

Minutes of the South Atlantic District Meeting, Saturday, October 10, 2020

**Attendance** – List of attendees attached as a part of these Minutes (Sec. Note: I attempted to note all who had logged on; apologies if any were missed)

SAD Vice President General W. Allen Greenly presided. SAD Societies represented: Florida – President David Bussone; Georgia – President William B. Dobbs, II; North Carolina – Past President George Strunk; South Carolina – President Jim Wyrosdick. A quorum was present.

### **Call to Order and Opening Ceremonies**

Vice President General Greenly called the meeting to order at 1:08PM. Invocation delivered by FLSSAR Chaplain Rev. Dwight Elam. The colors were posted by the FLSSAR Color Guard. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag led by VPG Greenly. SAR Pledge led by Southern District VPG Bobby Joe Seales.

### **Introduction of Dignitaries and Guests**

-National Officers in attendance:

- President General John T. Manning NHSSAR
- Past Presidents General Warren Alter AZSSAR and J. Michael Tomme, Sr. GASSAR
- Secretary General Davis Wright DESSAR
- Registrar General Douglas Collins KYSSAR
- VPG Southern District Bobby Joe Seales ALSSAR
- Past South Atlantic District Vice-President General Dr. Edward P. Rigel, Sr. GASSAR

### **Candidates Forum**

PG Tomme presided over a forum of candidates for General Office 2021-22. Candidates or their representative gave brief presentations of their candidacy:

Davis Lee Wright – President General  
C. Bruce Pickette – Secretary General  
John L. Dodd – Treasurer General (not represented)  
Michael J. Elston – Chancellor General  
Robert Fish – Genealogist General  
W. Allen Greenly – Registrar General  
Tony Lee Vets – Registrar General  
James M. Lindley – Historian General  
J. Fred Olive III – Librarian General  
Col. Ernest L. Sutton – Surgeon General  
Rev. Dwight D. Elam – Chaplain General  
PG Joseph Dooley – SAR Foundation Board (not represented)  
Dr. Daryl Addington – SAR Foundation Board  
Douglas Collins – SAR Foundation Board  
Wm. Lee Popham – SAR Foundation Board

There was one question from the floor to the candidates for Registrar General about the use of the National databases.

**Moved: That the District endorse all unopposed candidates for General Office for the 2021-22 term.**

**Motion: Ed Rigel, Jr. Second: PG J. Michael Tomme, Sr.**

With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

A vote was held by electronic submission to the District Secretary to determine the endorsement for Registrar General. After tabulation, it was announced that the District voted to endorse W. Allen Greenly for the office of Registrar General.

**Old Business:**

-VPG Greenly encouraged all Societies to submit pictures of their State events to Webmaster Gary Page ([garypage39@comcast.net](mailto:garypage39@comcast.net)).

-VPG Greenly spoke about the Patriot Records Biography Inputs and reviewed the statistics for biographies submitted thus far:

Society	Total Apps	+Record Copy Available	+Patriot Linked	%Patriot Linked	+Complete Lineage	Percent Done
Florida	8652	8611	8661	100.00%	4998	58.0%
Georgia	6704	6686	6686	100.00%	2786	41.6%
North Carolina	3644	3618	3618	100.00%	3618	100.00%
South Carolina	2799	2789	2789	100.00%	2789	100.00%

-VPG Greenly briefly discussed the 2022 Congress to be held in Savannah, GA.

**New Business:**

-VPG Greenly reminded the District of the adopted proposal that the rotation of the Vice-President General between the states will continue unbroken for the 2021-22 term and that Col. Patrick Neiman FLSSAR will be the District's next nominee for Vice-President General.

**State President Reports Updates** – All State Presidents presented reports which included ideas from their State on how to recruit new members and retain current members in 2020, as well as how their Societies had been dealing with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Proposed By-Law Amendment:** The following Amendment to the District By-Laws was presented at the June meeting.

Proposed Amendment Article No. 5, Section 5, added as follows:

The South Atlantic District shall have the power to conduct its business by mail, e-mail or by telephone in lieu of convening in formal session; provided, however, that State President or his Designee shall confirm, by letter to the Secretary, each vote he has given by telephone. A report shall be made by the Vice-President General at each meeting of the District detailing all action taken since his last report. During intervals between meetings of the District, the State Presidents shall have the duty to meet on call of the Vice-President General and to act on any matter that the Vice-President General deems to be of such urgency and importance that action must be taken before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the District. Meetings called in accordance with this article are exempt from the 30-day notice outlined in

Section 1, provided that reasonable measures are taken to contact each State President or his Designee, and they are given appropriate time to confirm their attendance or propose an alternate date.

**Moved: That the District approve the proposed Amendment to the District By-Laws**

**Motion: Ed Rigel, Jr. Second: Lee Popham**

With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

-Congress Planning Chair Paul Callanan gave an update on future Congresses. The hotel for the 2021 Congress in Reston, VA, is currently taking reservations and tours are being planned. The 2021 Congress in Savannah, GA, is deep in the planning stages. The 2022 Congress in Orlando, FL, and the 2023 Congress in Pennsylvania are currently in the fund-raising stage.

**-Next District Meeting** – The Winter District Meeting will be held on a date to be determined, either in conjunction with the Anniversary of Cowpens or the Georgia Society Annual Meeting.

### **Adjournment**

SAR Recessional – Led by Past VPG Ed Rigel, Sr.

Benediction – Delivered by Roger Coursey

**Meeting Adjourned – 2:37PM**

Ed Rigel, Jr.

Secretary, South Atlantic District

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	Name	State	Office
1	Allen Greenly	GA	VPG, South Atlantic District
2	Ed Rigel, Jr.	GA	District Secretary
3	David Bussone	FL	State President
4	Bill Dobbs	GA	State President
5	George Strunk	NC	Past President
6	James Wyrosdick	SC	State President
7	John T. Manning	NH	President General
8	Davis Wright	DE	Secretary General
9	Bruce Pickette	AL	Treasurer General
10	Doug Collins	KY	Registrar General
11	Tony L. Vets	LA	Librarian General
12	Darryl Addington	TN	Surgeon General
13	Ernest Sutton	PA	VPG, Mid-Atlantic District
14	Bobby Joe Seales	AL	VPG, Southern District
15	Warren Alter	AZ	PG 2018-2019
16	J. Michael Tomme, Sr.	GA	PG 2016-2017
17	Ed Rigel, Sr.	GA	Past VPG, South Atlantic District
18	Roger Coursey	GA	Past VPG, International District
19	Lee Popham	FL	Past President
20	Fred Olive	AL	Executive Committee
21	Gary Green	NC	Past President
22	Guy Higgins	SC	
23	James Lindley	WA	Past VPG, Pacific District
24	Larry Clodfelter		
25	Mike Elston	VA	Vice-President, SAR Foundation
26	Paul Callanan	MI	Congress Planning Chair
27	Ralph D. Nelson, Jr.	NC	
28	Rick Reese, Jr.	GA	Education Committee Chair
29	Bob Fish	WV	Past VPG, Central District
30	Ron Redner	GA	Vice-President, Metro Region

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	Name	State	Office
31	Bill Tankersley	GA	Little River Chapter President
32	Danny Ginter	GA	Coweta Falls Chapter President
33	Wayne Brown	GA	Past President
34	Patrick J. Neimann	FL	VPG-Elect
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