

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence
Fall Board Meeting
Newport, RI
October 15, 1993

The fall board meeting of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was called to order by President-General Richard H. Corson, MD, at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 1993, in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Viking, Newport, Rhode Island.

Those present for the board meeting were William B. Abert, Constantia W. Allnut, Gabriella Maupin Bielenstein, Ellen L. Brinker, Agnes C. Carstarphen, Richard H. Corson, Percy Hamilton Goodsell Jr., Mai Duane Harper, Anna W. Hall, A. M. Heyward, Thomas Heyward, Nina H. Hopkins, Barbara M. Kalbfleisch, Dorothy S. Kennedy, Elizabeth L. Kratz, F. Nelson Light, Rieman McNamara Jr., John D. Nelson, Frederick W. Pyne, Stephen VanR. Pyne, Franklin B. Satterthwaite, Herbert Tucker Jr., and Carter Braxton Worth.

Chaplain-General Herbert N. Tucker Jr. gave the Society prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President-General Richard Corson.

Secretary-General F. Nelson Light read the minutes of the previous board meeting (Philadelphia). The minutes were approved with the following correction:

Under Committee Reports change ". . . from the signers (particularly Samuel Adams . . . Benjamin Franklin) into the computer." to read -- . . . from the signers. The following are complete: Samuel Adams, John Adams, Elbridge Gerry, Oliver Wolcott, and Benjamin Franklin. --

Reports of the Officers

In Bill Ward's absence, Richard Corson and John Nelson briefly reviewed the report of the treasurer-general. The Society is in good financial condition with an overage expected in the general fund.

In Ruth Hagan's absence, Barbara Kalbfleisch read the registrar-general's report. The Society has gained 15 new senior members and 2 new junior members. Six members were changed to life member status. The Board voted to drop 21 members who were delinquent in dues payment. There was one death, Evelyn Sophie Keese Bullock. Currently DSDI has 862 senior members and 128 junior members. Herbert Tucker read the prayer for our departed member.

Committee Reports

Ellen Brinker, Governor of Massachusetts, solicited suggestions for the **fall meeting in Boston next year**. In particular, Ellen asked members to contact her with any ideas they might have as to activities on Saturday and what interests our group would like to participate in.

The dates of the next two **annual meetings** were announced: June 3-5, 1994, and June 2-4, 1995. Richard Corson said the Omni Hotel has contracted with DSDI to lower the rates the hotel charges us by \$5 per night for the next meeting and again for the year after.

Rieman McNamara talked about the **upcoming spring meeting** in Williamsburg/Yorktown. The Society will be headquartered at the Lodge in Williamsburg, and our activities will be centered in Yorktown. We will be bused to Yorktown for our tour.

Dorothy Kennedy read the report of the **Scholarship Committee**. There have been about 150 requests so far for information about our scholarship program. Since Fred Pyne's name still appears on all printed information, he is still receiving the letters of request. Dorothy said that unless people include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, they will not get an answer back as postage is getting expensive with the volume of mail. The Board voted unanimously to reimburse Fred Pyne for the costs he has incurred with mailings of the Scholarship Committee.

Richard Corson reported that we have an antiquated computer and asked for suggestions on donating it to an organization who might find a use for it. The Board voted unanimously to give Phil Pyne the authority to **dispose of the computer**.

Agnes Carstarphen, editor of the *Spirit of '76*, said she could get the *Spirit of '76* out for publication in January if all pertinent information is received by her in a timely manner.

Mai Harper, Governor of Rhode Island, thanked everyone for coming to the Newport meeting. Mai then gave us a synopsis of the upcoming events for the weekend.

Reports of State Societies

Richard Corson announced that the Southeastern States Society meeting will be November 13 in Camden, SC, during the weekend races.

Old Business

Stephen Pyne announced he still has five blazer crests with the Society emblem available for purchase.

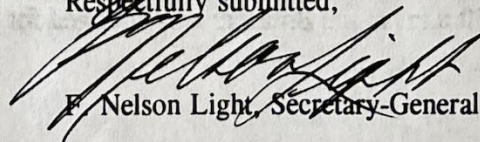
New Business

Richard Corson requested discussion about DSDI putting the overage in the general fund for this year end into the reserve fund. A motion that all overage in the general fund go into the reserve fund was seconded and carried unanimously. A motion to subsidize the Annual Congress by \$15 per dinner was made, seconded, and carried. Dick read the number of attendees for the annual dinner for the past several years, and the number has been increasing each year. Dick feels this is due to the Society's bringing costs down for the dinner to a very reasonable amount.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


F. Nelson Light, Secretary-General