

# Connecticut Society Sons of the American Revolution

## Trustee Report for the 128<sup>th</sup> Congress

I attended the 128<sup>th</sup> Congress in Costa Mesa, CA, held July 6th to July 10, 2019. At the Congress, I actively participated in all meetings of the Trustees. It was a pleasure attending the Congress with Alternate Trustee and Secretary of the Executive Committee David Perkins. Based on our number of society members, we are authorized many more delegates and I sincerely hope others will try to attend the next Congress.

NSSAR membership as of July 8, 2019 was 35,983. The membership number continues to grow each year which is a healthy sign for our national society.

During the Sunday Trustee meeting, we were briefed on the ongoing saga of the web site, IT, etc. It was emphasized that members should not generate a new username and password if they encounter difficulty logging in. Contact Headquarters to assist you in re-establishing your previous username and password. Additionally, it's Headquarters' goal to establish a dashboard for each Branch with the ability to print from the dashboard. Also, they are still working to build out the website. Finally, as of May 31, there was a \$30,000 deficit in the current budget due to the build out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Headquarters building and the ongoing work on the website. It's anticipated that at the end of the fiscal year, the budget will balance.

During Monday's session, the SAR Foundation announced two fund raising initiatives. They reinstated the "Buy a Tile" program and a new fundraiser entitled the "Liberty Tree Campaign". Additionally, the delegates received an update on the ongoing agreement with Kings College of London, UK, researching the King George III papers in the Royal Archives

Tuesday saw the usual presentation of resolutions for the delegates to consider and vote upon. The contentious issue of extending the term of the President to two years, an outcome of the last President General contested election in Houston, was presented and voted down by a large majority. It was a victory for the status quo favored by those who hold power in the Society.

Proposed minor grammatical amendments to Volume I, Constitution, Article III, concerning membership were approved; minor changes to By-Law 19 were approved; proposed changes to By-Law 20, concerning the nominating committee were disapproved again leaving the status quo intact, proposed changes to By-Law 22 pertaining to the fund management for the reinstatement of Life Members was approved; proposed changes to By-Law 33 (Discipline, Procedure and Due Process) was hotly debated and the changes were rejected; and finally By-Law 34 was amended to conform with the By-Laws of the Ladies Axillary. I encourage all officers to review the Constitution and By-Laws as soon as the amended versions are posted.

There was one contested election. Douglas T. Collins, nominated by the Nomination Committee was challenged from the floor by John O. Thornhill, but prevailed in the election for Registrar General.

I had the pleasure of nominating Ethan Stewart as Alternate Trustee for the Connecticut Society. He was duly elected as was Mr. Douglass "Tim" Mather Mabee of the Vermont Society as Vice President General – New England for 2019-20.

Our Alternate Trustee at the Congress, David Perkins, was honored to accept many awards on behalf of the Connecticut Society. He has already reported on these awards via email. Also, important to note that he was also selected to serve on the Executive Committee for the upcoming year. Congratulations David.

Our newly elected President General John "Jack" Manning, of the New Hampshire Society, *New England's own*, was installed in ceremonies at the Installation Banquet.

The 129<sup>th</sup> Congress will be held in Richmond, VA, 9 July to 15 July 2020. Please consider attending as a delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Duane Roach  
National Trustee, CTSSAR  
Past Vice President General – New England  
Past President, CTSSAR



## Liberty Tree Campaign

Support the SAR Education Center and Museum with your one time or recurring gift today!

Please join the SAR Foundation and the National Society SAR as we work to make history and open the SAR Education Center and Museum in time to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of American Independence in 2026.

In addition to invitation to exclusive events and behind the scenes tours, donors to the Liberty Tree Campaign receive a lapel pin upon making their pledge and a jacket for the lapel pin once the pledge is complete. Proposed Liberty Tree Campaign lapel pin and pin jacket at the Gold Level are pictured below. Naming opportunities at the Gold Level and higher.



***YES! I want to help open the SAR Education Center and Museum by the 250th Anniversary of American Independence with a one time gift or 5 year pledge at one of the following levels:***

**Bronze Level** - \$1,250 or \$250 per year for 5 year OR just over \$20.83 each mont

**Silver Level** - \$2,500 or \$500 per year for 5 years

*\*The Silver Level is the lowest level of pledge accepted for State Society participation.*

**Gold Level** - \$25,000 or \$5,000 per year for 5 years

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