

South Central District – Sons of the American Revolution
Meeting Minutes – August 29, 2020
Via Zoom

- Meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Acting VPG Larry Stevens
- Roll call of states was taken. All presents.
- Those attending were:

Blair Rudy	George Swales
Ray Cox	Bobbie Hulse
Darrell Hefley	Justin Engleman
Jim Kuykendall	Charles McLemore
David Dorrough	Bryan Wampler
VPG Larry Stevens	Joe Hamill

One phone number on screen that was identified as being from Arkansas
There was a quorum present for business to be conducted.

- Secretary Jim Kuykendall opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Discussion was held on the SCD meeting that was supposed to be held this weekend in Richardson Texas. The question was whether there would be anyone attending the meeting in person on October 23, 2020. VPG Stevens asked each state to say how many would attend.
 - AR – will not attend
 - KS – will have one attend, only if it is held
 - MO- Will not attend
 - TX – will have people attend
 - OK – may have 4 attending
- VPG then led discussion regarding the South Central District even being able to do business with less that the required persons/delegates present.
- VPG stevens called a vote and asked to each state President or Representative to vote whether the meeting needed to be cancelled.
 - AR – Yes
 - KS –Yes
 - MO- Yes
 - TX – Yes
 - OK – Yes
 - By unanimous vote, the meeting will be cancelled.
- VPG agreed with the vote stating that business could not be conducted. The Texas meeting of the SCD will be cancelled this year.
- Discussion was held regarding how the cost for canceling the meeting would be covered. COVID-19 could have caused a cancellation in any of the Five States. And, we

have most likely have not seen the end. Penalty cost is estimated to be approximately \$4465.00. Since this was a SCD Meeting, the cost of cancellation should fall to the South Central District.

- VPG Stevens asked each states opinion on covering the cost, or if they had an issue with helping with the expense.
 - AR – Need to know prorated share assessment. Need to go to BOM
 - KS – Kansas went into hole for 2 years and they absorbed that cost. Didn't ask anyone else to share that. Would have to talk to BOG in November. Would rather we tried to get out of contract due to COVID. Referred to Bryan Wampler. VPG Stevens will ask him to talk after this discussion.
 - MO- Would have hard time to come up with money. Have not seen contract. Had local Attorneys use Force Majeure clause.
 - TX – Jim Kuykendall relayed info on Texas contract and penalty monies they wanted. He discussed the new clause Texas Chancellor is wanting to add. David Dorrough will send Jim Kuykendall the letter their Attorneys used to get out of a hotel contract.
 - OK – Would have to go to BOG in October. Discussed the cut off date on contract and associated penalties for cancelling it. We are at 80% penalty phase. VPG Stevens stated that Texas will pay penalties and then ask states to pay a share.
- Larry Stevens commented on a suggestion that the size of the SCD state societies and contributions and that the size of the State Society should possibly be taken into consideration. This issue is to be addressed when the next meeting takes place.
 - Bryan Wampler led discussion on the SCD Bylaws
 - By Laws 7.1 were intended to ensure that a meeting should be held yearly with 11 Delegates needed to hold a meeting.
 - 5.1 discussed who delegates were and voting. Can have a meeting with some business being done and some not.
 - 6.1 – Talks about District annual meeting being held fourth week of August.
 - 11 Delegates can be from any of the states, not specified.
 - Discussion on the determination of how to conduct business.
 - Can have a quorum to hold a meeting
 - Need Delegates to conduct certain aspects of business per constitution
 - Question and discussion on how meetings could be held with both in person and virtual meetings for delegates attendance.
 - Several states reworking Constitution and Bylaws to allow virtual aspects.
 - States can help each other on these updates/changes
 - 4.3.2 refers to a topic that Bylaws does not cover being referred to National Bylaws for Roberts Rules of Order
 - Can draft an amendment to the Constitution of the SCD regarding authorizing a virtual meeting. It would be a pending draft amendment voted on by Delegates at the Annual Conference and then used.

- Comments made that Constitution must be changeable to be able to conduct business. Must be flexible to meet needs.
 - Arkansas stated they would support holding SCD meetings and voting being done via electronic meetings.
- Discussion on scheduling a SCD meeting on September 19 to discuss the VPG succession process and other business needing to be handled. The Zoom format would be used and other invited to attend.
 - VPG Stevens discussed sending letter about a second term due to meeting having to be cancelled and possibility of having meeting in Texas in 2021 to avoid paying penalties.
 - Discussion followed on Officers transferring with states each year. This may not be needed if states pay for shares of penalty. Situation needs to be addressed in By-Laws.
 - Bryan Wampler stated that meeting could be held and business conducted, but it could not be called an annual meeting. He discussed that business occurs throughout the year. Secretary is responsible for updating Constitution. Wampler has wording and will assist Texas Secretary.
 - Motion to have Secretary develop wording to change Constitution to allow electronic formats to be added to SCD meetings.
 - Motion by David Dorrough
 - Second by George Swales
 - Motion passed after discussion held
 - Bryan Wampler presented draft of a possible draft that he recommended be used for this purpose. After discussion and some changes the draft is as follows:

AMENDMENT 1 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH-CENTRAL DISTRICT – VIRTUAL MEETING

1.1 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.

1.1.1 Such electronic means include, but are not limited to telephone conference call, video teleconference, or other electronic methods.

1.1.2 All States Presidents must be in attendance, or his designee someone in attendance.

1.1.3 A quorum must be in attendance.

1.1.4 Delegate will be in accordance with Article 5 of the South-Central District Constitution.

1.1.5 A Virtual Meeting can include a combination of In-Person and virtual participation via electronic means.

- SCD Secretary will send to all State Officers for their approval. This will be covered at the next meeting.

- VPG Stevens led discussion on Bylaws stating SCD having to meet on the fourth Saturday of August and possibility of changing date and/or the ability to change the date.
 - Discussion on leaving annual meeting alone and calling other meetings as needed to conduct business. SCD is not restricted in calling meetings, but if it is for political purposes, all people running for office must be invited and speak.
- VPG asked to schedule a meeting for September 19, 2020. Although there would be no physical Leadership meeting in Louisville, he would like us to meet before the Trustees that should meet at the end of September.
 - Need to have state reports sent in so he can send to National.
 - Meeting will be held late in the day.
 - VPG Stevens asked for everyone to send him an email for attendance.
- Discussion on VPG Succession led by Bobbie Hulse. Need to send letter signed by all State Presidents to PG Manning asking that VPG Stevens be acknowledged as VPG and not "Acting VPG".
 - Discussion on whether Texas could hold meeting at same location next year to save penalty monies.
 - Consensus was that succession should move forward to Texas.
 - Memo asking the VPG Stevens be sworn in before the Arkansas Candidate is sworn in at the next Congress.
 - Draft of memo was presented on this by Bryan Wampler
 - SCD Secretary Jim Kuykendall will send letter to all State Presidents for their signature and then send to PG Manning.
 - This discuss would be continued in the next meeting.
- VPG Stevens called for State Reports;
- Meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM by VPG Stevens