

KYSSAR BOG Meeting February 25, 2025

Bid Sandy	Captain Charles Duncan	Captain Charles Gatliff	Captain John Metcalf	Captain Virgil McCracken	Captain William Arnold
Captain William Prince	Colonel Benjamin Logan	Colonel Daniel Boone	Colonel James Harrod	Colonel John Hardin	Colonel Stephen Trigg
General Richard Butler	George Mason	Governor Issac Shelby	John Howe	John Manire	Lafayette
Louisville Thruston	Lieutenant Robert Mosley	Simon Kenton	Three Rivers	Blue Licks	

Meeting called to order by President McCain at 7:02 PM
2/25/2025

Invocation - Chaplin Jim Gearhart

Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-President Richard Quire

SAR Pledge - President-Elect Patrick Wesolosky

Roll Call resulted in there being 11 Chapters on the call with Captain John Metcalf joining after the roll call. The Recording Secretary Patrick McMurchie noticed that Chris Canine from the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter was on the call however did not respond to the Roll Call. The result of the Roll Call was that we did have a Quorum on hand and were able to therefore conduct our business.

Previous Minutes from the past two BOG Meetings were sent out for review. Any issues, additions or deletions, hearing none Minutes are approved as written.

ExCom Committee Updates - Since the last BOG the ExCom has come together to discuss inactive Chapters, Back in November we discussed the Captain William Arnold Chapter and at that time there was a motion to dissolve

based on financial receipts. The ExCom has been working with Chapter President Bob Gibson to get everything needed to be able to dissolve the Chapter. There was also another Chapter that was considering dissolving however they have since decided to continue and give it the old college try. The Captain William Arnold Chapter has sent their financial papers and President McCain has those in hand basically closing down their accounts has happened and the check has been sent to Doug Collins. Doug Collins confirmed receipt of check and it has been deposited in the bank. Chapter President Bob Gibson has handed over some of the Chapter flags and he and President McCain plan to meet sometime next week in Florence, KY for Bob to give the remainder of flags to President McCain. At this time, we can state that the Captain William Arnold Chapter has been dissolved and no longer is it a part of the Kentucky Society. Doug Collins had a question as to where or to which Chapter a couple of the members of the former Captain William Arnold Chapter would be transferring to. President McCain indicated that he would reach out to those members so as to learn which Chapter they wish to join. President McCain indicated that the flags he will be collecting from Bob Gibson will be brought to the State Meeting. President McCain and President-Elect Wesolosky plan to use these flags as a State resource for Chapters and individual members needing to borrow for functions in the future. Vice-President Richard Quire requested that the Webmasters remove Captain William Arnold Chapter from our State Website. President McCain requested that Will McGinnis (who was on the call) convey to Bill Nichols the requested removal. Will indicated that between he and Bill it would be accomplished. President-Elect Wesolosky asked the question do we need to make someone at National aware that we have dropped a Chapter. There was a brief discussion with no one knowing the real answer. V-E Wesolosky indicated he would be at Headquarters tomorrow and that he would speak with Jonathan Toon -

National Registrar about alerting Headquarters of a Chapter being dropped.

There was another Chapter that had expressed interest in dissolving, the last ExCom Meeting was with this group. As per Bylaws ExCom went in and had the Chapter members come in for one last ditch effort to take officer positions. A few days prior to that meeting the Chapter members had a discussion and said they would like to keep the Chapter going. The night of the ExCom Meeting we did get a President so long story short they are working back to becoming an active Chapter. We will continue to work with the Chapter to make sure that they understand what the needs and requirements are. President McCain and President Wesolosky have had long discussions on this subject of inactive chapters, we all have requirements being at these BOG Meetings, etc. The Bylaws and Constitution provide the requirements of a Chapter and it's not fair to the Society that some of the Chapters are doing what's required and others aren't.

- Vice-President Richard Quire expressed concern about inactive chapters and contact information. If someone is looking to get involved with our Society and looks on their computer, sees a Chapter near them and attempts to contact that Chapter and that particular Chapter is inactive and they don't respond, our potential member can go into an abyss. V-P Quire would like for us to consider that if a Chapter is not responding and doing the basic stuff, he would like for us to be able to populate the Chapter's contact information with the information of someone that would respond until that Chapter can get back online. V-P Quire's concern comes from responses from 12 people who had signed up for information through the National Website. When someone requests information through National the request is sent to the Society Registrar, the Registrar then sends it to the Chapter Registrar or Chapter Point of Contact. V-P Quire send a follow-up email about a month ago and

got 12 responses back from people that said they hadn't heard from anybody. So, the mail is not getting answered and that is V-P Quire's worry. President McCain told V-P Quire your point is well taken is between now and when those meetings happen and decisions are made about, the continuation of those chapters. So, in other words, you got Chapter ABC. John Smith is listed as the contact. Do we send an email to that person to see if we get a response? If we don't, what are we going to do? Do we replace it with someone else. You know somebody within the either the State or make an attempt to. V-P Quire responded right, because, frankly, these chapters that aren't, I mean, I can hear people thinking, well, you know, how can I ever pick up and become a good chapter if they don't have people trying to get well. Most of these chapters haven't added any members in years. They don't have active registrars, so there's nobody even there at the chapter who's able to shepherd a new member to even get them in. But you know, otherwise I just feel like we're missing, you know, especially if the 250th comes around and people start to look for us. If there's nobody answering the phone, we're going to miss out on members. Ben Chandler said I have one thought on this topic. Is there anything at a state level like on our website or whatnot that someone could email that could then coordinate with this person seeking to join a club, and maybe connect them with a more active society? President McCain said Well, that's what Richard is saying. I believe Benjamin is that that the state website does list each chapter out there, and it lists a contact and if the if it's a chapter that's you know, not active right now, how do you know who's to know? If a person calls that particular name or emails, you know the person that's on there, and they're not getting a response. That's the problem. Benjamin R. Chandler responded I just feel, instead of specifically the clubs being listed themselves

individually. Maybe there should be a person at a state level who could then coordinate further. If they couldn't contact said information like a further contact info, they could get a hold of. I don't know. One of us or one of the State officers, or something. Richard Quire then said Well, I think there's many chapters out there that can answer the phone and do answer the email. We're talking about probably a state level officer that would get the task to get these emails from the chapters who aren't responding and those State level officers have a pile of other duties and responsibilities. I don't want to pile more on that person, than what they have to do, and what that could be? That could be the state registrar. That could be the membership chairman. There are several folks that could do that. It's just again I would. If they're not doing what they should do, they're not responding as long as this person can contact someone who's in the know why that chapter is not responding, and they can direct them to another chapter that will help them. I think that will answer the mail.

- Benjamin R. Chandler then said Well, I'm not even certain for our society specifically, who would be listed on our state website. I don't know if I am or who. If there was any way we could go in and change that information and make sure it's accurate. Richard Quire responded the first thing you do probably go to the state website and see what's listed for your chapter in there. And then they do have a date on there that lets people know when the last time those were updated, and usually those would be, right after a chapter election, because that's when it would change. But the blue database the chapter should have all their leaders listed in the blue database, and there are many chapters that do not have that listed in there either. The Chapter Secretary can take care of that, but you'd have to send the State Secretary the list of your chapter

officers after an election. He can add that to the blue database. At this time President McCain brought up on the shared screen the Chapter Officers listed on the State website and Benjamin Chandler was able to see that is Chapter officers were properly list on the website. President McCain then asked the question Richard, I'm not sure, do we pick the ones that aren't active aren't in, you know, that aren't coming to these meetings, or how do you know? V-P Quire responded Well, you know, that's something we can come up with a criterion if they don't submit, reports to two meetings in a row or we can send out a test email no response back? However, we do it it's not getting rid of the chapter. It's just removing them from a list of contacts so that we don't lose members, if they're doing what they should, we put everybody right back in and let them take up where they were. President McCain said I almost think it's where we email, the president that's listed. And if we don't get a response, then then we will have to take action at that point on who to put in there after that? Because at the very least, the President should be looking at emails to be getting updates and things along those lines. I've got that down as a note, Richard. V-P Quire said I'll be glad to do a test email tomorrow. Will McGinnis spoke up here I just want to point out. I have sent the links to the pages that Steve showed. I sent that in the chat. I've also included my contact information. Please review your chapter information on those two pages, and if modifications need to be made, send me an email, and I will do that as soon as I possibly can. V-P Quire brought up an additional source of contact information here. In addition, Chapter Points of Contact up under About Us tab.

So, there are essentially two different places here that Chapter contact information is listed for the chapters. It's almost a duplicate effort here. Perhaps it may be better just to cut one of these

out so you have truly one that's the point. I know Will has updated chapters I'm with and he has to do it in two different places, you know. So maybe we can eliminate one. Steve Gahafer then added I think the first place to start on this. The first tab you see up there says, Join SAR, and it's just got all the pricing.

It has no contact information at all until you scroll down past the first couple of pages. I mean to me the first thing on that join sar, should be an email link to probably the State registrar. I probably also have S. A. and R. capitalized. President McCain then added Well, we can get into the details on that, you know. I don't want to get down too far in the weeds, but the suggestions that we've got, I think, are changes that we need to do. I think, as you see, things like what Steve just raised, what Richard just talked about two different areas for contact information. Will, I think you know, as we move forward, that those are suggestions that we take down to continue to make this website usable, and where we need it to be. Jim Gearhart asked you all may have mentioned it, but I didn't catch it. Who do we send that information to get it corrected? President McCain responded You can send it to Will McGinnis or Bill Nichols. They're the assistant webmaster and webmaster as of today. V-P Quire added some additional information here just for the record again, those webmasters are for the Kentucky website. That's not for the SAR blue database, the State Secretary has to do that. So, if you have an election, send your list to the Webmaster and the State Society Secretary. That way they can be updated at the state website and on the blue database. President McCain said Exactly. The point here is this has got to be corrected. So that's why I wanted to take you guys through it. We can't change it tonight. But if you, as a takeaway, if you are on this call tonight, go to the Kentucky

website. If you see discrepancies on this page, you'll want to send those to Bill and Will to make the changes that we need. I think, you know correcting the two pages that we've looked at here tonight is important. I also agree with Steve Gahafer on Join the SAR tab. I think there are things that that need to happen on this website and if there are suggestions, please send those to us so that we can start making those, because Bill and Will are really good about going in and getting things done. V-P Quire mentioned that when you go under the Compatriots tab and click on Chapters that your Chapter name can be a hyperlink to take you to your webpage or to your Facebook page. President McCain thanked V-P Quire for bring this up saying I wouldn't have known that's a great takeaway. I hope you're taking notes, because, you know, you'll probably see this through the minutes as well, but you know, if we see things like this, I think we should be sending this to Will and Bill, so that see how difficult the changes are. So far, we haven't been able to throw much at them, that they haven't been able to handle. But, you know, identifying this as a website or something like that. You know, that type of thing, I think, would be a great thing to do. So again, it's things that we're not going to be able to resolve tonight, and we've got a lot to get through. But I definitely appreciate this and I know Patrick will as well, moving forward. We've been wanting to do this with Bill and Will to begin to get changes made to the website and make it as usable as we can. So, there are a lot of actions that I took down this evening, Richard the last one other than the Chapter Presidents or Secretaries going out and checking this information and making sure that it's correct. If it's not correct our Chapters need to send an email to Will. We should also help Chapters with the hyperlink to identify a website or something like that. Donnie Webster asked on this inactive

other chapter. We've not heard the name of it. I think I know the chapter. But we will be meeting Thursday night and our membership is going to be asking me questions about it. President McCain responded Okay, yeah, I'm giving that chapter a chance to get their membership together, the direction that they're going is that they want to continue, are you saying, Donnie, that you're meeting with them? Donnie Webster responded No, no,

- We've heard about this chapter. That's, I think the one you're talking about is wanting to be dissolved and they have been in contact. Some of their members have been in contact with some of our members, saying that they might be interested in transferring to our chapter. You know when it's all said and done. And so, our memberships just going to be asking me questions Thursday night that come from this meeting tonight. So, what you have spoken about, that's what I'll tell them. Pres. McCain responded That's the direction that that our last meeting had. If it doesn't go right, that's probably the direction in the near future. If things don't go right for them. But at this point it's not so. That's to be determined right now. With that I think we'll move on quickly to youth programs. We've got a lot of things coming up here at our March meeting. I wanted Pat Berry, to go through here with anything that you wanted to raise or give updates on. Pat Berry said Okay, thank you. Our youth contest has really been successful this year, and we have contestants in every category except teacher of the year. We also have six chapters that are represented in the awards. So that's turned out to be more than we've had in the past. And so, just from the response that we're getting, I think, will even be even greater. Next year. I have forwarded the winners to Pres. McCain, so that the certificates can be made and checks can be cut. We're well on our way and in most cases where we have 1st place. They will be at the meeting. People, such as our

Essayists and our JROTC will be at the meeting. We will have an oration candidate however there won't be a contest this time as we only have one oration candidate that has entered, but he will be delivering his oration. So we'll get a chance to see that. The issue I wanted to bring up as I was putting this together. You know it came me that we have only allocated \$200. for our Video Contest. Our other contests for example, our 1st place for poster and brochure is \$300. and all of our other contests 1st place is 700. So, as it stands right now, the 1st place winner of our video contest gets \$200. That's less than poster and brochure and way less than any other comparable contest. the way that this contest works, that this is the only contest that has that can have a group. So whatever money is being handed out is divided among the people who make up that video. So, in this case there are 4 people. And so that being the case we would give them \$200, and they would walk away, each with \$50. Now I believe that that the video contest is as strong and it should be as good as our essay as our JROTC and our oration. This being said I believe it should be a \$700. 1st place award, because the contest, while it goes from grade 6 through 12, I think if you were to have a group of seniors who put together a video and we're saying, Oh, and here's your \$200. I don't think we'll see seniors show up anymore. What I'm requesting this year, because I know it needs to be looked at in the budget. To make a change I would like to request, because since we only have a 1st place winner for our video contest, that we add \$500 to that and make it a \$700 contest. Now it's not going to take any more money out of our budget to do this, because on our contest. We allocate money for all of our contests, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. This year we only we do not have a 3rd place brochure that is, \$100. We do not have a 3rd place. JROTC, that is \$200. We do not have a 3rd place, Eagle Scout, that is, \$200. We do not have 2nd or 3rd

place Oration, 2nd place, Oration is 400 and 3rd place Oration is 200. We also don't have any Teachers of the Year, which is another \$300. Now that is money that's allocated, that's not being used. That's 100 plus 200 is 300, plus 200 is 500, plus 400 is 900, plus 200 is \$1,100. That's already been budgeted for the contest. I am asking that we take from that money that's been allocated and that we reallocated this year to make that contest a \$700 contest. Then, when the budget is done next year, I believe that we treat the video contest the very same as those other high stakes contests. **Pat Berry made a motion that we reallocate that money. And we make our video contest a \$700 award. Benjamin Chandler Second**

President McCain stated we Have a motion on the floor by Pat, and second by, Ben Chandler, is there any discussion? Doug Collins spoke up

Yes, so Pat, I just want to point out that when we did the budget last year this was not a national contest. It was discussed, and we brought it in as a temporary thing, and we assigned \$200 in order to have something on the board for it. Problem with making the change. What I've got a concern with is suddenly increasing the amount \$500 without the entire membership voting on it, and we won't be able to do that until the meeting. I don't think that that the board of Governors can say we're going to change the policy before the entire membership has the ability to vote on it, and if I'm incorrect, somebody, please correct me.

Pat Berry responded If the money has already been allocated into the contest, does that require?

Because it's budgeted in the contest. Does that require that? Doug Collins responded I believe it does, because the you know. Yes, you can move money around in a budget, but you know you can't go in and say, well, we didn't spend, \$1,500 on this project. So now we're going to dump it all over here, because we want to increase our winnings. And if I'm in the wrong here, please let me know. But I

I feel like that. You know, we're going in at the last minute, and like I said, I don't have a problem with it, except that the membership voted on these award amounts. I think the membership is the one that has to make the determination how they're going to approach it. President McCain said at this point I think, that was what we voted on at a BOG meeting, though, wasn't it, Doug? At this point there was some discussion back and forth about when and how much and Steve Gahafer spoke I think, since with this budget

- each individual award has got a dollar amount tied to it versus you know if we passed a budget said there was \$7,000 in there for youth awards. Then I think we can move it around. But because the way this budget's done. I'm like Doug. I think it has to go before the full state, but I also don't see a big deal with doing at the full state, and then I mean, you can write the check afterwards. Correct Doug if it's approved? Doug Collins answered I mean we can. We can get all of that out of the way before the contest. But I just think it's appropriate when we're spending somebody else's money, that we get their approval. Patrick Wesolosky asked What if Pat withdraws his motion as stated, and says that? Ask the BOG tonight to approve and suggest to the society at the meeting on March 8th, that we retroactively go back and increase the amount. The video will have already have been watched, and the check and the certificate will be given. But if the membership then votes in the meeting to ratify what the BOG is suggesting, then you just have one more check. You either ask for the first check back or you write a second check for \$500. more and that solves the problem that way. The membership has an opportunity to speak. Doug Collins asked the Parliamentarian to speak to this. President McCain then said Well, right now. We either have to make an amendment to the motion. We've got a motion on the floor to increase from 200 to 700 and we had a

second. And we've had discussion that says that we need full society approval to do that. So, we would need to either take a vote or amend the motion that's on the floor to what Patrick had said and then we'll have a need for a second on that amendment that makes sense. Bruce Bennett offered up a second on Pat's proposal at this time. Chancellor Joe Hendricks spoke here Steve (McCain), I just I mean, I think it depends on how the budget was written, and I don't. I don't have the budget in front of me. But if the budget was specified specific amounts. I mean, I think you'd have to go to the full membership. But don't have that in the morning? President McCain Student competition is in the morning, and will be taken care of by lunch and awards will be presented. Chancellor Joe Hendricks So the business part of that is in the afternoon. Then. President McCain Yes, though, to where we would have the opportunity to do this. Chancellor Joe Hendricks Okay. I mean, I think if the budget was written, that specified specific amounts for each award seems like to me what I remember from those meetings was the big topic of discussion was we had to limit it to whatever we were keeping it under the IRS reporting requirements. That was what I remember about that discussion. I don't remember a whole lot else about it, but I remember that focus of the meetings to keep it under the IRS reporting requirements. So, we didn't have to file IRS forms. I don't remember what else we said, and I don't have a copy of the budget in front of me if the budget says we're allocating a certain amount for awards and it didn't specify 1st, 2nd, or 3rd or it left you overall room, I think we could implement it within that. However, if it did specify it, I think we have to go to the membership for approval and we could do that. We could. I mean we could just hold the check, until after the meeting. I would be fairly confident that the especially since it's not costing us anymore overall, I would guess that the

membership is likely to approve it. Doug Collins said at this time The comments in the budget says, new program 1st year award 2025, only winner, \$200. I mean, I think as far as the above. The IRS number \$600 is the amount for the IRS we discussed that and got shot down. So, we're still issuing a \$700 check. Steve Gahafer commented I think we can go on a vote on Pat Berry's motion, and then, when you or Patrick present it at the at the full meeting. Say, you know the Board of Governors voted on this, and it has our approval. But we need the full States approval. And I agree with Joe. I mean, I don't think it's going to be a problem passing. And then we can issue the checks afterwards, mail them to them, doing whatever give them to Pat Berry, and then Pat Berry can get them to them so that's fine. President McCain seeking clarification So are we revising or amending the motion because he was just asking for a \$200 to \$700? Does it fall in line with what Patrick was saying. As far as you know. So. So there's been a motion on the floor. It's been seconded. It's been amended. Patrick Wesolosky corrected No, I never made an amendment. I suggested an amendment, but I never made one so. After a few more back and forth **Chancellor Joe Hendricks said I moved to amend the motion to add the following language, pending approval by the society regular meeting.** President McCain next said That's that. I think so now we have an amendment to it. I need a second on the amendment. **Frank Allison, I'll second it.** President McCain asked Okay, all any discussion on the amendment? (No response) Okay, all in favor. Say, aye. Any nays. Okay, motion approved. Patrick Wesolosky corrected No **amendments approved.** Now we have to vote on the motion. President McCain responded That's what I thought so. So, now that the amendment has been approved, we go back to the original motion. We had a second from Ben Chandler on that, all in favor say, aye. Against. Okay. Motion passed. Thank you very much. Pat (Berry).

Does that answer your question? We should be good. Right? Pat Berry responded Yes, hopefully, hopefully. President McCain responded Hopefully. I will suggest, you know, as you go into the Budget development for next year, that this is looked at further, unless you know, unless you want to make you know, I think either that's a future discussion, you know, to have unless you want to have it tonight, Pat (Berry). Pat Berry said We don't need to have that tonight. We need just to take care of the present situation. Then we have time to deal with that. President McCain went on to say Yeah, yeah, when the budget is put together next year, I think that we need to be look at a 2nd and 3rd place as well. When we put this together last year, we had no idea if we were going to have an entry or not. Nobody had any experience on this, so we're starting to get that. And I would suggest that highly for next year. Chancellor Joe Hendricks stated I think we might want to consider when we pass the budget next year to put in there, that as long as we don't increase the overall amount, we're spending on prices to give the Board of Governors discretion to adjust within that overall total, you know, adjust amounts depending upon the different entries we have. I mean, we might consider that. President McCains response was Yeah. Well, it's worth a worth a discussion, I guess. Anyway, I don't know where you would put that in there, and if you know that would. And who would have the authority to do that? I think that's going to take some more discussion as that the budget's developed, or something. Pat Berry reminded us You know, the contest is not going to change unless they create another new contest. So, this is one of those extraordinary situations. President McCain answered Correct Okay any other questions or topics on youth programs other than you know, we do have a full agenda for the meeting on March 8th we've got the

oration essay, Eagle Scout are the 3 reports that we've got and

the brochure am I missing anything, Pat (Berry). I think those are the ones that will be there, joining us and presenting there, JROTC however won't be there. But unless Patrick and Lafayette would like to read, you know, on their behalf, like we did at our chapter meeting. Okay, alright. Well, like I said, around the video contest. I think you know that for the very first one that we've got, I think everybody will enjoy it. There was a lot of effort put into it. I highly agree that what Pat (Berry) said, as far as the effort that goes into the video, at least for the first one that's been put out there. We made the comment that they will be, you know, everybody else will be judged off of what they kind of put together. There was a historical portion put to it, the editing and just putting themselves out there and making the video. It does take a lot of effort. So, I agree with his comments and this ought to be thought about. You know, as we move forward, and we have a lot more knowledge behind us than we did when we first put this together. So, I think if they want to continue to grow that area which National does, I think it makes total sense to go in the direction that Pat's talking about. But that's for a future discussion. Thank you for the update and for putting that forward to unfinished business. We'll quickly go through a number of these dues' collections, final number. Doug, I don't know with reinstatements where we are. We were so close to a thousand. I don't know if you have a number tonight. Doug Collins responded So just a real quick recap we had 1,140 we hope to get. We had 973 make payments, 85.4%, which is actually not too far off of where we, I thought we would be. 15% drop with the dues increase is not totally out of line ended up dropping 167 members. Since then, we have brought in 8 reinstatements. So, our number now shows from 973, plus 8, 981 members at present.

President McCain commented Very close, very close. Yeah, I mean, it's there was a very big effort, I think, you know, like I said, I think every chapter. I hope every chapter went out and put the effort. I know the ones that I've seen, as far as what we did from a state level mailing out self-stamped envelopes to return numerous emails. Phone calls. You know, we couldn't have done anymore. And you know the frustrating part about the new process is that you know a lot of people wind up spending a lot of time that could be put towards other improvements in our chapter and instead of trying to get folks back to where they are paid. It's a frustrating process, but a needed process at the same time. So, thank you to everyone that put forth their efforts into getting everybody back into and continue to work on members that didn't rejoin and trying to get those people reinstated into your chapter. So that's all I'm going to say on that one, unless there's any questions around the numbers that Doug presented Doug. If you got anything else. If you didn't hear that chapter, checks will be distributed on the 8th or mailed out if you're not there. Thank you.

National Officer. Endorsements. One of the things that we did on our last BOG kind of an unexpected one that we wouldn't have had. But Patrick put together an endorsement package. We thought we would use an online type system to do that. There were changes made kind of at the last minute, and we wound up endorsing the non-contested officers. And then there were opportunities that if you wanted to personally endorse the contested ones, you were able to do that, but with everything that we did after that meeting on the 8th I did write PG Dodd with the endorsements from the Kentucky society. So that process has been complete, Patrick, I know I put you down to talk on this I'm sorry I probably talked over. Do you have anything else you want to add to what I said on national officer endorsements. Patrick Wesolosky

responded Just really quick. The there were 3 contested races for Treasurer General, Registrar General, and Chancellor General. After the endorsements, and everything happened, and there were virtual meetings with the candidates. With the nominating committee Edmund Mckinley has received. the endorsement for Treasurer General, Gary Green received the endorsement for Registrar General and Peter Davenport received the endorsement for Chancellor General, and they will be the main people running at Congress. But anybody that wants to run against the floor can do so at Congress, and the delegates will have the opportunity to vote on them. Thank you, Mr. President.

President McCain then went on Thank you for that. Update any questions around national officer endorsements. Okay, we'll move on to the state communication tool and opportunities. This has been something that that we've laid out in front of BOG for probably. Gee whiz, Patrick! Probably since Blue Licks, or a little after, I think we started talking about different type of software communication tools that are available, that we can start sending out information directly down to the member level that you know what's available? What's the cost? Where there are different opportunities as late as today. Patrick has kind of taken this on and been working with National again, I will kind of let Patrick give us an update as of what happened today and kind of what we're expecting with what we're going to be using on this tool, moving forward. President-Elect Wesolosky So, at the fall meeting we voted and agreed to that we would go with Mailchimp, and we have a I think, like 15 days of free use. It was decided that we didn't want to start the process. While we were in the midst of getting ready to drop a number of members and have to rework the email and everything. So, we waited until John Toon contacted me the other day and said that he had done the reconciliation for the State Society, and then

whatever people that are coming back in had been added, and I created with the help of Drew Height, the marketing director from headquarters. We created the Mailchimp account, and we sent out just a plain test email to Steve and myself just to see how it's going to work. It's going to take a little bit of time for me to build what it's going to look like. But the fact is, it accepted some 700, close to 800 emails from the Society, and the goal will be that we can send those out and it'll go out. We don't have to worry about whether or not a president or a secretary is forwarding it. It'll go, the one issue that, gentlemen, I ask you to take back to your chapters, and we will bring this up at the State meeting is people have the opportunity to opt out of this when this email comes, and if they opt out. We can't add them back. They have to add themselves back. So, if John Smith opts out, he's going to miss out on anything we're sending that's just the way it's going to be. So, we are going to suggest that you go back to your chapters and tell them when we'll let you know when this is going to happen that if they don't want the email, just delete it don't opt out, because if we need this for sending out dues, notifications or state meetings, or anything, you know. If you opt out, you're not going to get it. This looks like it's going to be a very positive tool. If anybody's gotten any emails recently from a National telling you about when registration for Lexington Concord opens up on March 1st that's what they're using, Mailchimp. So, we're set to go and Drew helped me start building a template, and I'm going to continue. And hopefully it'll be a tool that our chapters will be better informed. Vice-President asked if the emails that are being sent out with Mailchimp will be using the Blue Database and Pres-Elect Wesolosky confirmed they are. Vice-Pres Quire went on to say Okay, so that's my point for the chapter leaders that are on here, you know, if you got a guy who's been a member for a couple of

years, maybe changed his email address because for whatever reason. But he joined on another email address and that email address no longer working. So that's why it's important the Chapter Secretaries or somebody from the Chapter go into the blue database to ensure all the contact information is correct in the blue database, not only on the state website, but in the blue database. I can certainly show you that if you need the help. Doug Collins chimed in Now, just as a follow. Up to that, we have 817 of our 981 members with email addresses don't know if they're valid which is an 83.3% compliance. But there are 164 we don't have an email address for anywhere. Pres-Elect Wesolosky asked President McCain if at this time he was going to talk about the new State Logo and Chapter Logos or if P-E Wesolosky should.

President McCain responded Yeah, I I've got that here. I've got the email. I can bring it up. I was, might as well, yeah. Why don't we, Patrick? I guess just to finish up on what Richard said and Doug, and then we'll go right into that, Patrick. Is that that exercise has gone through and been massaged, and that's what Patrick's been waiting on is to make sure that it's as clean as it possibly can be to your point, Richard, I think you know we need to continue or that if changes are made to that, that they know how to go into that blue database and change their email information. Right? So that's a that's a continual process that's going to have to happen. I think that's where you're going, Richard. Right? V-P Quire concurred. President McCain went on

- So very good. I think we'll continue to move forward we'll probably see some tests go out, and something coming out here in the near future on that. But this is a huge step in the communication effort. You know that we've put through changes in the past year with the online dues. I think this is another major step for our society to communicate down to and make sure that everybody gets the information that comes out

from, you know, if their emails correct, they're getting national information and now they'll be getting state information as well. So great job Patrick on solidifying that with Drew and continuing hopefully, we'll see some messages come out. Now on that same note you worked with Drew today on making a change to a logo. P-E Wesolosky went on to talk about this new change So one of the big things that Nationals pushing with the branding engagement guide is that we? We have standardized Logos throughout from top to bottom. Brochures, pamphlets, whatever we're using it for, and then that waters down to the chapter level and Drew will be making one of these for every chapter in our society. He's going to wait. He won't get to this until after leadership. But if you notice, it's Kentucky chapter or Lafayette chapter Kentucky SAR and one of the things that national's kind of suggested is that we move away from the word society, as it kind of gives a feeling of blue blood and highfalutin, and something like that. So, the push is that we're the SAR, much like the DAR. So, we're Lafayette Chapter Kentucky SAR Simon Kenton Chapter Kentucky SAR. Every Chapter is going to get a copy of their own new Logo once this is completed. Communications and programs, whatever else you'll have this available to create that. Will McGinnis asked the question Will we be forced to transition to this, for example, we've got a parade banner in our chapter that has the current logo on it. Would we need to print a new parade banner with this? Or is this something that can have some grace to it that we use it in brochures, but we can continue to use banners and other material until they need to be replaced. P-E Wesolosky answered Yeah, if it exists, I don't think that you be expected to replace because of the Logo. Not a lot of chapters have money to just drop a dime on something like that. So as long as we're using it going forward, you know, I would say in my opinion and my opinion, starts counting in, you know, like

two weeks, I would say. Stuff like that's grandfathered in. Steve Gahafer further enlightened us stating I'm on that committee, and that's the view of the committee. It's once you replace that banner then you replace it with the new logo. As long as that banner is serviceable you can keep the logo that's on it. President McCain went on All right, thanks for that update, Patrick, and working on that as well with Drew. I think that's another good step forward as far as marketing tools for the Kentucky Society, and the Chapters really look sharp. All right. Move on to the spring annual meeting. We've been pretty much giving updates on this all along. Hopefully, you've seen the invites the Google forms that's been sent out. Hopefully you're signing up. I don't know what the numbers are as of today, Patrick. But we sent out directions for the Spring Annual meeting at Sullivan University. The flyer's been put out. And I think the big thing right now that probably Patrick's biggest concern right now is getting everybody signed up for lunch, that's going to be. So, we put in the flyer that the if you mailed in your lunch cost Prior to the event, it's \$15. If you're paying at the door, it's going to be \$20, and so if you have the opportunity to fill that out and sign up for that and get that check put in, it would be appreciated. It helps getting that type of stuff put together. I think he's probably, I know from experience, working his fingers to the bone, and trying to get all of the awards put together and different things along those lines from the students and beyond. So, you know, it's a lot of lot of work on that particular individual getting ready for this. But I think we've got a really good state meeting planned between the student presentations that will be from 10:30 to 12 then a great lunch that Patrick and Marika are putting together for us and the State meeting that will follow. We're just looking very much forward to that, Patrick. I'll let you add anything that I

probably fumbled over. P-E Wesolosky added I think right now we're right around. Maybe 30 people registered for the meeting. I'm not sure how many checks Doug's received so far. I'm sure he and I will be communicating about that. But I can see who's come RSVPing, for what part of the meeting and that type of stuff just real quick when you come. If you're coming to the meeting. Sullivan University has 2 doors on the front of the building. You go to the very rightmost one. The Lafayette Chapter is going to loan us their yard signs, and we're going to lean them up against the wall. You make a dogleg. Once you go in the building, you follow it straight back. It's their cafe or their cafeteria and currently they're seating for about 168 people in there. I don't think we'll be filling it. We'll have the use of a drop-down screen and hooking computers up to Wi-fi. So, I think we want to do some slides for the youth awards and for the memorial service, and some of that type of stuff. So just come out, especially if you're on here because you're probably going to get something from Steve as he's having me filling out all kinds of certificates, so much that I think I've worn my printer wheels out printing, over probably a hundred certificates. So, it, it should be a good day, and I hope to see everybody there, and I probably will try to keep my talk down to 2 or 3 hours. I met with Glenn Sullivan, Chancellor Sullivan today. And we're working, actually trying to get him into the SAR, but he's fine with us, bringing our flintlocks for color guard and mourn on arms. He asked that we just we leave our black powder in the car. We can bring edge weapons if we want to, but I really don't see the need for tomahawks or patch knives or stuff. So, unless you're bringing in a sword as a part of the color guard or something. Please just leave that stuff in the car, too, but he's being very gracious to let us use this. He lets the Lafayette Chapter hold their meeting at the Lexington campus, and this

could be a good door for Louisville and National SAR, to maybe build some ties and be able to use that building in the future so hopefully, we'll see everybody in 2 weeks, and I'll see some of you at leadership this weekend. I met with the chef today, one of their culinary instructors. And you know we're going to have a red sauce pasta with a sausage, a white sauce pasta with chicken, I believe a Caesar salad, bread and dessert. We'll have tea, lemonade, sodas, all that type of stuff water. So, my guess is that you'll go home full based upon the way they prepare food, and it's pretty darn tasty. President McCain the said Thanks for all your work on it, Patrick, so I know it's a lot to get that one ready. So appreciate it any questions for us on spring annual meeting is coming up on March 8th. All right. I'm going to quickly jump through this next one. We've recently had a meeting with the Central District with VPG, one of the things that we're talking about and we've talked about it in past meetings as well as is membership applications. This is something that he is kind of taken under his wing to try to get more information from the other States in our Central District trying to pull information together as far as how do we improve the Membership Applications in our society? I will say, based on the numbers that I saw at our most recent Central District meeting Kentucky is falling short of the norm, or the average, I should say, of the other three States, West Virginia, Indiana, and Ohio. So, where I think they're probably between 78% and 80% accepted in that general area. Kentucky, right now is around 51%. So, we have got some work that that needs to be done, to get the people in that want to work these applications. The applications that are going through the process. In in my view. You know the average amount of time that I've heard that a registrar at a state level should spend is somewhere

no more than an hour to run through a process, to make that review, and to move it on. And I think we've just got to continue to try to find people that want to get into this, that if there are mistakes that are happening that it's pushed back to at the chapter level that the chapter registrar is working with the individual that's wanting to join, the SAR and that they've got everything they need. But we can't. We can't keep trying to fix it at the state level. The assistant registrars that are making that review now in some cases having to basically start over and saying, well, I'll just fix all of this and push it on to national. So, this is something that's going to continue to that that we need to look at and try to improve this situation, improve those numbers that are going through there, and that's only going to happen if we find, you know people that that are interested in in doing this. You know that my biggest concern is that somebody doesn't have to spend their entire evening. And we're not getting that. Many new members that I think we said spread across the entire State of Kentucky for a year. If you had 15 to 20 applications. Probably, you know, based on the fact that we've got right now for the entire year, you know, at an hour, you know, that's to make that review would not be a lot to ask. But I guess that's what I wanted to project here just quickly. That out of the meetings that we've had with Central District right now. He has created a survey. and I haven't sent that out yet. I'm going to send it out after this meeting tomorrow, you know, sometime this week to the registrars, both from a state level, and that I know of at Chapter levels. This is a survey that, he said, probably takes about 20 min to fill out, but the answers that you put on this will help us, will help him understand what our situation is, and hopefully help us improve the you know the situation overall. So, I told Patrick. today I'm changing. I am creating a new email

address for myself. I've already done it georgemccain1776@gmail.com . So, if you see an email come through. I know I've preached this in the past to always look at the emails that come through. And if somebody's asking you to send money or to take a survey, you know. Always look at the email. And so, I'm just telling you tonight that I am changing to georgemccain1776@gmail.com. So, if you see that request come through for me to fill out the survey, it's legitimate and I would appreciate that if you, have the knowledge, if you've been a registrar, if I have you down listed on the website as a registrar, I put your name on it. If you're a State registrar, I put your name on it, and if you can fill it out, I would appreciate it, and would help us and continue to improve in the future. If there are any questions about what I talked about concerning membership applications? Thank you. All right. Move on to new business as we work through here. We've got about a half hour left here. I'm not trying to use up every minute of it, but new business leadership is, as Patrick mentioned. Is this coming up week, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday? If you have, if you've done it in the past, it's always been at the Brown Hotel last year. They moved to the Gault House in Louisville, and I was there last year. I can't express enough how much how good it would be for you to attend if you haven't in the past. This is this is an opportunity. I made a comment to somebody today that you know, a large portion of our dues is goes into National, and you definitely see your dues at work there. When you go to all of these different committees, different meetings that they're having. You see how our organization is run. So, if you have the opportunity, I know right now you if you haven't signed up the registration, I think, is somewhere around \$90. So, it's twice the amount. But when fall leadership comes up its \$40 for you to register, and well worth, a trip to Louisville, to see our all of the National Committees at work, and possibly, get

involved yourself in making changes the way that we're run as a society. So, any questions around leadership, any other comments that someone wants to make there. Okay, two of the things that I wanted to show you really quick. You should have seen emails come through. There are two things that came out of leadership that is now available. The emails came through for the chapter toolkit and the SAR University. I just wanted to show you that right on the National. If you go to SAR University. This is quite amazing to me. We use this process at work for training for what I do. But you go there and you click on SAR University, and you can go down. And it's amazing the amount of work that has been put into training. So, if you've got people that want to know how to become Vice President General you can. You can click on it. They've got a video, and you'll get a certificate on how to do that. Compatriot training, blue database, PRS training, youth protection, anything that you pretty much will help you lead in in the SAR is here, Presidential duties, Member involvement, how to preside over meetings, chapter activities chapter reports, vice presidents, member recruitment?

These are all questions that I hear all the time of people saying, you know, how do we do that? There, this will actually, when you click on this will take you to a video that will. And then, once you do that, you'll actually get a certificate you'll have to fill out some information as you go through. But leadership, development, social media, secretarial duties, correspondence and newsletters. These are all there, they've hit just about everything that we need to do to run a successful chapter. So, these are things I'm going to continue to talk about. And if they're interested in being a registrar. What do I have to do? This video is going to take you through that. If you want to start a newsletter. I can't impress enough how much effort's been put into putting something like this together, and you know,

for us to be able to train and become better. So wholeheartedly suggest that you look for that. It's easy to get to take it back to your chapters. Use it as a as a topic for your chapter meetings and take it to the folks to that so they can start using this. It can only help us as a chapter and a society.

The Toolkits are available as well. I did print that off as well really quick here. So, this is just a download. I just wanted to show you some of the Newsletter templates, branding engagements, mission statements, new member onboarding. There are videos for that genealogy resources. If you are on the mailing list, you probably got this as well. But I just wanted to highlight this as another opportunity for you to educate yourself and or your members of your chapter to start using the information that National has put together for us. Okay there any questions on how to get to that, or questions about that. All right. Let's see, we talked about those two things 990 forms. This is another thing. You know, that that I've been unfortunately involved in in the past. Joe got your email today. Thanks for thinking about us.

You know, this is a form that's used for the nonprofit organization. So, it's something that you need to put somebody in your chapter that remembers this each year for our society. You know, Doug is doing that right now, and he did it last year, I believe, probably the year before. So, thank you, Doug, for doing that, and it's not a huge form that needs to be filled out. But if you don't fill it out trying to get reinstated takes quite a bit of effort, and a lot more than if you just remember to change the officers. Doug, am I correct on that? Typically, it's just changing that the officers and whatnot on filling a 990 form. Doug Collins replied That's correct. I will say that this year might be a little different for me. Because our gross receipts are over \$50,000, although most of its passed

through. I believe the long form is going to have to be filled out. So, I am working through that difficultly. Pres. McCain stated Yeah, it's online. So, I'm asking that that somebody that's on here we'll put out a reminder as well. But make sure that there's somebody, your treasurer, your secretary, your president. Somebody knows that that's been filled out, and that you haven't expired, because if you're not, then you're not legally listed as a nonprofit organization. You, basically have been revoked from a state perspective. So, it's very important that you know, as you do things that you be recognized as that. So, make sure I'm asking that everybody walk away from this and make sure that that you look at that for your chapter. Jim Gearhart asked where information on 990 Forms can be found. Doug Collins indicated that the 990 Form is a federal form. Chancellor Joe Hendricks followed up with a redirection to Pres. McCain about an email the Chancellor had sent out - The thing I was sending you Steve was about the annual registration. If you are a corporation, if you're operating, your chapter is incorporated just. And our society is. I wanted to just give a reminder, because the last year I think it was filed on February 28th. Jim Gearhart next asked Well, I have several questions about this, because I received forms from the IRS to me at my address and I had no prior knowledge of what to do with this. I did call somebody in finance at National, but they couldn't help me much, either. So, I'm going to have to have some kind of tutorial from somebody, because this is just totally outside my wheelhouse. At this time there was an exchange between Pres. McCain, Doug Collins and Chancellor Joe Hendricks about the two different forms that were being discussed. Mike Ray next interjected the following light on the subject Two different forms. There is what you are. Yeah. One for the State of Kentucky is to the Secretary of State saying that you are an organization all it is.

Just give you the names of the officers and mailing address, and mail it in with \$15, and it's done for the State on the Federal. It's irs.gov, and then you click on forms and ask for 990 for them.

and that will give you pull you up a 990 form plus it will have instructions there with it. It's a very simple form. It's just basically nothing there, just a few numbers here and there, and that's it. Doug Collins and Mike Ray went back and forth on EIN Numbers. The discussion went back and forth and Jim Gearhart requested some help and Mike Ray gave him his information and asked him to forward what he was working on for Mike to review and advise. Pres. McCain wrapped this section up with; All right. I knew that was going to be a tough one, but I wanted to make sure that everybody's thinking about it right now, and I'm glad that we talked about it. So, thank you very much for the information asked and put out as well.

Color guard training is coming up here quickly on March 15th after our State meeting the weekend after, and also in Louisville. So, if you're interested in in color guard training. Patrick. You got any other information on that. It's probably put on by Scott Giltner. Pres-Elect Wesolosky responded Yeah, it's the standard training that the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter does at the Middletown United Methodist Church. And it's bring a lunch, bring a drink. They'll do rifle training in the morning, break for lunch, and then do general color guard training in the afternoon, and we're going to the Color Guard training. That was that we decide to cancel or postpone down in Western Kentucky. We'll be working to reschedule that with those parties I think Steve Mallory said he had, like maybe 10 or 12 people that were interested in that, and unfortunately due to the cold weather and the snow on the ground, it did not make for a day that we could have done real positive training. If anybody has any questions you can reach out to Scott or Chris Canine, Jay Doss, or

myself about the other training. Pres. McCain then went on All right. The next item, there is student competition packets had. This is kind of related to our discussion earlier on the on the amount of money that a student takes away typically at a chapter level, not enough money transferring there for a student to have to worry about filing a 1099 form. As you know. This is somebody mentioned it earlier, you know, when we raise the award money up to \$700. So just to, make sure that we're getting that form in the packet with the awards that we're giving, so that those are filled out and given back to us the day that we give them the check. So, if by chance your chapter is handing out more than then. I believe it's it must be \$600, be certain appropriate forms are filled out that day, because you'll probably never see it again. So, you know, it's something they'll have to fill out, and we have to send in, so please keep that in mind as we move forward with. You know, as we are handing out award money this year, that that form is part of that, as well as at your chapter levels. Any questions there. Doug Collins added that if you have one person winning multiple categories and it exceeds \$600. In total, that would also require a form. Pres-Elect Wesolosky indicated that the Lafayette Chapter had cash prizes over \$600. and he talked about learning how to fill the 1099 Form This process is, I'm not going to say simple, but it's not going to kill us or anything like that. I spent 45 min Megan Craig Krebs, the Director of Finance for the SAR. What we'll have to do is on. Make sure that before we hand any check to any student that they fill out a W-9, and that on line one their name matches exactly what it says that Doug puts on the check, and then it's pretty much they check the 1st box, they put their address, part 2, they put their social security number. We hang on to this come 2026. We take that information. We send them a 1099 NEC and it basically is telling them, the amount of

money that we gave them for this year. We send them a copy; we keep a copy for the IRS. Keep copy for ourselves, we take all the 1099 NEC's. We put them together, and we fill out a 1096, which is basically just our information, the total amount of money given and checking. Box 1099 and we send it to a post office box in Austin, Texas, along with all those W-9's that we filled out, or 1099 NECs. So basically, at the meeting, we're going to have to be like, you want your \$700 check. Fill this out. Pres. McCain added

Correct. So, any other questions around. Thanks, Patrick. All right. The last thing that I had on there. We're just about 5 min out to the end of this meeting, just as we move into the next year with working with students and the different things, we do make sure that you, the student protection certification, go to the SAR University. There is a whole video on how to do that. It tells you where to go to fill that out for us to work with young adults. Then we have to, have that certification filed on our file as well as your chapter. So, if you're working with students in these different programs or going to schools to present revolutionary history and different things like that, you've got to get online. Fill out that certification. It's very simple. It's for, I think, 2 or 3 years, that it's good for, and then send that to your chapter secretary as well as State Secretary, and make sure that that's being done because we want to stay legal on that as well. So please take a look at that as we go into the new season here to start and to start putting new student presentations and whatnot working with them together. So just wanted to put that out there as a reminder with that said, is there any other discussion? Topics that need to be brought up that can be taken care of in 5 min. All right. Well, great meeting. A lot of lot of good stuff talked about tonight definitely appreciate all of the

input. And that's what we need to continue to improve. And I know we will continue to do it as we move forward into next year under our new leadership. Can't wait to see that happen. So, you know, it's going to be exciting for us, and as a society, and as I always say, it takes all of us together to make this thing work so definitely appreciate everybody's efforts here with that, said Jim Gearhart. If you could lead us in the benediction for this meeting.

Benediction - Chaplin Jim Gearhart

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