

Arkansas SAR State Society
Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm
via Zoom

Board of Governors Roll-Call

(BOG Quorum = 40% of elected & constitutionally defined BOG positions → 8 positions)

(P) = Present, (A) = Absent

BOG Elected & Constitutionally Defined Positions

1. State President – Greg Hogue (P)
2. State Vice President – Dr. Darrell Over MD (P)
3. State Secretary – James Morrison (P)
4. State Treasurer – James Morrison (P)
5. State Registrar – James Morrison (P)
6. National Society Trustee – Charles McLemore (P)
7. Alternate National Society Trustee – Dr. Darrell Over MD (P)
8. Abraham Van Buren Chapter, President EuGene Smith (P)
9. Bayou Bartholomew Chapter, President Dr. Darrell Over MD (P)
10. Casimir Pulaski Chapter, President Darrell Whitledge (P)
11. Chickasawba Chapter, President Allen Bush (A)
12. Crowley Ridge Chapter, President Greg Hogue (P)
13. Desoto Trace Chapter, President Charles McLemore (P)
14. Ecore Fabre Chapter, President John Dawson (A)
15. Gen Lafayette Chapter, President Roger Rickard (A)
16. Jordan Milam Chapter, President Patrick Flenniken (A)
17. Southwest Trail Chapter, President Matthew Burks (P)
18. Immediate Past State President – Charles McLemore (P)

Appointed positions by the State President & approved by BOG:

1. State Chaplain – Open
2. State Chancellor – Tim Snively (A)
3. State Historian - Open
4. State Genealogist – Open
5. Patriot Fund Chairman - Bob Shewmake (A)
6. Public Safety Committee Chairman – Open
7. Eagles Scout Committee Chairman – Compatriot Charles Wright (A)

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

Quorum present

Pledge of Allegiance led by State President Greg Hogue

SAR Pledge led by State President Greg Hogue

Roll Call by State Secretary James Morrison

Topics of Discussion



- 1. South Central District (SCD) Pins.** OK State SAR President Phil Hunt has offered to order SCD pins (see left for the pin) for our State Society as well as for the other four State Societies in our District. Pins would be purchased and handed out at the SCD Meeting in Tulsa during August for further distribution to AR chapters who wished to purchase them from the State. Past State President Charles McLemore made a motion to purchase 50 pins, paid for by the State, for \$350. Seconded by State Vice President Darrell Over MD. **Motion passed.**
- 2. JROTC/ROTC Medal Awards.** State will pay for JROTC/ROTC medals and certificates. State President Greg Hogue has 5-6 JROTC certificates and medals and can give them to any Chapter President who would like to award them to someone in their area. If Chapters want to order them on their own, they can and be reimbursed by the State. Please send your paid receipts to State Treasurer James Morrison for reimbursement.
- 3. Federal and State Tax Returns.** A reminder for all chapters to file their Federal and State tax returns by the due dates outlined in State Secretary James Morrison's email dated 12/18/24. Please do not wait until the last minute to file your respective chapter's state and federal tax returns! State Vice President Darrell Over MD mentioned when he logged on to file his federal return, he received an error message. He contacted the IRS who took his contact information and would respond back to him in 2-3 weeks. State Secretary James Morrison would reach out to the local CPA firm to inquire what they could do to ensure all chapters are able to file on-time.

- 4. By-Laws Change.** State Treasurer James Morrison asked the BOG to change the following in the State's By-Laws:

Change Article IX - Treasurer, Section 9 of the ARSSAR By-Laws:

Current: "Section 9: The Treasurer will annually file the appropriate federal and state tax exempt status reports by the due dates on behalf of the state and the various chapters. The State President and Chapter Presidents will be notified no less than 60 days once confirmation of the annual tax-exempt status has been obtained."

Proposed: "Section 9: **State/Chapter Presidents** will annually file the appropriate federal and state tax exempt status reports by the due dates. **State/Chapter Presidents will notify the State Treasurer** no less than 60 days once confirmation of the annual tax-exempt status has been obtained. Dues dates are as follows:

1. State Tax Filings - **due by Aug 1st** for State Society and all Chapters
2. Federal Tax Filings - **due by May 15th** for State Society and all Chapters EXCEPT for Chickasawba, Crowley Ridge, Southwest Trail which will be due on Aug 15th."

State Vice President Darrell Over MD made a motion to allow the changes to be made to the State's By-Laws as outlined by State Treasurer James Morrison. Motion was seconded by Casimir Pulaski President Darrell Whitledge. **Motion passed.**

- 5. ARSSAR Arvest Wealth Management Account** – State Treasurer James Morrison mentioned that he is not on the ARSSAR Arvest Wealth Management Account. He asked that we update the signers on this account the morning of March 15th, 2025 before the annual ARSSAR meeting in Fayetteville. Past State President Charles McLemore mentioned that we had updated the checking and savings accounts but not the Wealth Management account. Motion was made by Casimir Pulaski President Darrell Whitledge to remove Past State Treasurer/Secretary Gene Rasure and Past State President Charles McLemore and add State President Greg Hogue, State Vice President Darrell Over MD, and State Secretary/Treasurer James Morrison to the account. Southwest Trail Chapter President Matthew Burks seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**



6. National 50% off Fees on Regular and Junior Applications in the month of April. On Feb 12, 2025, National sent out an email advertising 50% off National fees (not dues) on all Regular and Junior applications in the month of April 2025 only. This excludes any Supplemental, Memorial, Family Plan applications beyond the initial application, and established lineage application lines. Regular and Junior applications must be received at National or postmarked in the month of April in order to get this discount. Current National fees are \$150. New Regular or Junior members would receive \$75 off National fees under this offer.

Discussion was whether the State would give a 50% off discount on their fees which currently are \$15. It was agreed that the State would follow National's lead and offer 50% off or \$7.50 on similar type applications. Total savings to new Regular or Junior members who fall under this offer would be \$82.50. Each chapter would decide whether they would follow suit or not on their own. Motion was made by State Vice President Darrell Over MD to follow National's lead and offer 50% off State fees for the same application pool as National noted above in the month of April only. Motion was seconded by Past State President Charles McLemore. **Motion passed.**

7. Liberty Tree for 250th Anniversary Celebration. Past State President Charles McLemore spoke about the Liberty Tree and how it ties into the 250th anniversary celebration. American Elms would be offered by the Arkansas Forestry Commission to plant. Dennis Prince is our contact person who would assist us in this endeavor. More details will be forthcoming for this project in our State Society to help celebrate the founding of our country.

SAR Recessional

Meeting closed at 8:04 pm.

Next Meeting – Sat, 15 Mar 2025, 11 am Fayetteville, AR, at the Whole Hog Café on College Ave for the annual ARSSAR meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

James R. Morrison
Arkansas SAR State Secretary