

MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

April 13, 2024

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 (CDT) by CinC Peter J. Hritsko.

Chaplain Kowalski gave the invocation.

Brother Ken Freshley appointed Counselor for the CofA meeting.

Voting Members Present:

CinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC
SVCinC Kevin L. Martin, PDC
JVCinC Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
National Secretary Daniel W. Murray, PDC
National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, PDC
National Quartermaster Robert Welch, PDC
CofA Member Shane L. Milburn, PDC
CofA Member Robert R. Payne, PDC
CofA Member Brian C. Pierson, PCinC

Voting Members Absent Excused:

CofA Roderick Fraser, PCC

Voting Members Absent

CofA Joseph S Hall Jr, PDC
CofA Member Immed. PCinC Bruce D. Frail, PCinC

Non-Voting Members Present:

National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski
Ken L. Freshley, PCinC
Jim Pahl, PCinC
David Demmy, PDC Executive Director

Guests Present:

James Crane, PDC , Chief of Staff

There are 9 voting members of the Council of Administration present.

The only additions to the written Officers Reports was from the National Civil War Monument Memorials Officer Shane Milburn. A reimbursement check was issued to Camp 9 in the Department of Kansas and another was issued to Camp 67, Department of Illinois for matching funds.

Old Business

The deed of gift for the Kit Carson monument Government Accountability Office and we have not heard back so it is still in limbo.

The status of the Drupal bankruptcy-a committee was appointed with Brother Ken Freshly as chairman. They are still gathering information and there is nothing to report.

Update on G. O. 2 - 10 departments have voted for ratification with 7 against ratification. The Departments voting for are Alabama, Chesapeake, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio,

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Rhode Island, Tennessee and Wisconsin. The Department of voting against Columbia, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Pennsylvania and Southwest.

New business

There were 2 merchandising requests. A merchandising request from the Department of Pennsylvania patches to put on. Samples of the patches were presented and after some discussion Brother Pierson made a motion seconded by Brother Payne to issue the merchandising licenses. The vote was 9 yeas and 0 nays.

The second merchandising request was from Camp 20, Department of Michigan for T-shirts. Photos were presented and after some discussion Brother Beard made a motion seconded by Brother Pierson. The vote was 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Awards for the Meritorious service Award made Meritorious Service Award with gold star for discuss it was discussed whether they should be sent out as a group or individually. The CinC will evaluate which ones merit the gold star and send them all out as a group to the Council to deal with.

Chaplain Kowalski going to let the Departments know about the Chaplains Award so they can recommend any Brother Chaplains they think merit the award.

Recommendations from reports

1-Make the C of A meeting in Springfield a zoom for Brothers of the CofA were unable to attend. After some discussion it was decided that the recommendation was moot as the meeting was going on. A straw poll was taken and the majority of Brothers present were not in favor of hybrid meetings

2-That Brother Hahn be reimbursed 2 Nights hotel out of the General Fund for Remembrance Day. After discussion Brother Pierson made a motion to approve with Brother Payne seconding. The vote was 9 yeas and 0 nays.

3-The proposed changes to regulations submitted by the National Treasurer are going to the C&R committee.

4-the National quartermaster submitted a recommendation to get approval to sell the following certificates; War Service Metal Certificate, Military Service Metals Certificate, Continuous Membership Certificate from Updated Good Citizenship Award Certificate, and updated Membership certificate and Associate Certificate. Brother Beard made the motion, Brother Payne seconded it. An amendment was made by Brother Tucker that the current Good Citizenship award be discontinued. It was seconded by Brother Payne. The vote was 9 yeas and 0 nays. A vote was taken on the main motion and the vote was 9 yeas and 0 nays.

5-Proposed modification to the Eagle Scout Award. This was referred to P&P.

6-Revised "Introducing the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" flyer presented Brother Tucker made a motion that the flyer be numbered Form 71 and posted to the National Website. A motion was seconded by Brother Beard. The vote was 9 yeas and 0 nays.

7-Continued sponsorship of the Civil War and Reconstruction; a history podcast be continued be continued. After some discussion a motion was made by Brother Pierson and seconded by Brother Welch to do 3 more sessions. The Treasurer would put \$5000 in the budget for next year. The vote was 9 yeas and 0 nays.

8-A recommendation to advise the National Encampment of the goals and status of short-term portion of the two-phase plan to wreak locate National Headquarters, to include a list of the items that have been secured. No action was taken by the CofA at this time.

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9-The Committee on Headquarters Planning be allotted 30 minutes at the National Encampment to go into the details of proposals. CinC would like to see an outline of the proposal presented to the CofA first, so the answer is no at this time. It can be taken up at National Encampment.

10 - The first two recommendations from the Department of Pennsylvania no action was taken. Recommendation 3 of that to be a special badge or device for the membership badge in recognition of 10 years as secretary or Treasurer. The Department of Pennsylvania should include this recommendation in the Department report to the National Encampment. After much discussion a motion was made by Brother Pierson and seconded by Brother Payne to have a lapel pin designed for 10 years' service. The vote was 9 yeas and 0 nays.

Assistant National Secretary for Proceedings John Vander Meulen would like two videographers appointed to help record the National Encampment. After some discussion it was decided he can appoint his own assistants to help him.

Brother Tucker brought up increasing the National Encampment budget seed money to 5000.00. It was decided after being discussed that it is cheaper to increase the amount than for National to take over hosting an Encampment. Next year's budget for that line item will be increased to \$5000.00. The CinC will also talk with the Auxiliary National President about the Auxiliary increasing their budget to \$1000.00.

Brother Tucker also brought up making it a requirement to be a Department Commander you must be a Memorial University graduate. Refer to National Encampment.

CofA went into Executive Session at 9:10 to 9:19 PM.

Forms 5 and 8 are sent to the National Quartermaster with DD 214 attached. It was asked what to do with the DD 214. The recommendation is to shred it after approval of request.

Executive Director David Demmy stated all the editions of the Banner that were at Headquarters have been digitized and Assistant Executive Director Susan Mitchell has scanned them to disc. A copy of the disc was given to both the Webmaster and the Banner Editor.

A 250th committee will be formed to make and official badge to wear for the Nations semi quincennial.

There was discussion about moving the hotel and luncheon for the Lincoln Death Day ceremony in Springfield, Ill. This needs to be discussed with Brother Petrovic because he is Chairman for the committee. Brother Pierson did note the luncheon needs to be promoted more because of the low turnout.

The benediction was given by the National Chaplain.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Murray

National Secretary

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War