

2021 South Central District Annual Meeting Minutes
August 28th, 2021
Hyatt Regency Richardson Texas

The South Central District (SCD) was called to order 9:00 AM by VPG Larry Stevens

VPG Stevens called upon Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy to post the colors.

Invocation was led by SCD Secretary Jim Kuykendall (TX)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Oklahoma President Ken Young

The SAR Pledge was led by Texas President Drake Peddie

VPG Stevens asks Bryan Wampler Parliamentarian to review rules of order, and the voting delegates.

VPG Stevens asked Secretary Kuykendall, "Is There a Quorum"? Kuykendall affirmed that we had 39 Delegates present per Article 5 and 7 of the SCD Bylaws.

VPG Stevens had Secretary Kuykendall call the roll in accordance with Article 6.1.9. Kuykendall called the roll asking for the Representative and Delegates as follows:

- Arkansas – Charles McLemore stating Arkansas has 4 Delegates
- Kansas- Bryan Wampler stating Kansas has 6 Delegates
- Missouri – James Osborne stating Missouri has 3 Delegates
- Oklahoma – Ken Young stating Oklahoma has 4 Delegates
- Texas – Drake Peddie stating Texas has 15 Delegates

Jim Kuykendall reported that the states were present with 32 Delegates and we had a quorum.

Secretary Kuykendall further reported that there was a total of 53 people attending the SCD Meeting, including guest.

- 39 Delegates
- 4 National Compatriots
- 8 Ladies Auxiliary
- 2 Guest

Awards:

VPG Stevens asked past VPG Hefley to come forward to award the Meritorious Service Medal to Don McMurry (MO).

VPG Stevens awarded the following awards:

- Tom Van Fossen – Silver Roger Sherman Medal
- Blair Rudy – Silver Roger Sherman Medal
- Jim Kuykendall - Silver Roger Sherman Medal
- Bryan Wampler - Silver Roger Sherman Medal
- Drake Peddie - Silver Roger Sherman Medal
- Dallas Chapter – Certificate of Appreciation Members
 - Jerry Pinkerton
 - Brent Harshman

Bill Watts
Tom Whitelock
Tom Van Fossen
Mark Harrison
Tom Millson

VPG Stevens Recognized Phil Hunt as a George Washington Fellow.

Compatriot Joe Hamill was sworn in as Trustee for the State Society of Oklahoma as he was not present to be sworn in at Congress.

VPG Stevens asked the Secretary to present the minutes from the August 2019 Oklahoma meeting. Minutes are posted on website.

- Motion to accept by John Swartz (KS)
- Second by Joe Hamill (OK)
- Motion passed

Discussion was held regarding the two called zoom meetings held in August and September of 2020. In the first meeting discussion was held regarding using electronic methods to vote and/or hold meetings. By laws cannot be changed unless done at a meeting of delegates. This is to be handled today.

In the second called zoom meeting the rotation of the annual SCD meeting was discussed as noted in Article 4. This item will also be brought up later to today's meeting.

Both meeting minutes have been posted on the SCD website.

Reports will be handled later in meeting:

There are no standing committees to report on.

VPG Stevens introduced the changes, alterations, or amendments to the Constitution in Article 6 to allow the SCD to have electronic meetings. He asked Secretary Kuykendall for the motion. VPG Stevens read the article and motion, which follows:

South Central District Constitution Article 6 – Add Section 2 to Article 6 which enables Virtual or other electronic meetings –

ARTICLE 6 - ANNUAL SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

6.1 The South Central District Annual Meeting, Sons of the American Revolution will be held prior to the National Congress of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The South Central District Annual Meeting shall be held the fourth Saturday of August of each calendar year, separate and apart from any other meetings held within the South Central District. The annual South Central District Annual Meeting will consist of the following items:

Motion to Add the following language to Article 6 as subsection 6.2:

6.2 In the event of an emergency that prevents physical attendance of members, such as a pandemic, unsafe building, or a natural disaster that prevents attendance in person, the South-Central District Annual Meeting, and other periodic meetings, may be held by electronic means.

6.2.1 Such electronic means include, but are not limited to telephone conference call, video teleconference, or other audio and/or visual electronic communication methods.

6.2.2 All States Presidents must be in attendance or a designated representative.

6.2.3 A quorum must be in attendance.

6.2.4 Delegates will be in accordance with Article 5 of the South-Central District Constitution.

6.2.5 A Virtual Meeting can include a combination of In-Person and virtual participation via audio and/or visual electronic means.

- Motion to accept changes made by Tom Jackson (TX)
- Second to motion made by Charles McLemore (AR)
- Motion passed unanimously

VPG Stevens then asked for Motion to change Article 4 of the Constitution, and read it:

Motion to Add the Following Language (indicated in red and underlined) to Article 4.1 paragraph 1 of the South Central District Constitution

*“4.1 Vice President General: The Office of Vice President General shall be rotated through the constituent States in the following order: Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas. **If a state is not able to fill the position, or host the Annual Meeting, the responsibility will move to the next state in order.** A member of the State to host the following year South Central District Annual Meeting shall be nominated by that State Society for the position of Vice President General for a one year tenure. The State Society President, endorsed by the State Society Secretary, shall provide a nominating letter to the South Central District Secretary. That candidate, once voted upon and approved during the South Central District Annual Meeting, shall be nominated at the next National Society Congress where the new Vice President General will assume the position. His duties shall consist of the following: ...”*

Motion made to amend the motion wording stating it should be in writing made by James Osbourne, Discussion about wording and timing of notification for other states so they can prepare to take on the annual meeting. There was not a motion on floor to amend at this time.

Tom Jackson (TX) made the motion that the original motion read be adopted so further discussion can be held. Motion was seconded by Gene Rasure (AR).

VPG asked for discussion on motion.

- Clarification on how communication would be – letter, email, etc. SCD accepts email as being in writing.
- Is there a time frame for notification?

VPG noted that Articles outlines timeline and any changes for timeline changes would have to be made at next meeting due to notification rules.

Charles McLemore (AR) stated that if there was a catastrophic event that prevented the SCD to meet, the new electronic methods could be used to meet (Zoom etc.) This could be done in lieu of moving the meeting to another state. He believes the emergency situation takes care of the issues to rotate.

Drake Peddie (TX) stated that if we take care of the motion on the floor, then the other issues regarding timing of notification can be handled electronically.

Motion to amend the original motion by adding “ in writing” to the nomination letter (Motion 3) was made by James Osborn (MO), Seconded by Greg Hogue. Motion passed.

The original motion made by Tom Jackson (TX) and seconded by Dean Rasure (AR) as amended was voted on. It now reads:

If a state is not able to fill the position, or host the Annual Meeting, the responsibility will move to the next state in order in writing.

There was no discussion, and the Motion was passed.

VPG Stevens discussed the history of the SCD rotation. We now have an alternative to the formalized rotation that all states agreed to. The individual states have nothing to do with the rotation since the rotation was agreed to years ago and is outlined in the SCD Constitution.

Discussion on the list of past VPG's. All corrections need to be sent to VPG Stevens.

There was no other old business to discuss.

State Reports Given: (Attached at end of Minutes)

- Oklahoma – Ken Young 5 Chapters, 332 Members
- Arkansas – Charles McLemore 10 Chapters, 277 Members
- Kansas – Bryan Wampler 13 Chapters, 968 Members
- Missouri – James Osborn 15 Chapters, 790 Members
- Texas – Drake Peddie 47 Chapters, 3102 Members

VPG Stevens Report is on file

- Inducted officers by zoom in two state societies in one day Oklahoma and Texas April 17, 2021, and Joined the Missouri Zoom on April 24, 2021
- Join Kansas society in private facility – control over meeting, less hassle with contracts, food, etc.
- Need to reduce cost and look for different venues to save money
- New Chapter charter is Ellsworth KS inducted 9 new members on August 7, 2021
- Travel is necessary to do the job

New Business

VPG Stevens asked for nominations for the next South Central District VPG.

- Gene Resure (AR) nominated Charles Henry McLemore (AR) for VPG 2022 - 2023.
- Rick Martin (AR) seconded the nomination
- Motion passed unanimously

VPG Stevens led discussion on the support of National Officer Candidates.

- Number of Candidates who are not contested.
 - President General C. Bruce Pickette
 - Secretary General John Dodd
 - Chancellor General Michael J. Elston Esq
 - Registrar General Allen Geenly
 - Librarian General J Fred Olive III
 - Surgeon General Keith A Weissinger
 - Chaplin General Vernon Welkner
 - Foundation Board PG Davis Wright
- There were no nominations from the floor
- Motion to elect by acclamation by Tracy Pounders
- Second by Phil Hunt
- Motion passed

VPG Stevens read off the names of those candidates who had opposition. He asked those candidates to leave the room

VPG Stevens asked for unanimous consent for a divided vote to allow delegates to stand for their vote and not use paper ballots.

- There were no objections
- Treasurer General: Tony Vets and Darryl Addington
 - Addington was endorsed
- Genealogist General: Robert Fist and Gary Green
 - Green was endorsed
- Historian General: Brooks Lyle and Lou Roberg
 - Brooks Lyle was endorsed

Darrell Hefley (OK) reported that SCD has a social media page and encouraged all members to use it. Social media pages include Facebook and Twitter.

Dustin Whittenberg (TX) moved that the SCD pass a resolution supporting Texas leaving the SCD to form its own District. Motion was seconded by Tracy Pounders (TX) VPG Stevens asked for discussion

VPG Stevens noted that any proposed changes to the SCD Constitution required a 30 day notice and that could not be handled at this meeting. Any resolution passed today could not be discussed again until another annual meeting. Districts are not authorized to make such changes, only state, national Executive and Trustees can do so. That does not prevent this group from making a recommendation in the future.

Drake Peddie (TX) clarified that Texas is aware of the process to go by and are not asking for a motion from SCD. Texas is already taking that action. This is only a resolution to get support for the motion in order to help get it passed and expedite the process.

Dustin Whittenberg suggested that each state society might pass a resolution in support of this effort. Brooks Lyles (KS) asked how this best serves the district and the weight it carries in national? What is best for Texas, and what is best for the District.

Jim Kuykendall (TX) discussed the size of Texas and how difficult it is to travel to visit chapters and the hardship. Texas needs the extra help to make Texas a stronger Society. We have a need to use the extra officer to help do the work representing national to state groups. The rest of the district is closer and can get to each other better also saving time and money.

Jim Peterson (KS) asked about other districts that have one or two societies. California has Nevada and Hawaii. District dominated by one state.

Phil Hunt questioned that Texas could still be great and stay in SCD. Hunt said with Texas we would still be a strong District.

Comment was made that this is something that should go back to the states for the states to consider.

After discussion VPG Stevens stated it was a proposal asking for support. Motion was on floor and had to be voted on.

Vote was taken twice. Second vote resulted in supporting the motion.

Drake Peddie (TX) had discussion with Texas Delegates. Drake Peddie (TX) withdrew the motion on the resolution and not have it part of minutes and record.

- Tracy Pounders(TX) made a motion to reconsider the previous vote.
- Dustin Whittenberg (TX) seconded

Discussion was held regarding the reconsideration of a vote having passed having to have to be reconsidered.

- James Osborn (MO) noted that National would have to look at all the districts and the impact overall. He speaks for the reconsideration.
- Jim Kuykendall stated that he did not want to upset everyone. It must not be an us or them situation. He asked for others to discuss it with Texas people.
- Vote taken to reconsider the original motion passes.
- Vote on original motion was made. Motion failed.

Tom Jackson noted that the Robert Rankin Chapter won all three of the major Chapter Awards. Only one in SCD.

PG Nathan White made comments about the SCD rotation and past discussions on possible rotations. Not the first time this has come up. It has been suggested that there are other alternatives such as Texas having the VPG every other year.

VPG Elect Charles McLemore (AR) invited everyone to come to Arkansas next year in August.

Benediction was given by Secretary Jim Kuykendall

Sar Recessional was led by Tim Peterman.

VPG Larry Stevens asked Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy to retrieve the colors.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM

Minutes submitted on September 1, 2021, by J. M. Kuykendall, Secretary SCD