



San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Directors Minutes  
 9/15/2016  
 Spice House Cafe  
 9035 Clairemont Mesa Blvd  
 San Diego, CA

**ATTENDEES**

Dennis Cushman  
 Ray Raser  
 Bill Weedman  
 Robert Hayden  
 Ernie McCullough

**POSITION**

President\*  
 Chapter Registrar & Past President\*  
 VP for Membership\*  
 Secretary\*  
 Genealogist

**Absent**

Vacant	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President*
Dan McLaughlin	Treasurer*
Stan De Long	Chaplain*
Tom Coxon	Sergeant-at-Arms*
Ernie Mortensen	Chair Finance Committee
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor
Vacant	Historian
Vacant	Communication Director
Dick Leslie	Web Master

(\* Elected and Voting Board Members)

President Dennis Cushman called the monthly Board of Director’s (BOD) meeting to order at 12:10pm.

*Bob Hayden motioned to accept the minutes for the August 2016 BOD’s meeting, Ray Raser seconded. No discussion was requested by Board members. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of the Board of Directors.*

**President’s Report (Dennis Cushman)**

Dennis will meet with the DAR host committee tomorrow to discuss Color Guard issues at the Constitution Day celebration at the Admiral Baker Club. Susan Mattern is making arrangements for the La Jolla Christmas Parade and Susan will also talk to Bill Weedman about



extra tables and chairs at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum for the October Membership meeting. The Chapter Secretary should send the Chapter Membership Roster as is to Donald B. Littlefield of CASSAR to assist him in a project sponsored by the Intel Corporation to better register and coordinate member data and programs from the Chapter level up to State and National levels.

Dennis will start using the new name tag machine in the near future and when up and running turn it over to Bob Hayden.

Dennis discussed sending out a letter to the general membership asking members to volunteer either time or treasure to help with leadership issues in committees and Officer positions.

The insurance company that insures out Chapter will not be renewing the “Black Powder” insurance next year.

**1st VP Report (Bill Ketchum)**

Absent

**2nd VP Report (Vacant)**

**Secretary Report (Bob Hayden)**

Discussed request by Donald B. Littlefield for copy of Roster Membership Reports.

**Treasurer’s Report – (Dan McLaughlin)**

**Absent no report**

**Vice President Membership (Bill Weedman)**

Bill has been responding to inquiries about membership requirements and working on the Knight Essay Contest that High School students are eligible to participate in. He has notified 18 San Diego School District of the contest.

For this year’s contest the submittal date to the Chapter will be moved up to December 15<sup>th</sup> to give time to review the submittals for technical correctness. This should ensure no contestant will need to be rejected because of a minor technical glitch that can’t be fixed in time to submit to CASSAR. This initial review will not include looking at the contents of the submittal.

**Chaplain Report – (Rev Stan De Long)**

Absent (date of meeting was changed and Stan wasn’t properly notified.)



### **Registrar Report – (Ray Raser)**

Ray emailed his report. Ray sent out an invitation to Board members to attend a Genealogical Seminar on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the San Diego Genealogical Society. Ray Raser and DAR representative Simran K. Noon will speak about their respective organization's resources for finding Revolutionary War Ancestors.

### **Genealogist Report – (Ernie McCullough)**

Looking for a genealogist helper for Ray Raser.

### **Historian Report – (Vacant)**

Looking for a volunteer. New member Jack Wadlington indicated some interest in this position. He will contact Philip Hinshaw to discuss requirements and responsibilities.

### **Vice Color Guard Commander – (Ernie McCullough)**

Ernie will meet tomorrow with the Color Guard at 10:00 am at the Admiral Baker Club to discuss procedures for the Constitution Day Commemoration program, sponsored by the DAR.

Ernie went over the Medals and Uniform budget numbers for next year and discussed and offered a few suggestions for trying to trim their cost. One suggestion is to not engrave the medals handed out to recipients, except for First Responders.

**Ray Raser made the following provisional motion:**

**Eliminate the engraving of medals handed out at award ceremonies except for First Responders. Dennis Cushman seconded the motion and asked for discussion and none was requested. The motion passed unanimously.**

President Cushman will inquire at a local seamstress he knows to see if they would be interested in trying to make our SAR uniforms. Ernie McCullough will give Dennis a pattern and some images of the uniforms to assist Dennis in making his request.

Ernie requested that President Cushman call the Orange County Chapter and talk to the President about Jeffrey White reimbursing the San Diego Chapter for a portion of the cost of his uniform that San Diego Chapter had paid. Jeff left San Diego for the Orange County Chapter shortly after receiving his uniform.

**President Cushman made the following provisional motion:**

**Require any member that receives Chapter aid to purchase a uniform be required to sign a contract obligating that member to reimburse the chapter at a depreciated rate if the member leaves the Chapter without returning the uniform to the Chapter. This is to protect the**



Chapter's financial well-being. Bill Weedman seconded the motion and President Cushman asked for discussion and none was offered. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Sergeant at Arms – (Tom Coxon)**

No report–Absent

### **Education**

No report.

### **Communications Director (Vacant)**

### **Chapter Website (Dick Leslie)**

Absent. Dick will present the Website to the Membership meeting this October. Dennis asked members to review the Website and give feedback to Dick. Also recommend giving Dick an award for his contribution to the Chapter Website.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **New Business**

President Cushman will talk to Compatriot Mike Shay and see if he is interested in serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the remainder of this year and possibly next year too, if that is OK with the incoming new President.

Bill Weedman made the following provisional motion:

The San Diego Chapter of the SAR will contribute \$50.00 to the La Jolla Christmas Parade. Ray Raser seconded the motion. President Cushman called for discussion and none was offered. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Hayden volunteered to be a drummer at the La Jolla Christmas Parade.

Ray Raser volunteered to be a Chapter Delegate at the Fall CASSAR Meeting. Ernie McCullough tentatively would like to be a delegate too.

Ernie reported that Will Tisch would like to be relieved of his duties as Color Guard Commander. President Cushman will appoint Ernie McCullough to be the new Color Guard Commander.



The Board decided, informally, not remove member's names who have passed away from the "Our Ancestors" section of the San Diego Chapter Website. This is the section of the website that names the member and their ancestor who participated in the Rev War on the Patriot side.

Dennis requested that the Secretary make up a tentative calendar schedule for Chapter activities next year. Two issues that need to be addressed are where and when the Board meetings will take place and see if we can shift the Chapter Meetings so not to conflict with the CASSAR Spring Meeting held traditionally in April, usually coinciding with Chapter meetings. This item will be on the October Board of Director's (BOD) agenda.

#### **Medals & Awards (Ernie McCullough)**

See "Vice Color Guard Commander – (Ernie McCullough)"

#### **Budget Presentation (Finance Committee Chairman Ernie Mortensen)**

Absent

#### **Open Items & Announcements**

Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm. Next meeting October 20th, Thursday at 12:15 at the Spice House Café.

Thanks,

Bob Hayden  
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR