens:** There are five awards, heroism, lifesaving, law enforcement, fire service, and EMS, emergency medical services. Chapters are encouraged to present these on a yearly basis. **John Dodd, Operation Ancestor Search** is being revived. Has been in contact with Ancestry.com and has been working with the American Legion and will attend their national conference. Asked Ancestry for a special password for the attendees at the conference.

We will have a booth. **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, 10,400 SAR record copies that were approved after 1969 to current. are now fully entered into the Patriot Research System. This work for those 10,400 record copies was done by about 70 California volunteers. This is just for CASSAR record copies. The volunteers, the 70 volunteers from California, have contributed a significant amount of time to this, 40-hours of volunteer work earns the Lafayette Volunteer Service medal. **Phil Mitchell, Wreaths Across America;** Utilize WAR to support America 250, JROTC Program, Flag Certificates, Etc and all are coordinated together, and we are seeing great success. Becoming a sponsor for WAR to get money back for Chapter activities. San Diego leads with approx. \$3,500 back from WAR participation sponsors.

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

President Klingler reconvened the 148 Spring BOM meeting at 9:00 am on April 15th, 2023.

Reverend Louis Carlson gave the invocation, Kevin Bidenkap 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; Eagle Chapter: Wayne Rodgers, GG Washington: Owen Stiles; Gold Country Chapter; David Gilliard, Harbor Chapter: John Richardson; Kern County; Arnie Burr, Mother Lode; Steve Belden, Orange County; Phil Mitchell, Redlands Chapter; Brian Christie, Riverside; Michael Mann, Sacramento; Larry Bresher, San Diego; Peter Fagan, San Francisco: Bob Ebert, Silicon Valley; Terry Briggs, Sons of Liberty; Troy Munday, South Coast Chapter; Scott Whitman, Thomas Jefferson; Glenn Martin, Yosemite Chapter; Scott Nichols. [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; John Dodd, Inv. Fund Trustee; Stephen Renouf, Inv Fund Trustee; Kent Gregory, Inv Fund Trustee; Past President. Brian Stephens. EVP and President James Klingler reported "We have a Quorum of Chapters and Officers."

Joint CAR/SAR America 250 Program: John Ferris and Randy Dhindsa presented an idea for a program in which SAR could partner with SAR on America 250 programs, Youth Programs and associate ourselves with the Young men of CAR who may become

future SAR members. President Klingler noted that it is our mission to educate the future generation.

CASSAR Annual and BOM meetings- James Klingler and Don Littlefield – Discussed the challenge of having 2 meetings a year with rising costs and the general costs associated with CASSAR meetings. The goal is to find alternatives, that would support lowering the cost of attendance to these meetings so that more members are able to attend. Don Littlefield noted that By Laws note that 2 meetings must be held. Currently, CASSAR provides \$500 grant to the host chapter to support event related expenses. One option would be to increase that grant amount by a certain amount. Another option would be to have CASSAR pay the hotel deposit for the event. Another option would be to shift the financial responsibilities of the meetings to CASSAR, but still have chapters lead the process of “hosting meetings”. Another option would be to see if we really need 2 meetings a year or just one.

Other options discussed were potentially having 1 big meeting per year with another meeting via zoom; Shortening the days of the meetings to 1-2 days. Using the CASSAR trust fund that supplement the operating costs of the Society which could support both meetings. Having our meetings jointly with DAR and using the same hotels and working on programs together.

CASSAR By-Law Amendments- Proposed By Law changes were presented to the members, (Attached). Chapter Presidents vote only.

#1- Bylaw 4 Section 6, (Registrar) – Passed

#2 Bylaw 4 Section 8, (Genealogist) – Passed

#3 Bylaw 1, (Membership)- Terry Briggs, Motion to amend to strike “And who have been formally inducted into an SAR Chapter”, Jim Faulkinberry provided a 2nd. – Motion passed.

Peter Fagan- Move to table proposal #3- Owen Stiles provided 2nd – Motion to table proposal fails on count of 5 Aye and 10 Nay.

Michael Hirman Made a point of order to Table due to lack of Quorum- Quorum was verified.

Peter Fagan Motions to strike proposed amendment to bylaw #1 and remove “active “from Rationale; 2nd by Wayne Rogers. – Motion passed

Motion revised by Dave Gilliard to add “in good standing”, after “members” and add “Shall” in place of “Should” 2nd by Wayne Rogers- Amendment has passed.

The final language adopted by the board of managers for Bylaw Proposal No 1.

Membership was as follows: Section 1—Membership application forms and procedures, evidence of membership and designation of a member shall be as set forth in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (“NSSAR”) Bylaw No. 1.

Section 2— Only members in good standing of the SAR shall hold elective and non-elective positions within the chapter.

#4 Bylaw 5 Section 2(j)- (Ethics Committee) –

Chris Cerillo made a motion to Strike “or speaking unkindly about” – Motion Dies from lack of a 2nd

David Gilliard Motion to amend to strike “or criticizing or speaking unkindly about”; 2nd by Glenn Martin- Amended motion passes.

#4 as amended passes:

The final language adopted for Bylaw Proposal No 4. Ethics Committee was as follows:

The Ethics Committee shall consist of the CASSAR Chaplain, CASSAR Chancellor, and a Past President, as chosen by the current President. The CASSAR Chaplain shall be the Committee Chairman. If the CASSAR Chaplain abstains from voting on ethics matters brought before the committee, he shall appoint a Compatriot in good standing to the Ethics Committee at his discretion as a replacement voting member, ensuring an odd number of voting committee members.

“A compatriot may be charged for: (1) violating the (a) Code of Business Ethics and Conduct; (b) Conflict of Interest/Code of Organizational Conduct; (c) Whistleblower Policy; (d) applicable Federal or California record retention requirements; or (2) for rendering himself unworthy of membership by engaging in felonious conduct, misdemeanor conduct involving moral turpitude, or conduct disloyal to the ideals or prejudicial to the interests of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Compatriots shall not bring a complaint, or assert allegations against or by another compatriot, unless such complaint, and/or allegations are well grounded in fact and warranted by CASSAR’s governing instruments. The filing of a frivolous and groundless complaint may constitute a violation and make the filing party subject to an ethics complaint.

A compatriot also may be charged for making derogatory remarks about an opposing candidate during an election cycle. Candidates may be responsible for the words or actions of a supporter in accordance with any relevant provisions of the CASSAR Bylaws.”

#5 Bylaw 5 Section 4- (Program Managers)- Motion carries unanimously.

#6 Bylaw 7 Section 9 - (Emeritus Member) – Motion carries unanimously.

#7 Bylaw 5 Section 1- (Nominating Committee) – **David Gilliard** Motion to amend to Strike: “ if a supporter or spokesman speaks unkindly about the opposition, it will be construed that he speaks directly for the candidate he represents” Second by Larry Brasher – Motion Carries with one Nay.

#7 As amended passes.

The final language adopted for **Bylaw Proposal No 7. Nominating Committee** was as follows:

Section 1—NOMINATING COMMITTEE— The members of this committee shall be the (7) most recent former presidents who are able, active at the state level, having been present at the immediately preceding annual meeting or fall board meeting, and willing to serve. If there are not enough past presidents who are able and willing to serve, then the president may fill such vacancy on the committee by appointment of other members currently active at the state level, providing that the appointment seeks to equalize the representation between the north and south of the state, and no appointee shall come from a chapter already represented on the committee. The chairman of the committee shall be the most recent past president on the committee after the immediate past president.

“All members of the National Society SAR are expected to act as gentlemen. All candidates and their supporters will conduct themselves in a gentlemanly manner at all times. All candidates and their spokesmen will refrain from derogatory remarks about any opposing candidate at all times. In the event of a floor nomination, it is the full responsibility of the involved candidates to require their supporters and spokesmen to refrain from any criticism of the opposing candidate. Candidates and their supporters may be held responsible for their words or actions in accordance with relevant provisions of the CASSAR Bylaws regarding member discipline pursuant to the duties and responsibilities of the Ethics Committee.”

Nominating Committee Report, Don Littlefield: The following nominations were presented to the member delegation as endorsed by the nominating committee 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: Scott Whitman

Secretary: Chris Cerillo

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: James Klingler

Alternate National Trustee: Dr. Matthew Bowdish

Chris Cerillo – Move to provide a floor nomination to Owen Stiles as registrar. 2nd provided by Arnie Burr. It was noted that there isn't a need for a 2nd on floor nominations.

Peter Fagan – Move to motion to approve uncontested officer nominations- 2nd provided by Brandon Villardi. - Motion Carries.

Contested Registrar Vote Tally

Owen Stiles – 19

Terry Briggs – 25

Based on membership votes totals, Terry Briggs elected as CASSAR Registrar.

(Remaining Old Business) Invested Funds Trustee Report: Stephen Renouf, John Dodd and Kent Gregory: Report was emailed to members prior to Meeting. On February 28th, 2023, balance was 495,000. That's a decrease of 31,700, based on Market fluctuations. On March 9th, Advisor call was taken in which inflation was high, despite Fed actions taken and rate increases are forecasted for the rest of the year.

Advisor recommended moving fixed rate allocation bonds to take advantage of higher interest rates.

Stephen Renouf made motion on behalf of the trustee recommendation that CASSAR change bond allocations to intermediate and longer duration to take advantage of the higher rates.

Motion carried via unanimous consent.

Dan McKelvie on behalf of the National Foundation Board- Motion that CASSAR pledge to donate \$100,000 to the education museum paid at a rate of \$25,000 per year over 4 years. 2nd by Phil Mitchell.

Motion carried via unanimous consent.

President Klingler announced the adjournment of the 148th BOM meeting and called for the opening of the Western District meeting. -

Don Littlefield moved, Joe Dooley 2nd – Motion Carries for Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted

Randy Dhindsa

CASSAR Historian