

MINUTES

GAR Allied Orders
Central Region Association Conference
October 6, 2012
Springfield, Illinois

The 73rd annual Central Region conference was brought to order by Commander, Donald Shaw, at 2:45pm. Chaplain, Walter Busch lead the opening prayer and Color Bearer, Robert Petrovic, lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Secretary/Treasurer, Jack Shaw called the roll of Officers.

Roll call of officers:

Commander	Donald Shaw	Michigan	Present
Senior Vice Commander	Cindy Norton	Ohio	Present
Junior Vice Commander	Martin Aubuchon	Missouri	Present
Secretary/Treasurer	Jack Shaw	Indiana	Present
Patriotic Instructor	Michael Beck	Indiana	Absent
Chaplain	Walter Busch	Missouri	Present
Color Bearer	Robert Petrovic	Missouri	Present
Guide	John Bowyer	Indiana	Absent
Historian	Alan Teller	Indiana	Present

At this time, Commander Shaw invited the members to introduce themselves. There were 20 in attendance. The Commander, then entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1st, 2011 CRA Conference. Brother, Robert Petrovic pointed out that needed corrections should be made before the 2011 minutes could be approved. This concerned an item under New Business, specifying Alan Teller's motion to amend Chapter VI, section 1, of our current By-Laws. A discussion about the change in the minutes occurred and a revised version of the 2011 Minutes was submitted by Secretary, Jack Shaw. A motion was made by Robert Petrovic, was seconded by Walter Busch and the revised addition of the minutes were unanimously approved by the members.

Commander Shaw proceeds to nominate the various committees:

Audit Committee:

Judy Rock
Barbara Stone
Dave Arnold

Resolutions committee:

Don Palmer
Jim Pahl
John Egar

Nominating Committee:

Robert Petrovic
Lee Ann Teller
Tim Graham

Commander, Don Shaw then called on Secretary/ Treasurer Shaw to report on the CRA's Expenses And communications throughout the year. Secretary Shaw reported that there were no expenses through the year and the balance on the CRA account remained the same at \$ 1,248.56. He went on to report that the following letters were mailed, October 15, 2011, on behalf of the Central Region Association:

Barbara Stone
Donald Palmer
Michael Beck
Angie Millikan
Mark Spelbring
Cathy Harkrider

Officers Reports

Commander:

Commander Shaw Reported that he represented the CRA at Gettysburg, The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony and the SUVCW National Encampment, in California. He also added that he has prepared advertising materials for the 2012 Conference.

Senior Vice Commander:

Senior Vice Commander, Cindy Norton reported that she had represented the CRA with attendance to Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield and at the Department of Michigan Convention.

Junior Vice Commander:

Junior Vice Commander, Martin Aubuchon Reported that he represented the CRA at the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield and the SUVCW National Encampment, in California.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary Shaw gave no report

Chaplain

Chaplain Busch gave no report

Color Bearer

Color Bearer Petrovic gave no report

Historian

Historian, Alan Teller reported that he sent out numerous emails promoting the 2012 CRA Conference and he also spoke with Ball State University about storing the CRA records in their archives.

Old Business

Judy Rock opened the discussion with a solution of where to store the CRA archival records. She went on to suggest storing the records at the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic National Headquarters, in Sandusky, Ohio. Brother Teller added that the records are now in his possession.

After the discussion, it was decided that the Central Region Association records would be stored at the LGAR National Headquarters, Sandusky, Ohio.

Commander Shaw reported to the members that the CRA now has its own EIN, for the purpose of banking. Secretary, Jack Shaw explained the procedure to obtain the EIN on line.

Commander Donald Shaw, brought forth a discussion concerning the amendment to our By-Laws, introduced on October 1, 2011, pertaining to Chapter VI, Section 1. The amendment will change the language to read: "The annual Central Region Association Conference shall be held preferably on the first Saturday in October, each year. The date and location of the annual Central Region Association Conference for the following two years shall be determined by the majority vote of the members present." He went on to explain that the proposed amendment has to be approved by two consecutive CRA conferences. Alan Teller made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Judy Rock and was passed unanimously by the members.

The Commander, then called on Brother, Don Palmer to present an award. To show his appreciation to the ladies he collaborated with during the term of Commander-in-Chief, he presented a token of appreciation to Cindy Norton.

The meeting closed for a break at 3:36pm and resumed, again at 3:50pm.

New Business

Commander Shaw opened the meeting and Brother, Walter Busch reported on the finances of the 2012 conference. He went on to report he had 21 people register and he collected \$1,164.00. The expenses were, as follows: Lincoln Museum tour, \$140.00 – Food, \$727.95 – Gratuity, \$50.00 and additional \$58.80 for food expenses, totaling \$976.75 leaving a balance of \$187.25. This will be returned to the Central Region Association.

Brother Petrovic made a motion to amend Chapter III, Section 2, of the current By-Laws, to include Arkansas in the Central region's geological area. It was seconded by Brother, Tim Graham and passed by a majority of more than two thirds of the members.

Brother, Don Palmer talked to the Members about re-branding the image of the SUVCW.

Brother, Terry Dyer spoke to the members about Beautifying the Dr. Benjamin Stevenson Memorial site. The goal is to have the project completed by 2016. He also suggested that signature bricks could be sold to help fund this project along with community support. Brother, Walter Busch made a motion to subscribe to one signature brick to aid in the finances of the Stevenson Memorial project and was seconded by Judy Rock. The Motion was passed unanimously by the members.

Brother Robert Petrovic Made a motion to have a \$185.00 cap on the expense of the brick. It was seconded by Brother, Walter Busch and passed by the majority of the members.

Secretary/Treasurer, Jack Shaw Addressed the members with word of his Resignation, after 4 years of serving.

Audit Committee Report:

The Audit committee found everything to be in order.

Resolutions committee Report:

The following communications will be sent:
Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center
Grant Camp

Nominations Committee Report:

The following nominations have been made for Officers:
Commander, Cindy Norton
Senior Vice Commander, Martin Aubuchon
Junior Vice Commander, Jim Pahl
Secretary/Treasurer, Judy Rock

Elect Commander, Cindy Norton announced her appointed Officers:

Patriotic Instructor, Lee Ann Teller
Chaplain, Walter Busch
Color Bearer, Barbara Stone
Guide, Robert Petrovic' Historian, Alan Teller

Past Commander-in-Chief, Donald Palmer proceeded to install the 2012 Officers. The Commander's badge was presented to Commander, Norton and outgoing Commander, Donald Shaw, received the Past Commander's badge.

CRA Commander, Cindy Norton called on Chaplain Busch to lead the members in prayer and closed the meeting at approximately 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Shaw
Secretary/Treasurer,

