

Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Special Annual State Meeting Via Zoom Teleconference Thursday, June 4, 2020

President Damien Cregeau called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Invocation by Richard Kendall

Pledge of Allegiance by PG John T. "Jack" Manning

SAR Pledge by David Perkins

CTSSAR Secretary, Paul Selnau indicated that, with 19 members in attendance, a quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2020

State Secretary Paul Selnau requested that the draft minutes from 22 February 2020 be approved. Motion to approve by Stephen Taylor, seconded by Ken Roach, motion passed.

Approval of the Nominated Slate of State Officers for 2020-2021

State President Damien Cregeau asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers. Motion to approved by Gregory Thompson, seconded by Ron ???????. Paul Selnau noted that the open position for Auditor #2 will be filled by Tyler Smith. Stephen Taylor asked that the names be read into the minutes.

President Damien M. Cregeau, 1st Vice President Stephen Z. Taylor, 2nd Vice President Timothy C. Wilkins, Recording Secretary Paul H. Selnau, Corresponding Secretary David J. Perkins, Treasurer Theodore J. Nelson, Assistant Treasurer Richard W. Kendall, Registrar Gregory E. Thompson, Chaplain William J. Lane Jr, Historian Gary S. Pitcock, Chancellor William P. Fenn, Auditor #1 R. Bruce Donald, Auditor #2 Tyler D. Smith, National Trustee Kenneth D. Roach, and Alternate Trustee Ethan A. Stewart.

No vote was taken on the previous motion. State President Damien Cregeau asked for a Motion to approve the amended slate of officers that was read into the minutes. Motion made by Stephen Taylor, seconded by Tyler Smith. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion by Gary Pitcock for the state secretary to cast one vote for the slate of officers, second by Stephen Taylor. Motion approved.

Ballots casted and received via USPS or Email by June 4, 2020

At the request of State Secretary Paul Selnau, the results of 71 ballots that were mailed-in or emailed were casted and received by State Corresponding Secretary David Perkins were read into the minutes by David Perkins: 71 ballots in favor of the State slate of Officers for 2020-2021; 71 ballots in favor of delegates; and 70 of 71 in favor of the 2020 State Budget.

Approval the slate of 14 delegates to Congress.

State Secretary Paul Selnau read the following names of the 14 proposed delegates into the minutes.

National Trustee Kenneth D. Roach	Delegate Gregory E. Thompson
President Damien M. Cregeau	Delegate William J. Lane Jr
Delegate At Large Ethan A. Stewart Sr	Delegate Gary S. Pitcock
Delegate Stephen Z. Taylor	Delegate William P. Fenn
Delegate Timothy C. Wilkins	Delegate R. Bruce Donald
Delegate Paul H. Selnau	Delegate Tyler D. Smith
Delegate Richard W. Kendall	Delegate David H. Packard

PG John T. “Jack” Manning gave an update on the canceled Congress in Richmond, VA for July 2020. Because of the national bylaws, we cannot have even an electronic congress. So, everyone stays in their national leadership position for one more year.

Motion by Gary Pitcock, second by Stephen Taylor. Motion approved.

Approval of the proposed state budget for 2020.

State Treasurer Don Studley stated that the budget is posted on-line. Secretary Paul Selnau read the 2020 budget into the minutes. See online report for details. Total budget to be approved \$14,450.

Motion by Ethan Stewart, second by Bruce Donald. Motion approved.

President-General John T. “Jack” Manning conducted a swearing-in on the CTSSAR officers for 2020-2021.

Following the swearing-in PG Manning gave an update on the 2020 Congress and the status of business at the national headquarters, and with the nightly protests in Louisville, KY. General discussion ensued about future Virginia congress and national OFPA meeting.

Manross Fund Distribution

Robert Carrara of the Manross Supervisors recommended that we not pull from the fund this year. Don Studley noted that Real Property has \$40,000 available in a grant fund should their need additional funds for this year.

Eagle Scout ceremony for June 6th, 2020 at East Haddam Schoolhouse.

Tyler Smith gave an update on the event. A general discussion followed as to how we should be recognizing repeat winners for next year. It was suggested that we should consider using the model promoted by Knight Essay chair John Morgan.

State Medals and Awards

David Perkins stated that awards for state officers will be given out at the next non-virtual state meeting. State Award committee will review the proposed list of awards next week.

Challenge Coin for 2020

Ethan Stewart gave an update on the W3R (Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route) coin that is now available for sale. 50 coins were ordered. The coin has Washington and Rochambeau on the front with date range of 1780-1782.

Upcoming State Meeting Dates and Locations

State President Damien Cregeau announced the following meeting:

September at the Griswold Inn in Essex.

November at the Spinning Wheel Inn in Redding.

Newsletter Update

Editor Bruce Donald asked for state and branch news, with the plan to have a mid-summer edition.

Patriot Indexing

Ethan Stewart noted that Bob Rivard and Ethan have now updated the entire New England district, which is the first district to be completed.

David Perkins made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Ted Nelson. All members voted in favor of the adjournment.

Recessional by Damien Cregeau

Benediction by Richard Kendall

Meeting Adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Members Present (19)

See list from Paul Selnau

Respectfully submitted: David J. Perkins, CTSSAR Corresponding Secretary