

BOM Meeting Items

FLSSAR nominee for the position of VP General of the South Atlantic District, NSSAR

Lindsey Brock was chosen to be the FLSSAR nominee for the position of VP General of the South Atlantic District, NSSAR. There is an agreement among the societies in the district that rotates the office between the states. Since this year is the Florida Society's turn we expect Lindsey to be elected to this office.

Endowment Trust Fund

The Endowment Trust Fund had a successful year. Because of this the fund will have \$12,535.99 to distribute to chapters requesting reimbursements next year. This is a significant increase from last year. Because this amount is likely to exceed 2008 requests and in light of the fact that \$723.57 was not paid to chapters in 2007 for lack of funds, the BOM decided to pay this money out of the 2008 funds. Thus, if your chapter was not fully reimbursed in 2007 you can expect the remaining money in a few weeks. The Distribution Committee will continue its practice of sending out 50% of approved funds right away and the remainder at the end of the year.

National Headquarters

A lengthy discussion involving the possible purchase of a downtown building for use as a National Headquarters led the BOM to the conclusion that at this point sufficient due diligence has not been done with regard to the many issues involved in the plan. The FLSSAR trustee, by motion of the BOM, was instructed to vote to table any discussion of purchasing the downtown building in Louisville for use as a National Headquarters until sufficient due diligence is done.

Nominations for FLSSAR 2008-2009 Officers

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2008-2009

President: Ron Toops

Sr. Vice President: William Stevenson

North West Regional Vice President: Ed Young

North Central Regional Vice President: Gordon Greenwood

West Central Regional Vice President: Nelson Jantzen

North East Regional Vice President: David Ramseur

East Central Regional Vice President: Hall Reidiger

South East: Regional Vice President Gerald Meeks

South West Regional Vice President: Don Cahill

Secretary: Kevin Yarnell

Treasurer: Leon Hammock

Registrar: Ted Duay, III

Geneologist: Gerald Meeks

Chaplin: Randy Moody

Recording: Terry Walton

Chancellor: Carl Hoffmann
Sergeant-at-arms: Phil Tarpley
Historian: Bob Murray
Editor: Dick Fowler
Executive Committee Member at-large: John Cahoon, Jr.

The election will be held May 3, 2008 at the annual meeting. All FLSSAR members can vote and additional nominations will be taken from the floor. You'll recall that the annual meeting coincides with the Spring BOM meeting planned for May 2-4, 2008.

Other Items

Flag Certificates

If your chapter presented a Flag Certificate during the 2007-2008 period please email that information to Frank Hodalski (fhodalski@msn.com). If you have not, please consider doing so in the next month or so. We need 16 chapters to make a presentation to be eligible for an award at the National Congress.

IRS

All chapters need to file a short, on-line, form with the IRS this year. We do not yet have the instructions for how this is done. When we get the information Leon Hammock, the FLSSAR Treasurer, will send it to the chapters.

Also, we've learned from the Society of Confederate Veterans that the IRS is conducting a survey of non-profit organizations. The research is being conducted by "Russell Research" and they are a legitimate contractor of the IRS. If you are contacted you should feel free to answer their questions if you so choose.

New Chapter Formed

We're pleased to announce that our newest chapter is the Dunaway Chapter located in Greenville area. You can use this link <http://twoegg.blogspot.com/2008/01/dunaway-sar-chapter-forms-in-jackson.html> to read more about the chartering ceremony.

DAR Invitation

The Florida State Regent, Sue C. Bratton extends an invitation to all SAR members to attend the FSSDAR Opening Night Festivities in Orlando at the Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel on March 14, 2008, beginning at 6pm. This event opens the 106th FSSDAR state conference. The speaker for the evening will be Merry Ann T. Wright, NSDAR Vice President General. Reservations are required by March 1, 2008. Make your check payable to "2008 FSSDAR State Conference" for \$38.00 and mail your reservation to Diantha Kohler 4536 Bardsdale Dr. Palm Harbor, FL 34685.

Annual Reports, Dues Rebates, etc

Over the next two weeks I hope to finalize the money regarding the annual reports. Once that's done, I'll forward the information to Leon Hammock who will write

dues rebate checks for all the chapters that qualify and refunds for the few who overpaid. Thanks for your patience with this process.

Committee Chairman and Members for 2008-2009

Members interested in chairing or working on state committees are very much encouraged to make their interest known. Many times positions remain unchanged from year to year for lack of a member willing to assume the responsibilities. Please email Ron Toops at rtoops2001@yahoo.com.

Knight Essay Contest

If your chapter conducted an essay contest be reminded that the deadline for submission is January 31st. Also recall that the committee would appreciate your sending all the entries, not just the winning entry.

Poster Contest

The Poster Contest for 4th and 5th graders will be conducted at the Spring BOM. For more information on conducting a local contest please visit <http://www.sar.org/youth/americanism.html> on the National Society website.