

**Great Lakes District  
Sons of the American Revolution**



**State Societies of Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan**

District Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2013 held Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI.

Vice President General of the Great Lakes District Joseph Conger, Michigan Society Sons of American Revolution called the meeting to order at 9:05AM in the Imperial Ballroom of the Amway Grand Plaza.

Compatriot Aaron Krebs, President of the Wisconsin Society led the Pledge of Allegiance  
Compatriot Bruce Talbot, President of the Illinois Society led the Pledge to the SAR  
Compatriot Michael Huey, MISSAR Chaplain gave the invocation.

Compatriot John Crissman MISSAR, Recording Secretary for GLD, declared that a quorum was present.

Vice President General Joseph Conger introduced President General Joseph Dooley and NSSAR Foundation President Dr. Samuel Powell and all members present.

**Business:**

The minutes of the Great Lakes District Meeting of 2012 were distributed and read. Compatriot Russ Buhr, WISSAR made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and was seconded by Compatriot William Vette, MISSAR. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Michigan C.A.R. President Mitchell Huber gave a presentation of the C.A.R. project of a World War II memorial to located in Royal Oak, MI. He presented a proposed architectural drawing and asked for donations. Compatriot David Smith Vice President of the Northern Michigan Chapter presented Mitch Huber with a check for \$100 collected from the NMC at a recent meeting.

**Reports of the State Societies:**

Oral and written reports were presented by each of the society presidents:

Compatriot Bruce Talbot, President of the Illinois Society

Compatriot Aaron Krebs, President of the Wisconsin

Compatriot Robert Sprague, President of the Michigan Society

They were accepted and copies were filed with Compatriot John Crissman, Recording Secretary for the record.

**Speakers:**

NSSAR Foundation President Dr. Samuel Powell spoke on the progress and fund drive efforts for the Center for Advance of American Heritage in Louisville, KY. Vice President General of the Great Lakes District Joseph Conger presented Dr Powell a check for \$250 from the sale of tickets from the previous evening's raffle to be used toward the CAAH as a donation from the Great Lakes District.

President General Joseph Dooley spoke on his Five Point initiatives and the goals he has set for his tenure as President General of the NSSAR. Copies of the Five Point initiatives are held in record of the GLD minutes for 2013.

**Candidates for National Office:**

Vice President General of the Great Lakes District Joseph Conger announced the candidates running for national office. Ballots were distributed to the members listing candidates. Two of the national offices were contested Treasurer General and Librarian General. Compatriot Bill Vette MISSAR spoke on behalf of Michael Tomme for Treasurer General and Bruce Pickett for Librarian General since neither candidate could make a personal appearance before the GLD. Compatriot Gerald Wall, MISSAR moved that nominations for uncontested offices be closed and that those uncontested candidates be endorsed by district by vote. Motion was seconded by Compatriot Russ Buhr, WISSAR. Motion passed unanimously. Ballots were presented and vote was taken for contested offices. Upon ballot count by each of the state society presidents, as tellers, Michael Tomme for Treasurer General and Bruce Pickett for Librarian General were declared the winners for endorsement by the GLD. Results of ballot will be report to immediate Past President Steve Lieshman of NSSAR.

Compatriot Bruce Talbot moved that Michael Tomme for Treasurer General and Bruce Pickett for Librarian General be endorsed by the GLD. James Petres seconded and upon vote was passed unanimously. President General Joseph Dooley moved that all ballots be destroyed. Motion was seconded by Compatriot Bill Vette. Motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation of Certificates by Vice President General of the GLD:**

As recommended by the state society presidents, Joseph Conger VPG awarded *Certificate of Distinguished Service* to the following:

*Charles McGee*- WISSAR President of the Tainter Chapter

*Matt Colby*- WISSAR of the Nathaniel Ames Chapter

*Aaron Krebs* - WISSAR Society President

*Martinus "John" Dyrud*- ILSSAR of the Lake Defiance Chapter

*Stephen A Bradley*- ILSSAR of the Springfield Chapter

*Michael Huey*- MISSAR President of the West Michigan Chapter

*Gerald Burkland*- MISSAR Color Guard Commander of the Paul Emery Chapter

**Election of Great Lakes District Vice President General for 2014:**

Compatriot Russell Buhr, WISSAR nominated Aaron Krebs WISSAR President for Vice President General of the Great Lakes District for 2014. Motion was seconded by Compatriot Bill Vette MISSAR. There being no other nominations Aaron Krebs WISSAR President for Vice President General of the Great Lakes 2014 was elected unanimously. Aaron Krebs accepted office and proceeded to announce the next GLD meeting to held in Madison, Wisconsin on Friday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Crowne Plaza, Madison, Wisconsin.

Compatriot Michael Huey, MISSAR Chaplain gave the closing prayer.

Vice President General of the Great Lakes District Joseph Conger led the SAR Recessional.

Color Guard Commander Gerald Burkland led the Color Guard in the retirement of the colors.

Having no further business to conduct by the GLD 2013 session Vice President General of the Great Lakes District Joseph Conger adjourned the meeting at 12:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Crissman

Recording Secretary of the GLD