



GREAT LAKES DISTRICT MEETING
DoubleTree Hotel Bay City, Michigan
8:30 A.M.
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 8:30 AM by VPG David Van Hoof**
 - A. Invocation - Was given by Bob Craig**
 - B. Pledge - Was lead by Bill Wheeler**
 - C. SAR Pledge - Was lead by Robert Haglund**
 - D. Recording Secretary Elijah Shalis states that we have a Quorum**
 - E. Guests - DAR of Michigan State Regent Kelly Van Wormer**
- II. Agenda - Was emailed, posted on GLD website, and printed out.**
 - A. Motion to approve Agenda by Roger Cotner, Seconded by Bob Craig and motion passed unanimously.**
- III. 2022 GLD Minutes - Was emailed and posted on the GLD website.**
 - A. Motion to approve of 2022 GLD Minutes by Bill Wheeler, Seconded by Bill Austin, Motion passed unanimously**
- IV. Greetings by President General Dodd**
 - A. Treasurer General Michael Elston brought greetings from PG Dodd.**
 - 1. Talked about the 250th**
 - 2. Membership not increasing at 3% annually**
 - 3. Application backlog has improved which is both good and bad**
 - 4. New Branding Guide & Logo Use**
 - 5. Engaging DAR and C.A.R.**
 - 6. Would like SAR to improve ease of the application process**
- V. DAR of Michigan - State Regent Kelly Van Wormer**
 - A. Recruitment is not at where it should be, downward trend.**
 - B. DAR and SAR should have more social events and more fun**
 - C. Friendships/Relationships are the most important trait**
- VI. GLD VPG Report - Report was printed and posted on the GLD website**

- A. **Diversity Improvement**
- B. **Will conduct District Zoom Meetings**
- C. **Attended a Mohican Pow Wow in Wisconsin**

VII. GLD State Reports - Were emailed, posted on GLD website, and printed out

- A. **Michigan Report - President Mickey McGuire**
 - 1. **Report Distributed**
 - 2. **Michigan has over 700 members for the first time**
 - 3. **State has a Strategic Plan being implemented.**
 - 4. **MISSAR is going to have Chapter Project Funding**
 - 5. **There are going DAR Projects**
 - 6. **Cemetery Plaque Projects are proceeding well**
 - 7. **Color Guard is well staffed and at DAR events**
- B. **Wisconsin Report - President Robert Haglund**
 - 1. **Report Distributed**
 - 2. **State has 204 Members**
 - 3. **All 42 known Patriots in the state are marked, four of which are Native Americans.**
 - 4. **There is a Liberty Tree in the process of being planted jointly with a tribe.**
 - 5. **Haglund is the SAR WIS250 Representative, wife is the DAR Rep**
 - 6. **Effort to Recruit Tribal Members**
- C. **Illinois Report - First VP Bill Wheeler**
 - 1. **Report Distributed**
 - 2. **State has about 1000 members**
 - 3. **Effort to have all chapters have an online presence**

VIII. GLD Committee Reports

- A. **GLD Strat Plan Committee**
 - 1. **VPG Van Hoof went over the Strategic Plan**

IX.

- A. **GLD District Strategic Plan**
 - a) **Strat Plan Printed out and on GLD Website**
 - b) **Five Year Duration**
 - c) **Increase NonTraditional Members**
 - d) **Hold a National Congress in District, possibly Chicago or Detroit**

- e) **Motion to approve GLD Strategic Plan by Mickey McGuire, Seconded by Treasurer General Elston, approved unanimously.**

2. District Nominations for National Office

a) Uncontested:

- (1) **President General: Darryl Addington**
- (2) **Secretary General: Michael Elston**
- (3) **Chancellor General: Edmon McKinley**
- (4) **Genealogist General: Gary Green**
- (5) **Historian General: Jeffery Thomas**
- (6) **Librarian General: Keith Weissinger**
- (7) **Surgeon General: John Turley**
- (8) **Chaplain General: Vernon Welkner**
- (9) **Foundation (2 At-Large positions open)**

(a) - **Jim Klingler**

(b) - **Sam Powell**

- (10) **UnContested Motion to Close Roger Corner, Seconded by Elijah Shalis, passed unanimously**

- (11) **UnContested Candidates were allowed to speak**

(a) **Treasurer General Lee Popham spoke**

(b) **Registrar General Brooks Lyles spoke**

(c) **Chancellor General Edmon McKinley spoke**

(d) **Genealogist General Gary Green spoke**

(e) **Librarian General - Bobbie Hulse spoke on his behalf**

(f) **Foundation Positions - Mickey McGuire spoke on behalf of Sam Powell, Gary Green spoke on behalf of Jim Klingler**

- (12) **Motion to endorse all uncontested candidates by Bill Sharp, Seconded by Elijah Shalis, passed unanimously.**

X. Meeting Recessed at 10:44 AM by VPG Van Hoof for break and hotel check out

XI. Meeting Resumed at 11:01 AM by VPG Van Hoof

XII. Old Business

A. George Washington Endowment Fund

- 1. **Edmon McKinley spoke about how everyone that can should be a George Washington Fellow**

B. SAR Foundation

1. Brooks Lyles spoke about Foundation Funding which is doing well and the upcoming 200th Anniversary of the Lafayette Tour

C. Robert Huber spoke about yard signs and logo use

D. Foundation - Lee Popham spoke about Foundation Funding, 14 million raised

XIII. Contested Nomination Results

A. Treasurer General

1. Lee Popham endorsed

B. Registrar General

1. Brooks Lyles endorsed

C. Motion to Destroy Ballots by Paul Callanan, Seconded by Bob Craig, passed unanimously

XIV. Nominations for VPG for 2024-2025

- A. Past GLD VPG Bill Austin Motion to Nominate Robert Haglund of Wisconsin, Seconded by Sam Keith, Motion passed unanimously.**

XV. Benediction by MISSAR Chaplain John Thurber

XVI. SAR Recessional lead by Paul Callanan

XVII. Motion to Adjoin Meeting by Mickey McGuire, Seconded by Jim Petres, passed unanimously

XVIII. Meeting Adjourned at 11:40AM

GLD Recording Secretary - Elijah Shalis

Great Lakes District Meeting

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Name		Title / Position	Affiliation	Initials
Warren	Alter	President General 2018-2019	Northern Michigan	W.A.A.
Richard	Arnold	Vice Pres - Trustee	West Michigan	R.A.A.
Tom	Ashby	Great Lakes VPG 2018-19	Illinois	T.A.A.
William	Austin	Great Lakes VPG 2021-22	Wisconsin	W.A.A.
Ronald	Barnard	Color Guard	Paul Emery	R.A.B.
David	Brant	Alternate Chapter Trustee	Central Michigan	
Gerald	Burkland	Great Lakes VPG 2010-11	Paul Emery	G.B.
Paul	Callanan	International VPG 2018-19	Northern Michigan	P.C.
Toby	Chamberlain	Great Lakes VPG 2022-23	Illinois	T.C.
Mark	Chamberlain	Chapter Trustee	West Michigan	M.C.
Roger	Cotner	Membership Secretary	MISSAR	R.C.
Robert	Craig	Chapter Trustee	Pvt. E. Wheaton	R.C.
John	Critchett	Dir. Youth Awards	MISSAR	
Joseph	Dooley	President General 2013-14	NSSAR	J.D.
Michael	Elston	Treasurer General	NSSAR	M.E.
Kenneth	Goodson	International VPG 2021-23	West Michigan	K.G.
Gary	Green	Genealogist General	NSSAR	G.G.
Bernie	Grosskopf	Chapter Trustee	Central Michigan	B.G.
Robert	Haglund	State President	Wisconsin	R.H.
Robert	Hawcroft	Color Guard	Paul Emery	R.H.
Steve	Hinson	Central District VPG	Ohio	S.H.
Robert	Huber	President - Trustee	Oaks Chapter	R.H.
Bobbie	Hulse	South Central VPG	Kansas	B.H.
Michael	Jones	Chapter Trustee	Detroit Metro	
Samuel	Keith	Chapt. Pres / State Treasurer	Wisconsin	S.K.
John	Lepisto	Vice Commander Color Guard	West Michigan	J.L.
T. Brooks	Lyles Jr	Historian General	NSSAR	T.B.
Mickey	McGuire	State President	MISSAR	M.M.
Edmon	McKinley	Chancellor General	NSSAR	E.M.
Rodney	Modell	State President	M.S.C.A.R.	

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