

1 ILSSAR 116th Annual Business Meeting
2 May 13, 2006
3 Springfield, Illinois
4 Draft Minutes
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6 There were 33 ILSSAR compatriots and 6 guests in attendance¹, as follows;
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Jim	Barr	Ft. Dearborn
J. Gordon	Bidner	Gen. Jos. Bartholomew
Bob	Blanchard	Lewis & Clark
Stephen A.	Bradley	Springfield
Don	Campbell	Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark
Arthur L.	Casebeer	Long Knives
Jonathan	Casebeer	Springfield
Bob	Collins	Ft. Dearborn
Joe	Costello	Ft. Dearborn
Bill	Dawkins	Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark
Paul C.	Douglas	ABC
M. John	Dyrud	Lake Defiance
Rex	Egelston	Lewis & Clark
Jack	Firse	Lewis & Clark
Franz	Herder	Ft. Dearborn
M. Joseph	Hill	Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark
Robert	Hoaglin	Stephen Decatur
R. Garey	Hodge	Springfield
Michael	Johnston	Fox Valley
Richard	Moldenhauer	Springfield
Clay	Mott	ABC
Duane	Neet	Ewington
Don	Parrish	Fox Valley
Karl	Reed	Springfield
Charles	Sener	Fox Valley
Arthur "Bing"	Siebold	Ft. Dearborn
Gene	Sissons	Kishwaukee
Joseph	Smith	Fox Valley
Ron	Smith	Fox Valley
Tim	Spade	Othniel Looker
Bruce R.	Talbot	Fox Valley
Branden	Tracy	Othniel Looker
Harry	Windland	Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark

GUESTS:

Charles F.	Bragg	INSSAR
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¹ Names derived from attendance sheet circulated by the Recording Secretary during the meeting.

Judge Ed	Butler	NSSAR Genealogist General
Genevieve	Hill	
Chloe	Hoaglin	
Mary	Mott	
Pat	Neet	

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9 The 116th annual ILSSAR business meeting was called to order by President Griswold at 8:35
10 AM.

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12 The Colors were posted, lead by ILSSAR Color Guard Vice-Commander Franz Herder and guest
13 Judge Ed Butler of NSSAR as drummer, at 8:36 AM.

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15 The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Joseph E. Smith.

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17 At the request of President Griswold, the group sang the first verse of "God Bless America."
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19 The Color Guard retired 8:38AM.

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21 The SAR Pledge was lead by Don Campbell.

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23 Due to some compatriots being confused in past meetings, Ken passed out hard copies of the
24 meeting's agenda.

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26 President Griswold thanked all who had attended the Friday evening banquet and awards
27 ceremony and congratulated those who had received awards. Harry Windland, at Ken's request,
28 spoke a few words about the banquet and how the awards went to very deserving people. Ken
29 recognized Karl Reed for the meeting arrangements, BOM directory, and stated it had been a
30 pleasure having Karl as Sr. VP.

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32 The invocation was given by ILSSAR Chaplain by J. Gordon Bidner, who noted ILSSAR had lost
33 14 compatriots in the last year, and a moment of silence would be observed after the prayer in
34 memory of those departed Compatriots.

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36 Recording Secretary Mike Johnston confirmed a quorum of at least 20 compatriots - 33 in
37 attendance.

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39 President Griswold made the introduction of ILSSAR's guests, 3 NSSAR Officers: Charles Bragg,
40 Judge Ed Butler, and William Plumber.

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42 ILSSAR Compatriots attending their first annual business meeting were called forward to receive
43 rosettes from President Griswold. They were: Bob Collins, Jack Firse, Braden Tracy, Franz
44 Herder, Richard Moldhauser, and Ron Smith.

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46 The Recording Secretary requested a motion to approve the draft minutes of the February BOM
47 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by J. Gordon Bidner, seconded by Joe
48 Hill. Motion to approve February minutes passed.

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50 President Griswold noted that 13 of 15 chapter presidents were present at the annual meeting.

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52 Chapter Reports:

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54 American Bicentennial Chapter: Paul Douglas - by title.

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56 Ft Dearborn Chapter: Arthur "Bing" Seibold - No report in packet. Bing handed out hard copies
57 and noted it is a hefty report. Bing invited all compatriots to chapter meetings in Chicago.

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59 Fox Valley Chapter: Don Parrish - by title. Don thanked Ken Griswold for his support and
60 attendance of chapter meetings. The chapter had a good year, and is back, with large number of
61 members in BOM. Ron Smith now the Patriot newsletter editor. The chapter is beginning to
62 seriously participate in the Stark Award, but Don noted that Springfield has nothing to worry
63 about. An item of interest in regard to the Citizenship Award: The chapter previously had
64 always sent out 2 letters, with the second going to schools who did not respond. Due to
65 circumstances, no 2nd letter was sent this year, and therefore the numbers are down from last
66 year. Tardy schools are now frantically calling to receive award in time for awards night. Don
67 stressed to send a follow-up letter. Don noted that November 5th is the chapter's 25th anniversary,
68 and that through the efforts of Stephen Bradley and Chuck Sener, the incoming NSSAR
69 President-General Nathan White will be in attendance, and Don urged all compatriots to attend.

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71 Kishwaukee Chapter: Jim Say - not present - by title. Ken noted the chapter's next meeting will
72 be May 22nd. Ken also stated that the current chapter president, Jim Wright, is a charter member
73 of the chapter. Boyce Wright, for whom the Eagle Scout Award is named, is Jim's father.

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75 Lake Defiance Chapter: M. John Dyrud - by title. John combined all 3 of his duties in one
76 report. John is wondering about revolutionary patriots buried in Illinois. John received a book
77 from Paul Douglas regarding Illinois, and John has one for Wisconsin. John is asking for patriot
78 for the Great Lakes District data from attendees. John has service flags for anyone who has a
79 member in service, for \$8. John stressed associate membership. John has information for
80 anyone wishing to join the color guard which now numbers 30 compatriots.

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82 General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter: J. Gordon Bidner - by title. Gordon noted the chapter
83 achieved 100% participation for citizenship awards.

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85 Stephen Decatur Chapter: Robert Hoaglin - no report. Chapter is inactive at this time. Russell
86 Page is returning for more chemotherapy. Compatriot Bragg stated he had spoke on the phone
87 with Russell and he sounded good.

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89 Piankshaw Chapter: Allen Cooke - not present - no report.

90 Springfield Chapter: Richard Moldenhauer – by title.

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92 General George Rogers Clark Chapter: Don Campbell – by title. Don thanked all the chapter
93 members for their help and support. Don noted the chapter recently held their annual meeting
94 which Karl Reed attended, and a number of pictures were taken for the Patriot Newsletter.

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96 Lewis & Clark Chapter: – Bob Blanchard - report sent electronically, but not in packet. The
97 chapter had their Law Enforcement Award, presented to an individual who recently graduated
98 from the FBI academy. They presented 13 Heroism Awards, 11 to members of a local high
99 school football team who, when a car fell off a jack and pinned a man, the boys lifted car off of
100 him, and thereby saving his life. The chapter has 3 new members, and had their annual
101 Christmas party. Their annual picnic will be May 21st, and all are invited. They have located the
102 burial place of a revolutionary war patriot, around whose grave a development is going up.
103 However, steps are being taken to preserve the grave, and will be rededicated with the chapter's
104 help and participation.

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106 Ewington Chapter: Duane Neet – no reportable activity. Duane noted he has the forms for
107 anyone planning to attend the annual congress in Dallas.

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109 Othniel Looker Chapter: Tim Spade – by title. Noted the chapter has a member who is
110 currently serving in Iraq. Some C.A.R. members are moving to SAR. More adult sponsors are
111 needed to work with the C.A.R.

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113 Long Knives Chapter: Art Casebeer – by title. Art referenced the awards the chapter has done,
114 and hopes to add Law Enforcement soon. The chapter is growing their associates, and a number
115 of new members are under 25 years old.

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117 Break 9:10 - 9:27

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119 Committee Reports:

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121 Medals & Awards: Harry Windland. Harry said he had nothing to add from his previous
122 comments at the beginning of the meeting.

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124 Finance: Joe Costello – by title. Joe stated he was willing to answer any questions regarding the
125 financial data.

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127 Constitution: Jim Say – not present – by title

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129 Nominations: Chuck Sener will install officers later in the meeting.

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131 Auditing: Ken stated the auditing committee report would be presented later in the meeting
132 under New Business. Auditing Committee Chair Stephen Bradley requested to give the report at
133 the present time under Old Business and due to the current controversy. Ken stated he wanted

134 to wait until later in the meeting. Steve again requested authorization to present his report, per
135 the constitution. Stephen then made a motion to give the report then, and Karl Reed seconded
136 the motion. President Griswold stated he had obtained Chancellor Jim Say's approval to move
137 audit report to later in the meeting. Don Parrish asked if the installation of officers could be
138 moved ahead to allow the report to be given then as Stephen requested. John Dyrud stated that
139 the new officers have not yet been elected. Chuck Sener called the question, seconded by J.
140 Gordon Bidner. Call to question voted on by show of hands: 15 ayes, 2 opposed. Question was
141 called. The vote on the motion for Stephen Bradley to present the Auditing Committee report
142 then, by a show of hands, was 23 ayes, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

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144 Jim Barr rose to recommend appointing a temporary parliamentarian, which was seconded by
145 Chuck Sener, who also called the question to appoint J. Gordon Bidner as temporary
146 parliamentarian, which passed on a hand vote. Bing Seibold rose to question the lawfulness of
147 advancing the audit report and adjusting the agenda, and stated that President Griswold has the
148 authority to modify the agenda. Jim Barr stated the agenda may be modified by the body if they
149 so desire. J. Gordon Bidner came forward and acknowledged he knew the Rules of Order, and
150 had requested an opinion from Judge Ed Butler. Judge Butler was concerned about giving any
151 advice due to his future responsibilities. Gordon remarked that as President, Ken Griswold can
152 change the agenda, but if body votes to alter the agenda, it can be changed. Chuck Sener noted
153 the timing of the audit report was in the President's agenda. Gordon Bidner asked President
154 Griswold why he wished to move the report. Ken's response regarded the timing, in that he
155 wished to elect the new officers first, as they will be responsible for any actions regarding an
156 audit and the recommendations of the auditing committee. Gordon asked if it would be OK to
157 elect the officers, and then have Stephen Bradley present his report. Harry Windland noted the
158 president's agenda shows the audit report being given at that point in the agenda. Stephen was
159 given consent and came forward to deliver the Auditing Committee report.

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161 Steve stated that ILSSAR has a controversial issue to address. He will give the facts on his side,
162 and then the body can then decide. Stephen noted the Audit committee report was on page 64
163 in the report packet.

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165 Gordon Bidner rose and came forward to say that this is a hot topic, and he prayed everyone
166 would listen to the discussion, and to think about what is right and best for ILSSAR. This
167 should be all our concern, and compatriot Bidner begged the body to do what is right and best
168 for ILSSAR, to move ahead so that we walk out a collective body at the end of the meeting.

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170 Stephen stated the current committee was formed as a result of the February BOM Meeting.
171 There has been no external audit of ILSSAR's books at least since 1994-1995. Stephen noted that
172 the laws have changed since that time period, and questions have come up from members of the
173 committee. Stephen noted the committee consisted of himself as chair, as well as Bing Seibold,
174 Harry Windland, Joe Hill, Chuck Sener, and J. Gordon Bidner as alternate member. Bing Seibold
175 did not vote on the report being presented, so Stephen brought in Gordon Bidner. Steve
176 referenced audit committee report and the reasons an audit could not be ready in time for the
177 annual business meeting. Stephen hopes an audit will be ready for the August 2006 BOM

178 meeting, but feels that is optimistic. Stephen stated a CPA will provide an opinion on a tentative
179 completion date. The committee voted to forgo an internal audit, and voted to have an external
180 audit performed as soon as possible. The committee will request a budget line item to conduct
181 an audit, with an allowance of at least \$7,000, but hopes it can be done for less, perhaps half that
182 amount. The committee will also request authorization for the ILSSAR president to sign a
183 contract with a CPA firm. Stephen has contacted 3 CPA firms specializing in not-for-profit
184 organizations, as ILSSAR will require one with such a specialty. Steve said last year our
185 objectives should be to make ILSSAR better, and to do things right. Since there are questions if
186 ILSSAR is doing things right, we need to have a professional come in and tell us yes or no, and
187 to correct any problems. Stephen noted that there are not many in ILSSAR who know about, or
188 how to do, not-for-profit group audit, so outside assistance is called for to resolve the issue.

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190 Steve concluded by saying he has tried to keep things on a professional level, and will not
191 respond to those making negative comments.

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193 Harry Windland began to make a motion. Bob Collins called for the ability of the body to first
194 ask questions regarding the committee's report. Harry Windland asked for clarification if he
195 could continue his motion. Gordon attempted to clarify, and felt questions should be allowed.
196 Harry Windland asked to finish his motion, and to read it into record, seconded by Don Parrish.
197 Compatriot Bidner allowed the motion to be read, in that it would provide points for the
198 discussion. Compatriot Windland read his motion which stated: "I move that the BOM.
199 authorize an expenditure of up to \$7,000 for an audit, and authorize the president to enter into a
200 contract with a C.P.A. recommended by the audit committee."

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202 Bing Seibold rose and stated the minority report is also part of the overall audit report, and
203 requested time to present his report. Gordon Bidner permitted Bing Seibold to come forward to
204 present the auditing committee minority report.

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206 Bing Seibold referenced the February BOM meeting when the Treasurer's report noted a \$775
207 quarterly line item for administrative expenses. Bing wondered how long this had been
208 occurring, if the appropriate IRS forms had been filed, and who had provided approval for the
209 Treasurer to pay himself. Bing stated he does not know the actual amount. Bing stated the
210 objective of the auditing committee was to determine how long this practice had been in place,
211 and how much money was involved. Bing commented he had requested a download of
212 ILSSAR's Quicken accounting data, which was denied. Bing stated this gave the appearance that
213 some committee members rather than pushing for an audit were impeding it.

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215 Bing Seibold noted the audit conducted by Steve Bradley last year indicated everything was
216 acceptable, but contained nothing regarding the payments to the Treasurer, which never received
217 approval from the Budget or Finance Committee, or the BOM. Bing stated he was "puzzled
218 beyond words" that after the internal audit of last year when everything was satisfactory, now
219 Steve finds it is mandatory to do an external audit. Bing asked why if it wasn't needed last year,
220 why is it now "a burning issue?" Bing declared that the same individuals who denied access to

221 the records are now willing to spend money for an external audit that amounts to 43% of
222 ILSSAR's annual dues income.

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224 Bing suggested a limited review be done on the records and for ILSSAR to do our own audit.
225 Bing stated the committee had conducted no meetings beyond that of Friday, May 12th, and most
226 contact had been via emails. Bing requested the board to consider making the records available
227 as far back as possible, to examine them, and make a judgment on the issues and expenditures.

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229 Bing then asked if there were questions from the floor. Bob Collins asked if the audit committee
230 requested and received data for line items expenditures and evidence of records relating to line
231 item 217 for administrative expenses for the \$775 per quarter.

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233 Steve Bradley responded that the committee did not ask for anything. The majority of the
234 committee felt an external audit was called for, and therefore did not request records for line
235 items. J. Gordon Bidner stated that the line items had been approved for a number of years and
236 authorized by the BOM.

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238 Bob Collins asked about records to support the expenditures, and that ILSSAR must have
239 supporting records or ILSSAR is open to IRS problems. Bob Collins also asked why is ILSSAR
240 considering an external audit if we have not conducted an internal one first?

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242 Harry Windland replied to Compatriot Collins that due to statements and accusations made by
243 some members of the BOM that they will not be satisfied with an internal audit and nothing
244 short of a professional audit will not clear up issues.

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246 Bing Seibold wanted to clarify that the audit committee majority was talking about an external
247 review of 1 year of data only. Bob Collins questioned the amount of \$7,000. Steve Bradley
248 replied that the committee has not yet agreed upon the time span an audit would cover. Bob
249 Collins mentioned there are 3 levels of audits, and asked why the most expense was being
250 considered first for a small group such as ILSSAR.

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252 Steve Bradley replied to Bob Collins that ILSSAR's books are not complicated, but the legal
253 obligations of our society are, due to the serious charges brought by Bing, and the committee
254 decided ILSSAR should have an outside audit to clear any bias toward or against the Treasurer.
255 Steve Bradley stated the committee will get requests for the estimated costs. Bob Collins said if
256 the president is granted the authority to spend \$7,000 that the BOM should have some input in
257 that regard, and asked Karl Reed, as incoming president, for his opinion.

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259 Karl Reed came forward and stated that as incoming ILSSAR President he would distribute a
260 letter dated April 26th he had sent to Bing in response and rebuttal to Bing Seibold's minority
261 report and his comments before the BOM. Compatriot Reed read his letter to the group.

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263 President Griswold asked J. Gordon Bidner if it was acceptable for the president to enter into the
264 discussion. J. Gordon Bidner replied no, it was not.

265 Bob Collins said we have a committee and it has authorized an external audit. Therefore Bob
266 Collins suggested the committee also review line item records. Jim Barr rose to state he is a
267 professional accountant, but has no experience with audits, so he will not comment on the
268 legalities of the issue. Jim remarked that when he had served on BOM in the past ILSSAR had
269 no money, so we never worried about audits, and were just glad to be able to pay the bills.
270 Now ILSSAR has substantial funds. The concerns now are that someone should look at the
271 records. Jim Barr does not recall an outside audit every being performed since he became a
272 member in 1973. Jim Barr agreed with Bob Collins that the level of the audit should be
273 confirmed before it is conducted. Jim said the minority report raised questions which Bing
274 Seibold has the right to ask, and that things need to be cleared up for everyone.

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276 Bruce Talbot asked if the audit, at whatever level performed, will answer the questions being
277 raised. Bruce said he feared ILSSAR will simply receive a report saying the math is correct, rather
278 than looking at all the issues and answering all the questions. Jim Barr said the scope is not just
279 knowing that the math is accurate, but also if ILSSAR meets the guidelines of the NSSAR, the
280 IRS, and not-for-profit organizations. ILSSAR needs to go beyond an internal review and clear
281 everything up and make sure everything is above board, and that the entire BOM is remiss for
282 never requesting an outside audit.

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284 President Griswold remarked he was first to raise the question regarding an audit. His source
285 said ILSSAR should conduct an external audit, and ILSSAR was either "cheap or stupid" for not
286 having done so. Ken said first have to collect the history, and said this "mess" started in 1995.

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288 J. Gordon Bidner came forward and remarked the BOM had heard Stephen Bradley's majority
289 report, and also Bing Seibold's minority report. J. Gordon Bidner asked Bing Seibold what his
290 recommendations were. Bing stated that we should review the records internally, the amounts,
291 determine what is not legitimate to have been converted for the Secretary/Treasurer's use. If an
292 external audit is conducted it should cover a 10 year period and be half of the \$7,000 proposed
293 and should specifically address the line items brought up, and ensure any IRS filings required
294 have been completed.

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296 Paul Douglas rose to state we're getting divided over this issue, and we're getting more divided
297 every minute it is discussed. Paul stated we need to turn this matter over to someone who
298 doesn't know us, so ILSSAR can put this issue behind us and move forward.

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300 Jim Barr called the question which Don Parrish seconded. Ayes were 24, 0 opposed. Question
301 called. The Recording Secretary read Compatriot Windland's motion, which stated: "I move that
302 the BOM. authorize an expenditure of up to \$7,000 for an audit, and authorize the president to
303 enter into a contract with a C.P.A. recommended by the audit committee." M. John Dyrud
304 recommended adding Karl Reed's name as incoming president. Amended motion read: "I move
305 that the BOM. authorize an expenditure of up to \$7,000 for an audit, and authorize President
306 Karl Reed to enter into a contract with a C.P.A. recommended by the audit committee."

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308 Motion voted on by show of hands; 25 ayes, 2 opposed. Motion to authorize an external audit
309 passed. President Griswold requested a listing of those who voted due to possible legal liabilities.
310 Bob Collins replied that all ILSSAR members would fall into that category.

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312 President Griswold asked if the minority report can be submitted. J. Gordon Bidner replied yes,
313 that it is part of the record. Ken began to discuss the audit issues further, but was reminded by a
314 number of members the issue had been voted on, and to move forward with the agenda.

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316 C.A.R. Relations: Tim Spade - by title. Tim wanted to add to his report that he received notice
317 from NSCAR of ILSSAR having the most C.A.R. males joining the SAR. Tim has streamer to put
318 on the ILSSAR state flag. Tim received a round of applause. Tim was also hoping to have
319 with him Liberty Bell Trophy presented to the C.A.R. society that has the most young men going
320 into SAR. Tim is hoping several chapters will work to be awarded the trophy and hope to make
321 it again next year.

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323 Citizenship, Orations, Knight's Essay: Jim Barr - by title. We will hear more from Jim during
324 luncheon.

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326 Color Guard: M. John Dyrud - by title.

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328 D.A.R. Relations: Bob Hoaglin - by title

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330 Eagle Scouts: Jim Say - not present - by title. Ken Griswold referenced the Eagle Scout Award at
331 the luncheon.

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333 Genealogy: Charles Schweitzer: - not present - no reportable activity.

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335 George Washington Endowment Fund: M. Joseph Hill - by title. Joe went to Tim Spade, with
336 John Dyrud to make comments regarding the SAR library in Louisville. First, Joe wanted to
337 award Tim and congratulate Tim & John on receiving a certificate recognizing their contribution
338 to the GWEF. The Fund went from \$0.00 in 1993 to \$880,000 at end of 2005, and has increased
339 by 78 men who pledged or paid \$1,000. Joe presented Tim with letter from GWEF chair
340 Franklin Apple. Joe pinned the GWEF lapel pin on Tim. Joe also wished to further report on the
341 library and Joe's proposal of trying to step up donations. A total of 6 million dollars needs to be
342 raised. Three million is for construction, and another 3 million will endow the fund to operate
343 the center. The fund is now about 3 million, and half the amount needed. It's been slow going
344 and everyone is working hard. Joe referenced the February ILSSAR donation of \$2,000. Joe
345 wants to make a challenge. Joe and Gen will donate \$1,000 to the fund if 2 other members will
346 donate \$1,000 each. Joe has forms to make donation. Jim Barr took Joe's challenge to be first to
347 donate \$1,000.

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349 Flag Committee: Joe Smith - no reportable activity.

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351 History Task Force: no reportable activity

352 Law enforcement: Tim Krell - not present - hard copy distributed. Award will be made at
353 luncheon.

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355 Membership: Bing Seibold - handed out hard copy. Sorry not in packet. Bing recognized Judge
356 Ed Butler for his efforts to clear application backlog, and recent membership grandfathering as
357 well. Bing thanked Harry Windland for the excellent job he does as Registrar. Judge Ed Butler
358 and Harry Windland rose to be recognized.

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360 Ken Griswold called Judge Ed Butler forward to discuss the upcoming genealogy conference in
361 Chicago. Compatriot Butler stated that as of December 31, 2005 NSSAR's membership was
362 28,075, which is an all time record. Compatriot Butler recognized Bing Seibold for the number
363 of new members he has brought in to the SAR.

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365 Compatriot Butler noted that whenever there is a large genealogy conference, the SAR will have a
366 booth. There will be such a seminar in Chicago June 7-10. The SAR will have booth and we are
367 in need of volunteers to man the booth.

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369 At the Congress in Dallas on July 7th there will be a seminar in 2 rooms. There will be a special
370 speaker, and the cost will be \$25. Registration forms are in the back for the conference.

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372 There will be another seminar in Mexico and includes all-inclusive 5 nights 6 days for \$395 to be
373 held October 6-11.

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375 At the annual Congress in Dallas there will be 3 work shops on DNA, Cox SARapp, and how to
376 organize a new chapter. Participants can have their DNA taken with 10% discount.

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378 Ken Griswold thanked Compatriot Butler for his attendance at the ILSSAR annual business
379 meeting, and for speaking.

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381 ROTC Awards: Bruce Talbot - by title. ILSSAR sent certificates & ribbons to every known
382 school in Illinois. Bruce made a motion for Anthony Mendoza to be the ILSSAR ROTC
383 candidate. J. Gordon Bidner seconded the motion. Motion passed on voice vote.

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385 Veteran's Welfare: Chuck Sener - by title. Chuck went to the LaSalle veteran's home with Don
386 Parrish and Ron Smith and presented ILSSAR's \$1,500 donation.

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388 Webmaster: Bob Collins - no report.

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390 Members-at-large: none present - no reports.

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392 Officer Reports:

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394 Sr. VP: Karl Reed - by title.

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396 ILSSAR Trustee: Stephen Bradley – by title. ILSSAR’s \$2,000 donation for the library was
397 acknowledged at the spring NSSAR meeting. Steve encouraged everyone to make a donation to
398 the library, and noted that things are beginning to really move, and that Steve believes “we’ll get
399 there.” National has changed format for meetings so as to encourage everyone to attend. Steve
400 noted this will be his last ILSSAR BOM meeting as Trustee, and that John Dyrud will take over
401 the last day of the congress. Steve thanked everyone and stated he enjoyed the job. Steve
402 referenced the National Officers slate. Steve recognized Compatriot Charles Bragg from INSSAR,
403 and thanked him for attending.

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405 Stephen noted that ILSSAR is hosting the Great Lakes District meeting in Lisle in November, and
406 that the Fox Valley Chapter will have their 25th Anniversary event on the 5th. The hotel rooms in
407 Lisle are booked for \$99 a night. Nathan White, incoming President-General has accepted the
408 invitation to attend the Great Lakes District meeting and Steve hopes other candidates will come,
409 and encouraged all members to attend.

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411 Secretary/Treasurer: Duane Neet. Duane remarked he appreciates the support he has received
412 from 95% of ILSSAR. Compatriot Neet also stated he would appreciate it if the harassment and
413 negative statements would cease.

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415 Secretary’s Report: Compatriot Neet said he has to reconcile ILSSAR’s membership roster with
416 national, and he has sent a check to national for \$16,650. Duane noted this report is self
417 explanatory, and requested a motion to approve the new members. Motion made by Ken
418 Griswold, seconded by Chuck Sener. Motion carried on voice vote. Total membership losses
419 this year were 101, 85 for no dues payment. Duane noted that retention is the problem. Duane
420 also asked the chapter presidents if they received the list of drops. All answered yes.

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422 Treasurer’s Report: Duane noted that some items need BOM approval, as they are over budget.
423 The Treasurer needs approval for any item \$20 over budget. Compatriot Neet asked President
424 Griswold if he wanted to go over these items one at a time. Ken replied yes. Duane also noted
425 the difficulties of a fiscal vs. calendar year.

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427 Line items 201, 209.02, 209.04, 209.06, and 210.04 reviewed. Motion by J. Gordon Bidner to
428 approve line items noted, seconded by Joe Costello. Motion passed. The Treasurer noted that
429 the breakdown still shows the history centennial project, the remainder of which will go into
430 cash management. Duane also referenced Joe Costello’s report and the difference with the
431 Treasurer’s. This is because Joe rounds his figures off, while Duane reports his to the penny. J.
432 Gordon Bidner asked about history escrow and ILSSAR’s \$2,000 donation, and impact on line
433 item, and the money to perform audit, and if the real number should be \$6900.

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435 Compatriot Neet turned over the floor to Finance Committee Chairman Joe Costello.
436 Compatriot Costello handed out the budget for coming fiscal years 2006-2010. Joe stated
437 ILSSAR is continuing similar activities, so there are not many changes in the budget. Compatriot
438 Costello noted we should expect some changes due to the audit.

439 Bob Collins noted the budget states 2006 & 2010. J. Gordon Bidner asked if we need a motion
440 to approve. Jonathan Casebeer asked about line item 217 - Administrative Expenses - and if the
441 budget is approved do we feel this is a legitimate expense to continue, and if not how to remove
442 it. Bob Collins asked if these are expenses or reimbursement, and inquired about 1099 forms,
443 and says ILSSAR is in violation of federal laws. Harry Windland recommended the BOM wait
444 until the audit committee makes its recommendation.

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446 Jim Barr stated a 1099 form is not issued by ILSSAR, but is the responsibility of the individual,
447 and similar budgets have been approved in past. Don Parrish remarked that it was due to this
448 level of discussion that ILSSAR needs an audit, so we can get to a common denominator.

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450 Bob Collins remarked the society should file the appropriate paperwork, and noted it is entitled
451 "proposed" budget, and reiterated his belief ILSSAR is in violation of law. Harry Windland noted
452 that proper recording and reporting will be followed by the results of an audit. Bing Seibold
453 stated he feels regardless of BOM action we are still liable.

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455 Motion to approve budget made by Don Parrish, and seconded by Jim Barr. Motion voted on
456 by show of hands. Ayes were 21, 2 opposed. Motion to approve budget passed.

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458 Recording Secretary: Mike Johnston - by title.

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460 Registrar: Harry Windland - by title. Harry recognized Bing Seibold again for new members as
461 well as other 1st line signers, and encouraged all to bring in new members. Harry recognized
462 Compatriots Butler and Bragg. Harry commented on Charles Schweitzer. Charles is OK, he just
463 couldn't make meeting.

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465 Historian: Mike Johnston - by title.

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467 Chaplain: J. Gordon Bidner - no reportable activity.

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469 Chancellor: Jim Say - not present - by title

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471 Sgt-at-Arms: Tim Krell - not present - hard copy distributed.

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473 Northern Regional VP: M. John Dyrud - by title

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475 Central Regional VP: R. Garey Hodge - no report. Compatriot Hodge encouraged the Stephen
476 Decatur Chapter to begin meeting this summer.

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478 Southern Regional VP: Arthur Casebeer - by title.

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480 President's Report: Ken Griswold - by title. Ken stated he enjoyed his 2 years as ILSSAR
481 president, and thanked everyone for their support.

482 J. Gordon Bidner raised a point of order, and requested that Robin Griswold to come forward.
483 Compatriot Bidner then asked for round of applause for Ken and Robin for their work.

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485 President Griswold asked chairman of the nominating committee Chuck Sener to come forward,
486 name the nominees and to install the new officers.

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488 Chuck Sener recognized the members of the nominating committee and thanked them for all
489 their hard work. Compatriot Sener read the list of approved candidates from the February BOM
490 meeting. Chuck noted that J. Gordon Bidner can not serve as president and chaplain, so we'll
491 have to find someone else to serve as chaplain in 2 years.

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493 Chuck Sener moved to approve the election of the officers, seconded by Don Campbell.
494 Compatriot Sener asked for approval by acclimation. Motion by acclimation carried. Chuck
495 Sener asked for the Color Guard to escort candidates to the front.

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497 The incoming 2006-2008 ILSSAR Officers were sworn in by nominating committee chairman
498 and ILSSAR Past-President Chuck Sener. The ILSSAR President's gavel was passed from Ken
499 Griswold to Karl Reed.

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501 President Karl Reed came forward, and requested Steve Bradley and Sr. VP J. Gordon Bidner to
502 pass out a loose page listing 2006-2008 constitutionally established committees, standing
503 committees, their chairman, and members. President Reed encouraged all members to look at
504 the list, and note the openings. Some chairmen who serve on more than one committee have
505 said they would be willing to step down if someone would come forward to take the position.
506 President Reed also recognized Compatriot Ron Smith of the Fox Valley Chapter for taking on
507 the responsibility of the Patriot Newsletter.

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509 Karl asked for motion to recess upstairs for luncheon and continue, but again referenced the open
510 positions on committees. Sr. VP J. Gordon Bidner asked for Ester Reed to come forward to be
511 recognized, and who received a round of applause.

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513 The 116th ILSSAR Annual Business Meeting recessed at 11:51 AM.

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515 Respectfully Submitted,

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517 Michael R. Johnston
518 ILSSAR Recording Secretary