

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence  
Spring Board Meeting  
Williamsburg/Yorktown, VA  
March 18, 1994

The spring board meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by Vice President-General Allen M. Heyward at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 1994, in the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Those present for the board meeting were Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein, Agnes Cartstarphen, Rosa Maude Cowan, Elizabeth N. Gottwald, Sally M. Hawkridge, Allan M. Heyward, Nina H. Hopkins, Elizabeth L. Kratz, F. Nelson Light, Florence Mary Maupin, Daniel Heyward McNamara, Rieman McNamara Jr., John D. Nelson, Frederick Pyne, Philip L. Strong, Herbert N. Tucker Jr. and William Ward IV.

The meeting was opened with the prayer of the Society by The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President-General Allen Heyward.

Previous minutes provided to the Board by Secretary-General F. Nelson Light were approved as circulated.

#### Reports of the Officers

The treasurer's report, presented by Bill Ward, was accepted.

In the absence of Registrar-General Ruth Hagan, Nina Hopkins reported 17 new senior members accepted, 2 new junior members, and 2 deaths, bringing membership to 879 senior members and 127 junior members. Nina also read the prayer for departed members.

#### Committee Reports

Fred Pyne, reporting for the **Leach Papers project**, noted that various links are being brought up to date for the computer. Hopefully a publisher can be located to publish either by family or as a whole group. Fred was thanked for his efforts to date on this involved project. He will get details and prices on publication and report back to the board. Allen Heyward provided Fred with information on the Heyward family.

Rosa Maude Cowan reported for the **Scholarship Committee** that over 600 requests for scholarship information and many requests for scholarship applications have been received.

Dan McNamara highlighted the details of this meeting, and Allen Heyward reported on the plans for the fall 1994 meeting in Boston.

#### Reports of State Societies

Agnes Carstarphen and Rosa Maude Cowan reported that the **Southeastern States Region** of the Society is experiencing difficulty keeping member interest.

Dan McNamara reported that the **Virginia society** will hold its state meeting April 17 in Fredricksburg.

Bunny Maupin reported on the local meeting and activities of the **Washington, D.C., DSDI**.

## New Business

Agnes Carstarphen read the following slate proposed by the **Nominating Committee** to be presented to the annual congress in July:

President-General	Richard Howell Corson, MD
First Vice-President	Allan M. Heyward
Second Vice-President	F. Nelson Light
Chaplain-General	The Rev. Herbert N. Tucker Jr.
Registrar-General	Mrs. J. Bruce Hagan
Assistant Registrar-General	Mrs. Charles Kratz
Historian-General	Philip Schuyler Pyne
Assistant Historian-General	Mark C. Ward
Treasurer-General	William Ward IV
Assistant Treasurer-General	John D. Nelson
Secretary-General	Miss Nina Hill Hopkins
Assistant Secretary-General	Miss Eleanor Rowland Hall
Chancellor-General	Philip L. Strong

On behalf of the **Meeting Site Committee** Fred Pyne suggested the Society consider the following locations for future meetings: Lake George, West Point, and Albany.

Fred Pyne presented a suggestion concerning possible amendment of the Constitution of the Society to create an office of genealogist-general. During discussion of this matter (there was no motion on the floor and no second), a motion was made, seconded and passed to table the suggestion until the fall 1994 meeting of the Society.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m., following a closing prayer by the Rev. Herbert N. Tucker Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General