

Draft Minutes of the February 10, 2007  
ILSSAR BOM Meeting  
Bloomington, Illinois

There were 25 compatriots and 3 guests in attendance as follows:

Dave	Ashbrook
Charles	Berry
J. Gordon	Bidner
Stephen	Bradley
Arthur	Casebeer
Joseph	Costello
Bill	Dawkins
John	Dyrud
Rex	Egleston
Jack	Firse
Franz	Herder
M. Joseph	Hill
Harry	Hoit
Michael	Johnston
Timothy	Krell
Richard	Moldenhauer
Robert	Morefield
Duane	Neet
Russell	Page
Karl	Reed
James	Say
Charles	Sener
Joseph	Smith
Bruce	Talbot
Harry	Windland

The guests were: Gen Hill, Jane Bradley, and June Page

President Reed gaveled the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

The Colors posted at 9:03 by the ILSSAR Color Guard consisting of Franz Herder, Bill Dawkins, Jim Say, John Dyrud, and Harry Hoit.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Karl Reed.

The SAR pledge was lead by Art Casebeer.

The Color Guard was dismissed at 9:05 AM.

The Invocation was given by J. Gordon Bidner, ILSSAR Chaplain. Gordon noted a book he was reading called American Gospel about the faith of the founding fathers. Gordon recognized recently departed compatriots: Mendel Hart, Ray Richards, Ken Griswold, Emmett Compton, Irving Hollingsworth, Charles Holtz, Charles ☺☺, and Robert Caldwell.

A quorum was determined by Recording Secretary Mike Johnston - 25 in attendance<sup>1</sup>, 15 needed for a quorum.

Recording Secretary Mike Johnston requested a motion for either discussion of the November BOM Minutes, or approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Harry Windland, seconded by Jim Say. Motion to approve the November BOM Minutes passed.

President Reed noted the attendance of Russell and June Page, who received a round of applause. President Reed presented Russell with the Distinguished Service Award which was awarded at 116<sup>th</sup> congress in Dallas. Russell came forward to say a few words about the need for the SAR to encourage schools in the teaching of American history, and especially the revolution. Russell remarked that there is a thinning in the ranks of patriotic organizations, and we have a big job to do, so let's work hard and don't let people forget.

VPG GLD - Stephen Bradley - Compatriot Bradley noted he is still getting comments on the November Great Lakes District meeting in Lisle, and all the comments are good. Stephen thanked all the people responsible for planning the event, particularly Chuck Sener and Don Parrish, for all their hard work to ensure a successful meeting.

One item from the November district meeting was for the states to form new chapters. Michigan has formed one new chapter. Wisconsin is having some problems due to geographic and population issues. ILSSAR is working on forming new chapters, such as one in the Peoria area. Stephen is going to the annual April meeting for Michigan and Wisconsin.

Stephen remarked that his wife Jane has tickets for sale for a 50/50 cash raffle, and encouraged all attendees to purchase tickets. The Ladies Auxiliary has raised over \$50,000 for the C.A.A.H. in the sale of raffle tickets.

ILSSAR Trustee - M. John Dyrud - John observed that each trustee is now assigned a committee chairmanship. John has been assigned the position for merchandise and has been charged with coming up with new products with an SAR theme, for both men and women. John noted the table at the back of the room with samples of new products. The goal is to sell \$200,000 in merchandise over the next 2 years.

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<sup>1</sup> Per attendance sheet circulated by recording secretary.

President Reed queried the attendees to determine if there were any members attending their first BOM meeting. There were no new attendees.

President Reed distributed brochures and handouts regarding the August BOM Meeting. He also mentioned the May business meeting where there will be 17 awards presented for service in WWII and Korea. President Reed discussed the handouts for the August accommodations and the lodge's proximity to New Salem. President Reed remarked that compatriots need to make their reservations ASAP as only 15 rooms have been reserved in a block for the SAR.

The weekend will include the normal Friday night Dutch-treat dinner, and President Reed noted that there is a theater nearby, and on Friday evening there will be an outdoor performance of Little Abner. The group would eat first, and then anyone wishing to could go to theater. Sr VP Bidner requested clarification for the information to be included in the invitation. President Reed stated the room prices are consistent for all rooms, which is set at \$75 per room for those arriving on August 9 and staying through August 10. The Illinois State fair starts that week as well, but the room price will remain the same for SAR's whether they arrive early or late. The lodge has only has 24 rooms, and each is different. President Reed stressed for all to make reservations soon.

The ILSSAR Color Guard is also invited to march in state fair parade. The Springfield chapter has participated for many years and the group is always near front of the parade. Compatriot Moldenhauer asked if any accommodation will be made for those who may to ride, rather than walk. President Reed replied that there is a limited on number of vehicles allowed in the parade due to vehicle exhaust. Compatriot Joe Smith asked about the issue of if someone were to go on Thursday, the hotel is a fair distance from Springfield, and how would the Color Guard get from hotel to the parade area? Compatriot Stephen Bradley replied that the Springfield chapter would provide assistance, as there is a special area for parade participants. President Reed said he would coordinate this issue and provide information in the near future. He also remarked that the parade route is close to 2 miles and participants need to be in good shape to make full march.

Sr. VP Gordon Bidner came forward to address some remaining "housekeeping" items. The SAR ladies were on a tour that morning. The luncheon numbers show 26 seats have been reserved, and Compatriot Bidner encouraged the Pages to remain for the luncheon. Some people still need to pay for their reservations.

Compatriot Bidner remarked that President Reed as VP had done things to "raise the bar" so Gordon has done his best to update the BOM directory, which he will circulate for updates.

Gordon noted that Compatriot Tim Krell had decided to give up one BOM position, but retain the other. Compatriot Krell will remain as chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee, and Compatriot Don Campbell has agreed to become ILSSAR Sgt-at-Arms.

Compatriot Bidner noted that the president needs a BOM motion to appoint and approve a new officer to the BOM. Compatriot Chuck Sener stated that since the BOM was voting on changes, he moved that Compatriot Jim Say be named as full chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee, not just Co-Chair.

Compatriot Bidner recommended approval of these BOM officer changes. President Reed agreed, as some individuals have stated he is not obtaining proper approval of the BOM for his appointments.

Sr. VP Gordon Bidner read through the directory verbally from the podium naming each BOM member to ensure no one on the BOM was overlooked.

A motion to accept the changes/appointments in BOM officers of Jim Say as sole Eagle Scout Committee Chairman and Don Campbell as Sgt-at-Arms was made by Compatriot Joe Smith and seconded by Compatriot Chuck Sener. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Compatriot Al Berry moved to accept the updated roster of BOM members, which was seconded by Compatriot Joe Costello. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Compatriot Stephen Bradley asked if everyone had signed the recoding secretary's attendance sheet, and to please do so if they have not.

National Trustee - M. John Dyrud - Compatriot Dyrud stated that following the recommendations of the external audit and the directive vote at the November BOM meeting, he had obtained price quotes for D & O Insurance. John noted there are 57 members of the BOM to cover. Compatriot Dyrud has obtained two price quotes: one quote is for \$1100/yr for \$500,000 coverage, and the other is for \$1600/yr for \$1,000,000 coverage.

Trustee Dyrud requested a motion to provide authority for President Reed to expend up to \$1700. Motion was so moved by Compatriot Joe Costello, seconded by (Gordon Bidner?)

Compatriot Harry Windland requested the ability to discuss before a vote, and asked about the difference in the annual premium, and which policy the BOM should approve.

Compatriot Dyrud noted that both policies have no deductible, and the choice of policy was up to the BOM. Compatriot Gordon Bidner asked Trustee Dyrud, based on his experience in the insurance industry which policy the BOM should opt for. Compatriot Dyrud responded this was entirely up to the BOM to decide based on the level of coverage desired. Compatriot Jim Say asked what ILSSAR's liability would be if a legal suit was brought against us. Compatriot Say remarked that while he believes it would be out of line for someone to take litigious action against ILSSAR, the BOM needs to examine what we may need in the way of coverage. He continued that ILSSAR has 2 price quotes: ILSSAR has no products, and not a huge amount in the way of assets. Compatriot Stephen Bradley commented that ILSSAR may not follow the

audit recommendations 100%, but no one follows 100% of audit recommendations. ILSSAR does need to ensure they are following General Accounting Principals.

Compatriot Bidner inquired as to what ILSSAR has had in the past, what other state societies are doing and if we haven't had to have this in the past do we need to spend this kind of money for insurance?

President Reed replied that due to the litigious nature of society as-a-whole most volunteer groups need some kind of protection. Most such groups are obtaining insurance to protect their officers and assets since people are suing others nowadays over trivial matters.

Compatriot Harry Windland stated his belief that not many state societies have the level of ILSSAR's assets, but wished to amend the motion to place a limit of \$ 500,000 on the proposed policy, which was seconded by Compatriot Bidner.

Compatriot Joe Hill questioned the cost and stated the BOM is embarking on spending more money. He also questioned if this cost is approved by the BOM is it automatically added to the budget or would the BOM need to discuss it as a separate issue?

Compatriot Joe Costello replied that if the cost of insurance is approved by the BOM it would need to be added into the budget which would then have to be approved by the BOM at the May business meeting.

Compatriot Jim Say moved to increase annual state dues by \$1.50 per member to cover the insurance cost. Compatriot Chuck Sener asked why just \$1.50, and moved to increase dues by \$2.00 per member. Compatriot Joe Hill mentioned ILSSAR has other budget items to discuss and approve which might not end with a single dues increase. Compatriot Hill asked if the BOM can word the amendment to approve the idea of insurance, but not yet include it in the budget.

President Reed stated that the BOM needs to arrive at some form of agreement. Compatriot Harry Windland stated he is personally uncomfortable about serving on the BOM without some level of insurance. Compatriot Joe Hill remarked he is still worried about the cost.

Compatriot Stephen Bradley asked Treasurer Duane Neet if ILSSAR has the funds to cover this anticipated cost without having to sell of some of ILSSAR's assets. Treasurer Neet replied that ILSSAR has money in its cash management funds that can be accessed.

Compatriot Tim Krell remarked that there is now a motion, a motion with a proposed amendment, and an amendment to the amendment. These motions need to be addressed/voted on before the meeting moves ahead.

President Reed requested a motion to raise dues \$2.00 per member. A motion to increase ILSSAR's annual dues by \$2.00 was made by Compatriot Jim Say and seconded by Compatriot

Al Berry. President Reed requested a vote by a show of hands. 17 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion to increase ILSSAR's annual dues by \$2.00 per member passed.

The next motion to be voted on was the motion made previously by Compatriot Harry Windland and seconded by Compatriot Bidner to limit President Reed to a \$500,000 policy when obtaining insurance. Compatriot Say noted to the BOM that this vote is to place a limit on the coverage amount, not a vote on the motion to obtain insurance. A hand vote on this motion was 17 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion to place a \$500,000 limit on insurance coverage passed.

The original motion as requested by Compatriot Dyrud and made by Compatriot Costello and seconded by Compatriot Bidner (?) to grant authority to President Reed to sign a contract for a Directors and Officers insurance policy with no deductible was voted on by a show of hands. The vote was 21 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion for President Reed to sign a contract for D & O insurance passed. President Reed commented that he will obtain a third price quote prior to entering into a contract.

Compatriot Stephen Bradley rose to comment for the record his belief that \$500,000 coverage is not sufficient.

Secretary's Report - Duane Neet - by title - Secretary Neet began by saying he was grateful to be at the BOM meeting. Two weeks previously he had had emergency surgery and had been released from the hospital the previous Saturday. But Compatriot Neet stated he has been recovering speedily and feels fine. [Applause]

Secretary Neet noted he was report was in the packet, and requested a motion to accept the new members. Motion to approve new members made by Compatriot Joe Smith and seconded by Compatriot Al Berry passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Compatriot Neet noted the report shows ILSSAR's membership at 853 as of December 31, 2006. Secretary Neet noted he is not 100% certain of this number, due to some recent changes in staffing at National, but should be with 2 or 3 of the actual number. Secretary Neet also requested patience in receiving new member certificates, as he believes National is behind approximately 2 months due to the staffing changes.

Treasurer's Report - Duane Neet - by title - Treasurer Neet noted ILSSAR is in better shape than the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter when ILSSAR was in the red. Since the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter when dues came in ILSSAR took in over \$26,000. Treasurer Neet has sent a \$15,975.00 check to National for ILSSAR's national dues. Treasurer Neet pointed out on page 29 line item 112 to take that amount and put it under Knights Essay. This doesn't alter the total figure, but it was mistakenly placed in the wrong place. This figure reflects a donation by David Bailey and his wife for the Knights essay.

Compatriot Chuck Sener inquired about membership drops. Compatriot Neet replied this figure reflected the drops of 102 paid members, plus another 17 of whom were Life Members who had not been heard from since 2000. President Reed stated he would like to discuss the issues of these drops later under NEW BUSINESS.

Compatriot Gordon Bidner moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Compatriot Joe Costello. Motion carried on voice vote.

Registrar's Report - Harry Windland - by title - Registrar Windland noted his report was in the packet on page 35. Compatriot Windland pointed out the need for those submitting application to start highlighting the pertinent areas of wills, deeds, etc. used in the proofs. Compatriot Windland noted it is difficult for him to locate the required information in these old documents if it is not highlighted, and he will be forced to return to such items to the chapter for the needed updates. The level of application activity is about same of about 15 applications per quarter. There were 3 C.A.R. upgrades thanks to Tim Spade.

Medals and Awards Committee - Harry Windland - by title - The committee met on Friday February 9 to screen all nominations. There is roughly the same number of nominations as last year. There will be 17 War Service Medals for WWII and Korea made at the May Dinner Banquet. Compatriot Windland stated he will be sending a personal invitation to each member to be honored in the hope they will attend to receive their award. He will also inform each appropriate chapter president of who is receiving an award in the hope the chapter president will encourage their members to attend.

Compatriot Windland noted that he, President Reed and Secretary Neet have been working to determine members with 30 years of service to the ILSSAR BOM so they can be recognized at the May banquet. If chapters have members with 30+ years of service the chapter presidents should also make an effort to see these compatriots are recognized

Compatriot Windland then noted he has a proposal which is on page 52 of the report packet. Compatriot Windland asked how the state society should recognize members who have done great things for ILSSAR. One in particular who has possibly served beyond all others is Charles Schweizer and his wife Eleanor, who have performed great service for both the ILSSAR and NSSAR. Compatriot Charles Schweizer has held most offices and remains an advisor to the president, and the majority of ILSSAR's assets are based on the generosity of Charles & his wife Eleanor's donations which put ILSSAR's finances in a better position than most state societies.

Compatriot Windland wishes to establish some type of award to that will recognize Charles and Eleanor. Compatriot Windland read salient points of the proposal on page 52. Compatriot Windland proposes to establish an award similar to NSSAR's History Teacher Award. Like the Eagle Scout Award, this one would also solicit names and nominations from the chapters. The award would consist of a \$500 cash award and a plaque or medal for the winning teacher. Compatriot Windland stated the money for such an award is available, as he has checked with the Budget and Finance Committee. There is also the possibility of an anonymous person

funding the award in the future. Out of his respect for Charles, Compatriot Windland will lead the award for two years, as well as form the committee responsible for handling the award.

Compatriot Windland made a motion for ILSSAR to establish the Charles and Eleanor Schweizer American History Teacher Award with an annual award sum of \$500, which was seconded by Compatriot Gordon Bidner.

Compatriot Joe Hill asked about the funding and moved to amend the motion to move money from general fund to finance this award. Compatriot Hill also pointed out that the money for this award is not endowed. President Reed asked Compatriot Joe Costello if this funding issue can be discussed at the May meeting. Compatriot Windland said the first proposed award would not be made until 2008, and he understands the concern regarding the funding for the award. Compatriot Windland stated he believes it would take an endowment of about \$10,000 to generate the \$500 needed. Someone may come forward in the future, but the award should be done in perpetuity.

The motion to establish the Charles and Eleanor Schweizer American History Teacher Award passed on a voice vote.

Historian - Mike Johnston - no reportable activity.

Chaplain - Gordon Bidner - no report

Sgt-at-Arms - Tim Krell - no report. Has stationary for new Sgt-at-Arms, or anyone else needing it.

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10 minute break 10:25 - 10:35

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President Reed re-convened the meeting, and thanked all who had submitted electronic reports to the recording secretary, as this greatly assists in moving the meeting. President Reed also thanked recording secretary Johnston for his work.

Recording Secretary's Report - Mike Johnston - by title. Compatriot Johnston noted the possible need for a substitute to take minutes at the annual business meeting if his son Matthew returns from Iraq in late April as expected.

Chancellor's Report - Jim Say - by title - Report is on page 33 of packet, with nothing to add.

Audit Committee Chairman's Report - Stephen Bradley - by title - Compatriot Bradley recognized and thanked Compatriot Dyrud for his efforts at national.

At the close of the November BOM meeting Compatriots Bradley and Costello performed an audit of the Treasurer's records and found that they were all in proper order. They have also confirmed that all checks payable to the Secretary/Treasurer have been signed by ILSSAR

President Karl Reed. Compatriots Bradley and Costello have also been performing a monthly review of the treasurer's records and have found no exceptions. Compatriot Bradley believes that this monthly review may be overkill. Compatriot Bradley would like to return to performing an internal annual audit per the ILSSAR constitution, as well as an external audit when a new president takes office. If there was no objection from the floor, Compatriot Bradley moved to perform an internal annual audit and an external audit when a new president takes office.

Compatriot Joe Hill asked if at the annual meeting in May 2007 if ILSSAR will have all the CPA's recommendations in place. Compatriot Bradley replied that they are now. The price for future audits will likely be less than the one of last year.

Compatriot Jim Say asked if it would be possible to hear the Budget & Finance Committee's report before any action is taken on Compatriot Bradley's motion. Compatriot Bradley replied it was OK to wait.

Compatriot Bradley also remarked there had been issues with the IRS on the timing of ILSSAR's filing, and ILSSAR had received a letter from the IRS regarding a late filing fine. Compatriot Bradley noted that ILSSAR had filed on time, and produced the required data for the IRS to prove the filing. The IRS has accepted ILSSAR's evidence and rescinded any possible fine.

Compatriot Bradley requested it be shown in the record that he presented ILSSAR Historian Mike Johnston with the IRS notification of acceptance of ILSSAR's documentation and withdrawal of any fine. Compatriot Bradley noted the issue was due to calendar year Vs fiscal year. Historian Mike Johnston accepted the document for placement in ILSSAR's files.

Budget & Finance Committee Chairman's report - Joe Costello - Compatriot Costello noted his report was on page 37 of the packet, but wished to discuss the 3 items in the packet after the report. These pages show the procedures discussed at the November BOM meeting and drafted for the current discussion. Compatriot Costello noted he has received input from Compatriots Sener and Hill for improvements, which are not included in the packet, so he will distribute updates. [Documents distributed]

Compatriot Costello requested everyone to please review these documents and provide him with any applicable feedback. Unless the BOM wants to vote on these today, Compatriot Costello is not asking for one today. These issues can be discussed and decided in May at the annual business meeting, and then adopted.

Compatriot Hill asked if these current drafts contain anything that is inconsistent with ILSSAR's constitution. Compatriot Costello replied that when they were drafted he had the ILSSAR constitution, CPA procedures, and the audit recommendations in front of him. They are consistent with constitution to best of his knowledge.

Compatriot Art Casebeer moved to indefinitely table these items for future consideration at another BOM meeting. Compatriot Al Berry seconded the motion. Compatriot &

Parliamentarian Jim Say pointed out that such a motion in effect kills the items. Compatriot Al Berry then withdrew his second. No other second came forth. Motion denied.

The third item that needs to be reviewed in preparation for the May business meeting is that the BOM will be asked to adopt and approve a budget. In anticipation of this Compatriot Costello has put together draft schedules for the BOM's review and input so in May when asked for approval of a budget the board we will have the numbers.

Compatriot Costello noted these drafts are in a new format. He took the previous format and rearranged the line items into groupings. The last page details ILSSAR's income. It can be seen here that more is going out more than is coming in, and ILSSAR has been moving funds around to balance the budget. ILSSAR is drawing money out, but not a great deal. The BOM should discuss if ILSSAR should create a budget that moves money from various funds around or one that stays within income from dues. In the handout's the last column Compatriot Costello went through all the line items, totaled them and put them in draft for upcoming year. Not included or funded at this time is the insurance, the cost of an audit, or the proposed history teacher award. Compatriot Costello requested the BOM review these figures and give him feedback on where ILSSAR should go with a budget.

Compatriot Joe Hill noted ILSSAR is running a deficit. Compatriot Costello explained the budget is currently about \$4,000 in red. That is part of what Compatriot Costello is asking of the BOM: what does the BOM wish to do regarding the shortfall? President Reed asked about endowment figures in the report packet. Compatriot Costello replied the budget does not include the endowment funds. The question is does the BOM wish to continue using a portion of the interest from endowments to cover shortfall? The budget is drawing from interest earned, but never from the principal, which has never been touched as far as Treasurer Neet is aware.

Compatriot Dyrud stated the BOM can move to stocks and draw down the interest on that instead of any principal from the endowments.

President Reed stated he had talked with Charles Schweizer who said he doesn't care if the BOM spends all interest, but not the endowment. President Reed stated he would like to spend no more than 80% of any interest earned.

Compatriot Hill said it doesn't matter where the money comes from if more is going out than comes in: ILSSAR is over spending and doesn't help to take money from the endowments, and doesn't change the fact ILSSAR is over spending.

Compatriot Russell Page asked about the dues increase and if this will help cover the shortfall. Compatriot Joe Smith said the due increase approved earlier was to cover the D & O insurance.

Compatriot Costello said the BOM is talking about increased activities, so they may need to look at another dues increase. Perhaps the increase should be \$5.00?

President Reed stated that Compatriot Costello has given the BOM a budget for review so it can be voted on in May. Compatriot Al Berry asked what value of the endowments was at the beginning of 2006 and how much interest was made. President Reed replied these figures are on page 37 of report packet. The endowments are growing, so ILSSAR is not going broke. The endowments have increased, so ILSSAR is lucky to draw down interest without losing ground. If the endowments are not included in the income we have a negative figure, but overall ILSSAR is making money.

Compatriot Say remarked this issue cannot be fully resolved until the next meeting, but if ILSSAR wants a balanced budget the BOM needs to find a way to either cut the overrun, or find a way to cover the difference, and the BOM needs to be explicit about what kind of budget is being approved.

Compatriot Sener suggested adding a paragraph to the Budget and Finance Committee procedures to force a discipline on the committee that if a budget has a deficit it must include a dues increase, or drawing down investment income.

Compatriot Costello replied that some groups impose that type of restraint to balance a budget. Compatriot Sener remarked the handout covers budget planning, but left out a financial planning budget. Compatriot Costello stated he didn't want to impose that kind of strictness, when the BOM approves a budget they are also approving where we have to take money from. Compatriot Sener said the discipline has to be on committee first before a budget comes to the BOM, and that ILSSAR "can't live on its savings forever." Compatriot Costello replied that since ILSSAR is earning interest on its endowments and investments ILSSAR is covering its expenses.

Compatriot Stephen Bradley made a motion to move forward in the agenda and discuss this issue further in May. Compatriot Joe Smith seconded.

Compatriot Hill stated he had one more question: if the budget for May that will be based on BOM input and other factors does not balance, what will Compatriot Costello propose? Will it still be presented and what should be done?

Compatriot Say stated there had been a motion and a second to limit debate. Motion to close debate voted on by show of hands. Motion carried. [Applause]

Color Guard Commander's Report - M. John Dyrud- by title -30 members uniform 2 more new ones for 32, the goal is 35.

Constitution Committee Chairman's Report - Jim Say - by title.

Eagle Scout Committee Chairman's Report - Jim Say - by title - The ILSSAR winner has been selected and his application has been forwarded to national.

President Reed remarked he wished more chapters would participate in Eagle Scout Scholarship.

Ethics Committee Chairman's Report - Rex Egleston - no reportable activity.

Historical Sites Committee Chairman's Report - Jack Firse - by title - anyone wishing to serve on this committee please contact Jack.

GWEF/Fund Raising - Joe Hill - by title - if at this time a choice needs to be made between the C.A.A.H. library and the GWEF, the funds need to be going to the library. About \$3MM of the required \$6MM has been raised. The remaining \$3MM will be set up as an endowment to fund and maintain the building. The available recourses have been depleted for funding the library.

There hasn't been a great deal of solicitation made from states and chapters, and all members. A organized campaign has been developed that takes the fund raising down to the state level to carry part of the load of raising funds, as well as the chapter level and individual members so all societies will carry some of need of raising funds.

To ensure the C.A.A.H. receives the needed funding, pledges will be established to be carried over a 5 year period so C.A.A.H. can plan on how much funding will come in over a specific period of time. Joe wondered what's the best way to carry out this fund-raising in Illinois? If anyone on the BOM has this kind of experience, please contact Compatriot Hill, as he will welcome their assistance. Members will hear from Compatriot Hill around mid-summer via letter.

Law Enforcement - Tim Krell - one chapter, GJB, has turned in their nominee. The other chapters need to submit their nominations ASAP, since Compatriot Harry Windland needs the information for Medals & Awards. Since Compatriot Krell does not have Internet access, this information can be sent to him via USPS snail mail. The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Knights Essay et al - Jim Barr - by title - not present. President Reed noted the hard work being performed by Compatriot Barr and thanked him for his efforts.

Nominating Committee - Chuck Sener - no report

Patriot Medal Committee - Chuck Sener - the committee met Friday February 9 and their selections will be honored and recognized in May.

ROTC - Bruce Talbot - by title - Bruce is looking for chapter presidents to distribute the medals. Compatriots Hill and Egleston will take their medals back to their chapters.

Flag Awards - Joe Smith - by title - only 3 chapters have turned in their information. 7 are needed for the award.

Veteran's Welfare - Chuck Sener - by title - Compatriot Sener noted his report was page 58 of the packet. He needs Approval to donate \$1500 for computer equipment for Hines Veteran's Hospital. Compatriot Sener asked for such a motion. A motion to donate \$1500 to Hines

Hospital was made by Stephen Bradley, seconded by Joe Smith. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Old Business – President Reed asked is there was any old business from the floor that needs attention. No old business.

### New Business

Compatriot Franz Herder came forward to discuss the establishment of a new chapter in the western suburbs of Chicago. Compatriot Herder remarked that the group “has its ducks in row.” The next step in the process is to request the BOM to proceed with a charter. The initial drive in recruitment for this new chapter will focus on recent and past drops, and at-large members. Compatriot Herder stated he will work with other chapters through this process. A chapter constitution is being worked on. This new chapter, which will be called the Salt Creek Chapter, will be located in the LaGrange/Brookfield area. Compatriot Herder stated his belief that there is much potential in this area for growth. [Applause]

Compatriot Stephen Bradley rose and remarked that when a new chapter charter is approved, ILSSAR presents the SAR and National flags to the chapter, as well as \$250 in “seed money.” Compatriot Bradley remarked he is working on a new chapter as well in the Peoria area.

Compatriot Joe Costello moved for the BOM to provide the Salt Creek Chapter with a \$250 bequest, which was seconded by Compatriot Chuck Sener. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Compatriot Stephen Bradley moved to supply the Salt Creek Chapter with flags, poles and stands, which was seconded by Compatriot Joe Costello. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Compatriot Russell Page remarked that the Stephen Decatur chapter has held no meetings, or collected dues for more than a year, and stated the chapter is essentially dead. Either ILSSAR will need to help restart chapter, or withdraw their charter, etc and disperse their funds back to ILSSAR.

Compatriot Chuck Sener asked if ILSSAR can do anything to help the chapter reactivate. Compatriot Page replied if the Regional VP would come and “raise hell” they might be able to have a meeting and reactivate the chapter. GLD VPG and Compatriot Stephen Bradley said he would be happy to come and see what he can do to assist the chapter.

Problem solving – page 18 in packet – President Reed reviewed data from November meeting brain-storming sessions and summarized the points.

Secretary Duane Neet asked if all chapter presidents had received the data on drops, etc for past 6 years, and additional copies were distributed. Secretary Neet reviewed the recap of the past 6

years. As noted in the Secretary's Report, there were 119 drops including 17 life members. Membership was 731 as of January 1, 2007. Secretary Neet remarked that he is concerned about 50 new members from 2006, 18 of whom didn't renew dues for 2007 after their first year of membership. The Secretary's list also shows the drops by chapter and at-large members. Secretary Neet has a printout out for each chapter president which lists the drops by name. It was also noted by Secretary Neet that the GJB and Lake Defiance chapters have a perfect record for 100% retention with no drops. Secretary Neet remarked that he has good communication with most chapter presidents regarding drops.

President Reed reviewed the list of drops by chapter on page 21 of report packet and discussed the action plan for retention, and steps the chapters should take.

Secretary Neet reported that he has received 9 checks for reinstatement but that they were \$5 short, so he has to send out a letter asking for the other \$5. Once national gets the drop list, deceased etc. they will reconcile with ILSSAR's records.

President Reed asked what can be done now, since ILSSAR has lost 100 members. ILSSAR is losing ground. President Reed encouraged all chapter presidents to personally contact members whose dues have lapsed.

Compatriot Chuck Sener asked who will go after the at-large members? President Reed replied he would. Secretary Neet said he could do a follow-up, but there is more clout involved if the contact came from ILSSAR's president. Compatriot Jim Say stressed a personal contact is preferred, as a letter can be thrown away.

President Reed noted that the items on page 18 have follow-up ideas on page 20. President Reed will get needed data to the recording secretary so this can be input onto the ILSSAR map so we will know where to recruit.

President Reed discussed the upcoming DAR luncheon and the associated forms in the report packet. Compatriot Bruce Talbot developed a PowerPoint presentation for President Reed to present at the DAR meeting.

President Reed is seeking assistance since he can't do this alone and he wishes to have an informational booth at the DAR meeting. Compatriot John Dyrud said he will follow up to see if we can borrow booth for recruiting during the day of the DAR meeting. Compatriot Jim Say remarked that sometimes manufacturers have outdated booths they might be willing to donate or sell at a reduced cost.

The ILSSAR Color Guard will present colors for the DAR meeting. Pages 22 & 23 of the report packet have the invitation and form to fill out. The DAR has 8,000 members in Illinois, and they are asking ILSSAR where our chapters are so their sons, etc. can become members.

Compatriots Sener, Hoit, Firse, Ashbrook, and Smith volunteered to participate and help President Reed at this DAR event.

Compatriot Gordon Bidner stated his chapter has a cemetery-marking coming up and needs a color guard to participate.

The Color Guard retrieved and retired the colors at 12:05 PM.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain J. Gordon Bidner

The SAR Recessional was lead by President Reed.

The February 10<sup>th</sup> ILSSAR BOM Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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