

Minutes of the KSDAR Board of Management
Fall Forum
Doubletree Inn, Lawrence, KS
September 21, 2024

The State Board of Management of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution convened on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at the Doubletree Inn, Lawrence, Kansas. The State Regent, Rebecca Kline, presided. Honorary State Regent, Brenda Dooley was appointed without objection by State Regent Kline to take the minutes until the state recording secretary arrived.

The Pages processed the flags followed by the invocation, which was led by the Reverend Laurie Barnes, State Chaplain; Connie Becker, State Librarian, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America; Linda Jensen, State Registrar, led the American's Creed; and Denise Bullock, State Vice Regent, led the first stanza of the National Anthem.

The flags were posted.

Denise Bullock, State Vice Regent, read greetings from President General Pamela Rouse Wright. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Mrs. Wright.

The members were seated, and the Pages retired.

State Regent Rebecca Kline welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked all for their willingness to serve their chapters, state society, and national society. She hoped that all had enjoyed the activities to that point, including the club meetings, the Haskell University tour coordinated by Janis Miller, American Indians State Chair, and the Liberty dinner, where a DAR Appreciation medal was presented to Nick Badgerow. She expressed appreciation to Nancy Wright, Organizing Secretary General and Denise Bullock National Vice Chair CDRC-Rural Concerns for the informational workshop last night. Thank you to Patti Unruh and Denise Bullock for helping with the Q&A for Mrs. Wright and the National Chair of Membership Laura Druker, which yielded interesting questions.

The State Regent announced that at the conclusion of the Board of Management meeting, there would be a workshop "Finding Your Recipe for Membership" presented by Laura Druker, National Chair Membership. The workshop would be followed by the Sparkle Luncheon, workshops, invitational social, and District meetings.

State Corresponding Secretary, Laura Renfro, gave an inspirational quote. Greetings were brought by Southwest District Director Valerie Bothell followed by the response given by State Vice Regent, Denise Bullock.

State Regent Rebecca Kline expressed her sincere thanks to Southwest District Director Valerie Bothell, and members of the Southwest District; and the State Meetings Co-Chair Retha Blecha for all their work making this meeting successful.

The State Regent presented the National Officers from Kansas in attendance: Curator General, Dr. Susan Lee Metzger, and Honorary Vice President General, Mary Bannister Frisch.

She then presented the Honorary State Regents in attendance: Honorary State Regent, past Registrar General and past Vice President General, Patricia Eddy Carpenter; Honorary State Regent, Brenda Judd Dooley; Honorary State Regent and past Corresponding Secretary General, Kathryn Walker West. We regret that Honorary State Regent Patricia Traffas, Honorary State Regent Alice Walker, and Honorary State Regent Shirley Coupal were unable to attend.

The State Regent then presented the State Officers: Denise McNickle Bullock, State Vice Regent; Reverend Laurie Lowe Barnes, State Chaplain; Rebecca Valliere Spaulding, State Recording Secretary; Laura Johnson Renfro, State Corresponding Secretary; Patricia Kennedy Unruh, State Organizing Secretary; Sue Cowan, Acting State Treasurer; Linda Smitherman Jensen, State Registrar; Sherrie Lynn Smith, State Historian; Connie Becker, State Librarian; and Melissa Precht, State Reporter. State Parliamentarian, Mary Bannister Frisch, was also presented.

Mrs. Kline presented the National Appointees who were present: National Chair America 250! Commission, Kathryn Walker West; National Vice Chair America 250! Celebration Grant Team Leader Retha Strnad Blecha; Advisor to the Membership Task Force Mary Bannister Frisch; Advisor and Member, Application Task Force Mary Bannister Frisch; National Vice Chair CDRC Rural Concerns Denise McNickle Bullock; National Vice Chair Consistency in Messaging Margaret R. Bates; National Vice Chair Leadership Training Jeri Kling; South Central Division Vice Chair American History Sherrie Smith; South Central Division Vice Chair Junior American Citizen and Creative Expression Contest Haley Popelka; South Central Division Vice Chair Leadership Training Tonya Adams; South Central Division Vice Chair DAR Project Patriot Susan Newman; Development member Laura Renfro; Insignia Volunteers Tonya Adams, Laura Kaiser; NSDAR Technology Planning Commission and Human Resources member Susan Metzger; NSDAR Technology Support Help Desk Volunteers Margaret Bates; Specialty Research Patricia Spencer; and Volunteer Information Specialists Website Approval Assistant Rebecca Spaulding.

Mrs. Kline presented those in attendance appointed to the VAVS Boards and appreciation was expressed by all.

The Recording Secretary, Rebecca Spaulding, read Article 9, Section 1 of the State Bylaws.

At Roll Call, the following State Officers were present: Rebecca Kline, State Regent; Denise Bullock, State Vice Regent; Laurie Barnes, State Chaplain; Rebecca Spaulding, State Recording Secretary; Laura Renfro, State Corresponding Secretary; Patti Unruh, State Organizing Secretary; Sue Cowan, Acting State Treasurer; Linda Jensen, State Registrar; Sherrie Smith, State Historian;

Connie Becker, State Librarian; and Melissa Precht, State Reporter. National officers from Kansas present were Dr. Susan Metzger, Curator General and Mary Frisch, Honorary Vice President General.

At Roll Call, the following Chapters were represented by their Regent or Vice Regent: Arthur Barrett, Betty Washington, Captain Jesse Leavenworth, Cimarron River Valley, Council Oak, Courtney-Spalding, Desire Tobey Sears, Dodge City, Esther Lowrey, Flores del Sol, Four Winds, General Edward Hand, Good-Land, Isabella Weldin, James Ross, John & Hattie Possum, John Haupt, Jonathan Gilbert, Little Arkansas, Marais des Cygnes, Martha Vail, Mary Draper, Mary Wade Strother, Newton, Oceanus Hopkins, Olathe, Prairie Rose, Randolph Loving, Sagamore, Sarah Steward, Shawnee Mission, Three Trails West, Tomahawk, Topeka, Where the Trail Divides, and William Wilson.

Present were 11 State Officers, 2 National Officers from Kansas, and Regents or Vice Regents from thirty-six chapters. Mrs. Kline declared a quorum, and the meeting proceeded.

Without objection, Diane Boeger, Stacy Cope, and Mary Foley were appointed to review the minutes of this meeting.

The Recording Secretary reported the minutes of the State Board of Management on April 26, 2024, were previously approved as printed by a committee composed of Susan Davis, Lou Ann Preston, and Jaculin Aaron.

State Regent Kline read the KSDAR State Bylaw, Article V-Officers. Section 5. Vacancies: Vacancies in state offices shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee, with the approval of the State Board of Management, until the next regular meeting of the State Conference, when the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by the Kansas Society.

The Executive Committee has appointed Sue Cowan, Tomahawk Chapter, NSDAR, to fill the position of State Treasurer. Following approval of this State Board of Management, Ms. Cowan will serve as Acting State Treasurer until the next regular meeting of the KSDAR State Conference in April 2025, when the voting delegates can vote to accept Ms. Cowan for the position of State Treasurer. The membership voted to approve the appointment of Sue Cowan to the position of acting State Treasurer.

The State Regent presented her report, followed by reports from State Officers: State Vice Regent Denise Bullock, State Chaplain Reverend Laurie Barnes, State Recording Secretary Rebecca Spaulding, State Corresponding Secretary Laura Renfro, State Organizing Secretary Patti Unruh, State Treasurer Tena Brucken, State Registrar Linda Jensen, State Historian Sherrie Smith, State Librarian Connie Becker, and State Reporter Melissa Precht.

The Parliamentarian, Mary Frisch, filed her report.

Acting State Treasurer, Sue Cowan, moved to ratify the movement of \$120,000 from the cash fund into a 42-month CD at Bank Midwest at a rate of 4.01% on the advice of the Investment Committee. Rationale: the money was not accruing significant interest. The money was moved to a higher yielding fund in a different banking institution to ensure a higher rate of return on our investment. Adopted.

State Recording Secretary Rebecca Spaulding read the report of the Executive Committee. The Regular meeting of the Executive Committee met on August 25, 2024, via Zoom.

- In accordance with the KSDAR Bylaws, the Routh Scholarship will be paid \$1,356.71 plus interest.
- In accordance with the KSDAR bylaws, the Kessler Scholarship will be paid at \$926.58 plus interest.
- In accordance with the KSDAR bylaws, the Judd Smith Brooks Scholarship will be paid \$1,000.

The Recording Secretary read the recommendations from the Executive Committee and moved for the adoption of each:

Recommendation 1. That \$1,000 be donated for professional development opportunities for NSDAR Museum staff in honor of Curator General Susan Metzger. Adopted.

Recommendation 2. To ratify the overage of \$69.11 for expenses of the American Revolution Traveling Exhibit event at the State Capital. Adopted.

Recommendation 3. That funds be moved from the Cope estate (acct #3482) to the Historical Markers Fund (acct #3377). Adopted.

Rationale: The Honorary State Regent Sammy Cope bequest of 5,000 dollars is not restricted. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee it was agreed to move the funds. Historical markers were especially important to Mrs. Cope.

Recommendation 4. To ratify the \$185 expense for the purchase of a frame for the SAR award presented at the State Conference. Adopted.

Recommendation 5. That the Kansas DAR Scholarship be funded at \$2,000. Adopted.

Recommendation 6. That the Good Citizens Scholarship be funded at \$2,000. Adopted.

Recommendation 7. That the Pendleton Scholarship be funded at \$2638.58 plus interest. Rationale: The Pendleton Scholarship was established in 1981 by the sale of a silver tea set. The scholarship has been awarded eight times in the past 43 years. KSDAR is awarding this final payment of the Scholarship, and the scholarship will cease to exist. Adopted.

Recommendation 8. To pay for one meal per Page plus one sleeping room for Pages from the Page Patron Fund for the Fall Forum. Adopted.

Recommendation 9. That the facility and other expenses of the Kansas Society's Fall Forum meeting shall be allocated from the General Fund. Adopted.

Kristi Kocher, Finance Committee Chair presented the finance report and introduced the members of the Finance Committee: Sue Cowan, Denise Bullock, Rebecca Spaulding, and Earlene Sells.

The Recording Secretary, Rebecca Spaulding, read Article 9, Section 1, Members, which designates the voting members of the State Board of Management; and Article VI (6), Nominations and Elections, Section 2, Nominating Committee, Subsection (a) Members of the State Bylaws.

Elected by the Board of Management were Kathryn West, Chair of the Nominating Committee and Janet Alley, Alternate Chair.

The State Regent reminded members that each district will elect one committee member and one alternate committee member for the Nominating Committee during their meeting.

Southwest District Director, Valerie Bothell read the report of registration for each District. Southeast: 20, Southwest: 28, Northwest: 27, Northeast: 66, and first-time attendees 12 for a total of 146.

Southwest District Director, Valerie Bothell introduced the members of the Fall Forum committee, State Page Chair, Jamie Barton introduced the pages, and appreciation was expressed by all.

State Regent Rebecca Kline recognized all first-time attendees and thanked everyone for attending the Board of Management meeting and for their dedication to the Kansas Society. Appreciation was expressed to the State Meetings Committee, Retha Blecha, and Sara Larson Co-Chairs; Nancy Williams, State Meetings Treasurer; Jamie Barton, Page Chair; Sally Bender, State Marshal, and pianist, Susan Keith.

Rebecca Kline State Regent gave deadlines about volunteering for Congress Committees, and Paging. She reminded members to log their Service hours.

Retha Blecha State Meetings Co-Chair made announcements.

Following a benediction, by State Chaplain, Reverend Laurie Barnes, the meeting was adjourned without objection by State Regent Rebecca Kline at 10:06 a.m.

Rebecca Valliere Spaulding
State Recording Secretary