



National Society Sons of Colonial New England

Minutes of the Annual Meeting April 18, 2017 The Army & Navy Club, Washington, D.C.

The meeting was called to order by Governor General Charles Hart Nalls at 12:05 PM. In addition to the Governor General the following members were present: Messrs. John M. Bourne, Peter Dixon, Paul Hays, Barry Howard, Andrew Johnson, Barrett McKown, Richard Patten, and David Stringfellow. Director Andrew Johnson reported that twenty-two proxies had been received in due form, each directing that its votes be cast by Honorary Governor General Peter Dixon, or in his absence by Registrar General and Director Paul Hays. Under the rules a quorum was declared present, with the proxies to be cast by Mr. Dixon.

Also present were three distinguished guests, Anne McKown, Todd Creekman, and Michael Crawford.

Proceedings

Minutes of the previous meeting, the audited annual report of the Treasurer General, and the report of the Registrar General having been distributed in the just-published issue of *The Pine Tree Colonial*, reading of the various reports was dispensed with by unanimous consent and they were approved without objection.

Colonel Johnson, on behalf of Directors Hays, Patten and himself, announced that they nominate Honorary Governor General David Stringfellow to serve as Director for the term ending at the annual meeting in 2020, and that pursuant to the Bylaws they had elected the following officers to serve two-year terms ending at the annual meeting in 2019:

Governor General	Robert D. Pollock
Deputy Governor General	Paul M. Hays
Secretary General	Edward R. Lief
Treasurer General	Charles H. Nalls
Registrar General	Paul M. Hays
Chancellor General	Duane L. C. M. Galles
Chaplain General	Barry C. Howard
Editor General	Barry C. Howard

Col. Johnson reported that by order of the Directors the new Treasurer General, Charles Hart Nalls, is to be added as a signer on the accounts of the Society.

David J. Stringfellow having been nominated for Director for the 2017-2020 term, the chair asked if there were further nominations. There being none, without objection nominations were closed, and Mr. Stringfellow was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Directors be authorized to destroy the proxies. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Mr. Dixon noted the publication of a new issue of *The Pine Tree Colonial*, and moved that the Society offer its special commendation to Editor General Howard. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Directors, Mr. Patten presented the Past Governor General's pin to Rev. Nalls. Mr. Howard moved that Rev. Nalls be designated an Honorary Governor General of the Society. The motion was seconded and agreed to by acclamation.

Other Business

Following lunch, Capt. Todd Creekman, USN (Ret.), former Executive Director of the Naval Historical Foundation, introduced Dr. Michael Crawford, Senior Historian of the Naval History and Heritage Command and Editor of *Naval Documents of the Revolution, Vol. 12*. At the conclusion of Dr. Crawford's talk, he and Capt. Creekman were presented Pine Tree pins by Governor General Nalls.

After delivering a benediction, the Governor General declared the meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Hays
Deputy Governor General
Acting Secretary