

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence  
Annual Board Meeting  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
July 3, 1993

The annual board meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by President-General Barbara Kalbfleisch at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, 1993, in the private dining room of the Omni Hotel, Philadelphia, PA.

Those present for the board meeting were Constantia W. Allnutt, Gabrielle M. Bielenstein, Agnes B. Carstarphen, Richard H. Corson, Ruth M. Hagan, Anna W. Hall, Mai D. Harper, Allan M. Heyward, Thomas G. Heyward, Nina H. Hopkins, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, Dorothy Kennedy, Elizabeth C. Kratz, F. Nelson Light, Florence Mary Maupin, Daniel H. McNamara, Reiman McNamara Jr., John D. Nelson, Grace K. Staller, Richard H. Stromberg, Philip L. Strong, Mark C. Ward, William Ward IV, and Carter Braxton Worth.

The meeting was opened with the prayer of the Society by Reiman McNamara. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President-General Barbara Kalbfleisch.

Barbara Kalbfleisch announced that President Clinton wanted to be present for the bell ringing. While in the past the Society has joined the Sons of the Revolution at Independence Hall for the bell ringing, the ceremony would be moved a block away to the Second National Bank due to the President's arrival.

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. Although we currently are in good financial condition, income from investments has declined due to declining interest rates. The general fund had an excess of only \$340 for fiscal year 1992-93; therefore, Bill Ward recommended a dues increase. As of April 30, 1993, the scholarship fund stands at \$148,000, and the reserve fund has in excess of \$3700. Motion to approve the proposed 1993-94 budget as presented was seconded and carried.

Registrar-General Ruth Hagan reported 16 new senior members accepted, 4 new junior members, and 4 deaths, bringing membership to 871 senior members and 136 junior members. She then lead the prayer for departed members.

#### Committee Reports

Anna Hall reported for the **Scholarship Committee**, and announced that Dorothy Kennedy was named chairperson of the committee. Of twenty complete scholarship application packages received, the Committee awarded six \$1500 scholarships for a total of \$9000.

Reiman McNamara presented a detailed written report on the DSDI Endowment Funds. Motion to adopt all resolutions contained therein was seconded and carried. These funds are to be moved from the bank to the investment firm of Charles Schwab.

Barbara Kalbfleisch read Fred Pyne's report on the **Leach Papers** project, and on his behalf requested volunteers to help transcribe information from the signers (particularly Samuel Adams, John Adams, Elbridge Gerry, Oliver Wolcott, and Benjamin Franklin) into the computer. Motion to have proof for all descendants was seconded and carried.

Dick Corson remarked on the **future meetings** to be held in Newport, Rhode Island (October 15-17, 1993); and Williamsburg/Yorktown, Virginia (March 18-20, 1994). The assembly voted to change the date of the 1994 annual meeting from July 2-4 to May or June, and settled on May 13-15 [Note: Grace Staller's subsequent research into availability of reservations concludes that June 3-5 is the best alternative date.] Dick Corson and Grace Staller then spoke more on the current weekend's program. Grace Staller further announced that Virginia Campbell has had a heart attack but is improving.

Reports of State Societies

Mai Harper, reporting for **Rhode Island**, gave some details of our upcoming fall meeting in Newport. This very special meeting will include lunch at the New York Yacht Club with the Society arriving by boat as well as a champagne dessert served at a special home arranged in advance by Mai Harper.

Grace Staller reported for **Pennsylvania** that Barbara Kalbfleisch, with the assistance of Anna Hall, saw to restoration of the Christ Church plaque for signers buried in the church courtyard. The \$3100 cost was covered by the following contributions:

\$2000	DSDI National
525	Pennsylvania Society
300	New York Society
250	Virginia Society
25	Connie Allnut

She further noted that the **Pennsylvania** society met in the spring for lunch, inspection of the Christ Church plaque, and a tour of the Pennsylvania Historical Society. They are planning a fall dinner cruise on the Delaware. They donated \$100 to the Independence Hall Preservation Fund, and they are making plans for next year's meeting.

Sandy Stromberg announced that 16 people attended the last **Maryland** society meeting. He then presented a prototype of and gave full details regarding the Liberty Bell replica, available for \$495 including engraving of the signer's name.

Dan McNamara reported that the **Virginia** society is working on the coming spring DSDI meeting to be held at the Williamsburg Lodge and to include a tour of Yorktown.

Tom Heyward reported briefly for the **South Carolina** society.

Old Business

Motion to accept a resolution in remembrance of Mrs. Lionel T. (Bobbie) DeForest and Mr. T. Braxton Horsley was seconded and carried.

Mark Ward, who is in charge of name/address changes/corrections for DSDI, discussed the problems of keeping current with all the relocations of our membership and the yearbook updates.

Motion to authorize the First Vice President-General to maintain possession of the Past President-General pins [see Article XI] and to be responsible for having the pin engraved for the outgoing President-General was seconded and carried.

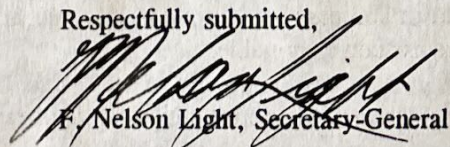
New Business

A note was read from Christ Church thanking the DSDI for restoration of the plaque.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General