



Sons of the American Revolution

Ohio Society

Organized April 22, 1889

National Trustee Report Summer 2020 Quarter Meeting

May 16, 2020
Zoom Teleconference

- HQ Reopening Update: Executive Director Don Shaw gave an update on the plans to reopen, with staff returning on May 18 to spend the week meeting and assessing what is needed to allow the HQ to fully open on May 26. Shaw also updated the Trustees on the staff genealogists process of verifying new applications and the SAR Store's work to catch up on shipments.
- Update on SBA PPP Loan: TG C. Bruce Pickette stated that the loan was approved on April 30, and the funds deposited on May 7.
- Update on Line of Credit Negotiations: TG Pickette reviewed the motion from the May 2 Special Trustee meeting.
- Congress Planning Update: Paul Callanan gave an update on plans for the Richmond Congress. The earliest Richmond will enter Reopening Phase I is midnight on May 28. Executive Committee will make a decision on Congress by May 29. PG Manning stated that Richmond is still the focus and that registration will open on May 29. Paul Callanan reviewed our three options that are still being discussed by the ExCom and said we should be down one option by end of next week. Options: 1 = No congress. 2 = Zoom congress to do only required business using app called Election Runner for any voting. 3 = This option would include a minimal physical Congress using HQ in Louisville, and live streaming everyone else that wishes to attend.

May 25, 2020

PG Manning announces that the Executive Committee has concluded that holding the 2020 SAR Congress was an impossibility. No Annual Congress means there will be no election for General Officers, Vice Presidents General, Trustees, or Alternate Trustees in 2020. Pursuant to the National Society's bylaws, the current General Officers, Vice Presidents General, Trustees, and Alternate Trustees will continue in their present positions until July 2021.

As the Trustee and Alternate Trustee are National Society offices, the presently serving individuals will remain in office. Vacancies in these positions may be filled according to the National Society's governing documents, however, because no election will be held in 2020, any individual filling a vacancy will not be a member of the Board of Trustees unless elected to such at the July 2019 Congress.

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- Update on SBA PPP Loan: SG Wright spoke on behalf of TG C. Bruce Pickette and stated that on May 29 was first payroll incurred and paid during the 8-week period required to use these funds.

- Update on Line of Credit: SG Wright stated that we are scheduled to have a conference call with Fifth-Third Bank for Monday, June 1. Participants are Fifth-Third, Lee Popham (Chair, Budget and Strategic Planning), Jim Klinger (Chair, Finance), Mary Butts (Finance Director), and TG C. Bruce Pickette. Will determine if we can proceed with renewal now of present annual LOC, a longer committed term (1-year renewal and 4 “committed” year renewals) or wait until annual renewal on October 1. A longer committed term is unlikely.

- Merchandise Announcement: SG Wright noted the SAR-Officer email announcement of May 29. The SAR Merchandise department has returned to the office full time with a soft opening this past Monday.

- Congress Cancellation: SG Wright gave an update on where we stand with the cancellation. Everyone should have received the email letter of the decision to cancel Congress with the reasons why. It was the right decision and the Ex Com has been meeting weekly since March 20. It was a unanimous decision to cancel Congress. Richmond Marriott has waived all costs and will issue cancellations of room reservations shortly. We advised the Hilton and are awaiting confirmation back from the Hilton.

- Officer and Trustees will remain in place, with the need for any replacements as per the Bylaws. Trustees are elected annually and voted on ONLY at congress.

- PG Jack Manning will review the committees. Those who have contacted SG Wright about committee positions will be sent on to PG Jack Manning.

- All committee reports to Kelly Moore by July 1, for the Congress report book.

- Report book will have all individuals, state and chapter awards. Also published in the SAR magazine, and report will be on Sharefile. Should be available by the end of July.

- Youth awards will be recognized by the committees.

- Color Guard change of command and Color Guardsman of Year, we have asked the Color Guard committee to make that decision as to when it should happen. CGY should be as soon as possible.

- Minuteman award will be either at Fall Leadership or the next Congress. It will be up to the individuals, and this is an exception that has happened before for various reasons.

- Will urge PG Jack Manning to have the Bylaw committee do a full review to determine what changes need to be made so that this society can have a full alternative Congress, taking into account attendance, nominations from the floor, and other issues that need to be addressed. These would only be proposals. These would be voted on at the next Congress.

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- Current Bylaw proposals will be carried over to the next Congress
- Proposed application fee increase that was discussed at Spring leadership will not take place.
- Possible Trustee meeting in July, it will be called if warranted.
- That this form of Trustee meeting has been useful for those who may not have been able to participate or travel to Louisville. So, we are going to call an additional trustee meeting at the end of November or early December. The purpose of that meeting is to go through our business and try to figure out if there is a better way to handle some of our business, so it is not crowded into two main meetings a year. This will also get trustees familiar with this format.
- We are not yet sure if we will be having the Fall Leadership meeting at this point and will provide an update as soon as possible.
- Logo contest status, four logos were selected by the ExCom.
 - Executive Director Don Shaw gave an update on HQ building. First night of protest no issues, second night got worse but very little activity in the area, which is about 4 blocks away from the unrest. We will monitor it each night. Governor has brought in National Guard for the night.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn A. Cox
National Trustee
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