

The Order of the Founders of North America, 1492-1692
Greenville, South Carolina
20 July 2014
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf at 5:34 p.m. Members present included Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf, Past Grand Viscount General Edward Butler, Deputy Viscount General – Eastern USA Lindsey Brock, Abogado General John Dodd, Secretary General Barbara Stevens, Exchequer General James T. Jones, Marechal General Larry Stevens, Registrar General Robin Towns, Parliamentarian General Billie Brock, Martha Barnhart, Robert Towns, Jim Fosdyck, Un Hui Yi, Bobbi McMullen, Ann Patten, Pat Everette, Helen Maxson, Ray Maxson, and Tom Jackson. Guests present included Jon McMullen, Felton Mitchell, Sonia Mallar, Wayne Mallar, and Robin Butler. A quorum was established.

The invocation was given. Minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting in Washington DC were approved.

The following old business was discussed:

1. 501(c)(3) Status
The IRS provided notice that the application for exempt tax status was approved. The notice date was June 30, 2014
2. Exchequer General, James T. Jones, indicated that the 990-N has been filed for 2014
3. The OFNA medals, neck ribbons, sashes, and blazer patches sales continue. A new blazer patch was ordered by GVG Ed Butler and will be for sale at \$45.
4. The following upcoming meetings were announced:
 - a. August 2014 – FGS Annual Conference in San Antonio
 - b. September 2014 – During SAR Leadership
 - c. October 2014 – Texas Heritage Societies Annual Meeting
5. Officer Reports
Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf discussed plans to meet with other organizations and perhaps to partner with the SAR PG in the next May travel excursion.
Secretary General Barbara Stevens reported that our new membership inquiries had slowed to a trickle having received only five since the April meeting. The total membership, as of this meeting, one hundred seventy-three (173).
Exchequer General James T. Jones, Jr. gave the following financial information:

A full financial report could not be prepared without the allocation of the annual dues for members. This relies on the receipt of the age information for each member. Registrar General Robin Towns agreed to extract this information and provide it to Exchequer General Jones.

Registrar General Robin Towns reported that a set of applications forwarded to her from Genealogista General Peter Baron was received empty. Evidently the envelope had come open in transit and the approved applications were lost. She and Peter will work to resolve the issue.

6. New Business

The creation of an OFNA Scholarship Program was raised by Parliamentarian Billie Brock. It was agreed that a scholarship program would be an integral part of the objectives of the OFNA. The funding of the scholarship was discussed. Since the only incoming revenues of the organization at this time are the lifetime dues, alternative funding was discussed. Donations and grants were two sources that were considered. Abogado General Dodd and Exchequer General Jones were charged with looking at other scholarship programs and drafting a framework for OFNA. This draft will be presented to the Ex Com.

There have been requests for supplementals ancestors by several members. This item was discussed briefly at our last meeting. Supplemental applications will require a By-Laws change. It was reported that David Grinnell would be willing to become a Genealista General reviewing supplementals.

GVG Stephen Renouf reported that he and GVG Ed Butler have been working with the Heritage Society to find a partner to share costs for our Annual Meeting April 2015 in Washington DC. There was a discussion of the lack of attendance at the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Barbara Stevens and seconded by Ray Maxson to hold all future annual meetings at the SAR Annual Meeting. The rationale was that the attendance at this meeting was several fold the WDC meeting. This motion passed. The April Meeting will be the last to be held in Washington, DC, as a formal annual meeting. The Order will still meet in April but as a small gathering. It was noted that this will reduce the costs and increase the membership participation at our annual meetings.

Benediction was offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. by Grand Viscount General Stephen Renouf.