



San Diego Chapter SAR Board of Directors Minutes  
 10/20/2016  
 Spice House Cafe  
 9035 Clairemont Mesa Blvd  
 San Diego, CA

**ATTENDEES**

Dennis Cushman  
 Bill Ketchum  
 Ray Raser  
 Robert Hayden  
 Dick Leslie

**POSITION**

President\*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President\*  
 Chapter Registrar & Past President\*  
 Secretary\*  
 Web Master

**Absent**

Vacant	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President*
Bill Weedman	VP for Membership*
Dan McLaughlin	Treasurer*
Stan De Long	Chaplain*
Tom Coxon	Sergeant-at-Arms*
Ernie McCullough	Genealogist
Ernie Mortensen	Chair Finance Committee
George Brewster, Jr.	Chancellor
Vacant	Historian
Vacant	Communication Director

(\* Elected and Voting Board Members)

President Dennis Cushman called the monthly Board of Director’s (BOD) meeting to order at 11:53am.

Bob Hayden motioned to accept the minutes for the August 2016 BOD’s meeting, Dennis Cushman 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 participated in the Constitution Day Celebration sponsored by the Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) at the Admiral Baker Club.

President Cushman awarded the Martha Washington Medal to Lillian Leslie, Director of District XIV, NSDAR and Cathy Smith for hosting the Constitution Day Luncheon and their service to the SAR.

Also, President Dennis Cushman awarded Travis Olsen, President of C.A.R., and Dominique D'Lima, President of the Red, White & Blue Society, with Bronze Medals in appreciation for their service to the SAR.

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

Bill reported that he will not be able to assume the Presidency of the Chapter next year because of family health issues. Speakers are lined up for the remainder of the year but Bill won't be attending this Saturday. Susan Mattern will be speaking this coming Saturday and Tom Johnson will be speaking at the November Membership meeting.

Bill talked to a former commander of Naval Air Station Miramar and got a tentative commitment to speak at a Membership meeting next year.

### **2nd VP Report (Vacant)**

### **Secretary Report (Bob Hayden)**

Reported that dues notices have been mailed out to the 20 members that don't have email addresses. Will send out a few more to members that have requested not to be emailed.

### **Treasurer's Report – (Dan McLaughlin)**

**Absent no report**

### **Vice President Membership (Bill Weedman)**

**Absent no report**

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

Absent

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

Ray emailed his report. No inductees for Saturday Breakfast Meeting. Ray is having trouble with National and State in getting pending applications through the system. Over 20



have been languishing for quite a few months. Ray is looking for a genealogist to assist him in his registrar duties. There is a pending applicant that is well qualified to help in this manner if the application is processed and accepted.

Ray Raser proposed that the Chapter Genealogist should be a voting member and in that spirit made the following motion:

To amend the Chapter By-laws to allow the Chapter Genealogist to be a voting member. President Dennis Cushman seconded the motion. No discussion was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

It has been brought to my attention by Philip Hinshaw that the above motion is not valid for attempting to do what Ray Raser wanted, that is make the Genealogist position a voting position. Below is a copy of Philip's communication with me on this subject:

"The Board of Directors are not empowered by the Bylaws to adopt an amendment of the Bylaws. See Bylaw No. 7, Chapter Meetings, Section 3.b.2 Amendment of Bylaws. A 2/3 vote of the members present and voting a Chapter meeting is required to pass an amendment."

"Note that a proposed amendment must be mailed to all members at least seven days before the meeting."

Ray also made the following motion:

To let the Mayflower Society, organize the joint February SAR/Mayflower George Washington Luncheon. Bill Ketchum seconded. Dennis called for discussion but none offered. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Absent - excused

### **Historian Report – (Vacant)**

Looking for a volunteer. Member Clay Hoffman has volunteered to serve in this capacity. Compatriots Hoffman and Hinshaw are in discussions about the requirements and responsibilities for this position.

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

Absent - Excused

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

No report–Absent



## **Education**

No report.

## **Communications Director (Vacant)**

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

Dick reported that the Chapter website receives between 1000 and 2000 unique hits per month. He requested updated content especially in all the programs areas of the website from the Board members. Bill Weedman has already provided content for the Knight Essay Contest section. Dick is going to redo the website overview video and post a link to it on our website for those who want to view it.

Also, the Treasurer needs the to renew the domain name for our website before its expiration date of November 5th.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

President Cushman will be setting up the badge printer this week and hopefully print out some badges. If all goes well he will show Bob Hayden how to operate the printer and hand it over to him.

## **New Business**

President Cushman will talk to Compatriots Mike Shay, Skip Cox and Jack Wadlington and see if anyone of them would be interested in serving as a Chapter Officer, possibly as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Dennis talked to Will Tisch about Ernie McCullough and Will switching position as Color Guard Commander and Vice Color Guard Commander. Will is currently swamped with family obligations and is not able to adequately attend to the duties of the Color Guard Commander. Will is amenable to this arrangement.

In keeping with that understanding President Cushman made the following motion: Motion that Ernie McCullough be appointed Color Guard Commander and Will Tisch be appointed Vice Color Guard Commander for the remainder of the year. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Ketchum seconded the motion. No discussion was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

Philip Hinshaw requested that he be appointed as the Chapter Liaison to the Bennington Memorial event taking place in July 2017.



President Dennis Cushman motioned that Philip Hinshaw be appointed as the San Diego Chapter Liaison to the July, 2017 Bennington Memorial event. Ray Raser Seconded. No discussion was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

Dennis requested that the Bob Hayden make up a tentative calendar schedule for Chapter activities next year. A few issues that need to be addressed are where and when the Board meetings will take place and Dennis would like to shift the Chapter Meeting in April so not to conflict with the CASSAR Spring Meeting held traditionally in April, too.

In keeping with this request the following motion was made:

Ray Raser motioned to allow the General Membership meeting in April of 2017 to be moved to a date that does not conflict with the CASSAR Spring Board of Management (BOM) meeting traditionally held in April, also. President Dennis Cushman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Absent - Excused

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

Absent

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm. Next meeting November 17, Thursday at 12:00pm, at the Spice House Café.

Thanks,

Bob Hayden  
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR