

ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
(NAVA) OCT. 9 -11, 1992,
EMILY MORGAN HOTEL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, U.S.A.

Minutes of the Business Meeting,
Saturday a.m., October 10, 1992

1. Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by President Scot Guenter, Dave Pawson having verified that a quorum existed.

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes: Scot Guenter moved, and Whitney Smith seconded, that the Minutes of NAVA 25 as published and corrected in issues of the NAVA News during 1992, be adopted. All were in favour. The motion was adopted.

3. Correspondence Report: Lee Herold reported on Correspondence of the past year.

(a) He read the letter (attached), Sept. 29, 1992 to the NAVA officers, board and membership from Bryce E. Druckenmiller with respect to the International Museum of Vexillology (St. Louis, Mo.) proposal. In essence, the proposal has been delayed by 'a dragging economy'. 'Bud' Barnes and Bruce Druckenmiller will keep the Board informed with updates on their progress.

(b) Annual Report (attached) of the Corresponding Secretary, Lee Herold was read by him. Lee reports expenditures of \$626.06 for the fiscal year Oct. 1991 to Oct. 1992 - for stationery, now a much improved red, white and blue letterhead; envelopes; postage; annual meeting notices; and shipping. A duplicate copy of the membership list is maintained by the Corresponding Secretary. He commended Dave Pawson for setting up a computerized system that keeps accurate records and reduces the workload of the officers of NAVA. The Treasurer and Lee would like to see membership cards to enable direct computer printing the use of which may affect the duties of either position. Lee sends out to new members membership cards, the NAVA handbook, flag reprint articles and past NAVA News issues as available, an application form to promote NAVA, and a NAVA flag pin.

4. Treasurer's report - Dave Pawson

The report (attached) was read by Dave Pawson wherein he indicated the addition of 63 new members while 67 deletions occurred, a net loss of 4 members. Total membership as of Sept. 30, 1992 was 344. Income and expenses were summarized - there is an apparent gain of \$6,266.39. After convention expenses are counted, a net gain of \$597.04 is expected. He thanked Jon Radel for the success of the volunteer member mailing program. Mailing costs have plummeted thanks to this in-house mail handling. NAVA has acquired a laptop computer (entering irrevocably into the computer age), to be in the keeping of the treasurer and to be passed on to subsequent treasurers or another officer of NAVA.

5. Standing Committee Reports

(a) Auditing Committee - Gus Tracchia, assisted by Tom Montgomery in Doreen Braverman's absence, reported that the books have been examined and found to be in good order.

(b) Budget Committee - Nick Artimovich

Nick's report (attached) was read in his absence by Lee Herold. The 1992-1993 NAVA Budget looks like this: Income \$10,100; Expenses \$10,105, - for all intents and purposes a balanced budget. Expenses include NAVA News printing \$4200 (6 times \$700; Mailing of same \$1500 (6 times \$250); Journal \$500, Publicity \$300. Moved by George Cahill, seconded by Rich Kenny that the Budget report be accepted. The motion was adopted.

(c) Mailing Report - Jon Radel reported on the successful in-house handling of the mailings.

(d) Membership Report - Dave Pawson read in his treasurer's report above the activities of this committee.

(e) Public Relations Committee

Kevin Harrington brought members up-to-date on the activities of the committee drawing attention to the numerous ideas for publicity which Mary Anne Doctor-Smith and Don Klett have come up with. Kevin has found it difficult to operate with committee members so far removed and asked that his efforts be devoted primarily to publicity for NAVA in various periodicals. He asked for and has received a budget for this which will enable him to insert ads in U.S. and Canadian publications throughout 1993.

(f) Publications Committee

Grace Cooper's report attached showed that the six issues (from Nov.- Dec.1991 to Sept. - Oct, 1992) of NAVA News cost \$3478.14; the membership list \$537.86. There was no reprint. Total expenses \$4016.00 Grace noted that an issue with more line drawings is less costly than an issue with mostly text. To avoid the costs of lengthy articles, Grace suggests that an annual publication comprise these. Proposed budget for 1992-1993 \$5450 - Nava News \$3650; Computer print-out of membership list \$300; annual publication \$1500.

(g) By-Laws (Special) Committee

Lee Herold referred to his report as published in NAVA News July - August issue of 1992. In essence the report recommends that NAVA recognize semi-autonomous local groups as organizational members of NAVA, with dues to be waived at the Executive Board's discretion.

(h) Historian's report

Mark Liss read his report. Mark has been successful in rounding up various NAVA conference papers that were not part of the archives, has sent copies of these papers to several members at their request. Mark has updated bibliographies by author and subject. He submits a monthly report on archival business to the president.

6. President's Report - Scot Guenter

In his report (published in NAVA News Sept. Oct. 1992), the President stressed the need for less bureaucracy and more scholarship. He thanked the members of the Executive Board and the chairs of the various committees for their work this past year and drew special attention to the work of the Bylaws committee, the Publication Committee and the Mailing Committee.

7. Old Business

(a) The document *Proposed Amendments to NAVA Bylaws* developed by the Committee members Lee Herold, Lynn Knights and Charles Spain was tabled for discussion section by section.

Resolution 1 - Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, were moved and seconded by various members and approved by voice vote. Section 5, after much discussion, was moved by Lee Herold, seconded by Lynn Knights but this proposed amendment was defeated. Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, were moved, seconded, voted on and passed. In Section 11, an oversight was revealed where the appointment of a protocol officer had been omitted from the proposed amendment. An amendment to the motion that section 11 be passed stated the President may appoint a protocol officer. This amendment passed. Section 12 passed. Section 13, no vote required. Resolution 2 died as no motion was presented.

(b) IMOV

Scot Guenter reported on his visit to the IMOV site in St. Louis. The Committee not having been invited, the program has been tabled.

(c) NAVA XI Flag

Vice-president Rich Kenny is looking after this missing conference flag.

(d) Parliamentarian's report

Robert Coykendall read his report (attached) that recommended NAVA operate its business meetings under Reformed Rules of Order rather than the full Robert's Rules of Order and outlined the features of this proposal. The motion process would be considerably simplified by requiring only a simple majority vote on motions. All motions will require a second, permit discussion and amendments at the discretion of the chair.

8. New Business

(a) The Journal

Scot Guenter added that in fitting commemoration of this 25th anniversary of NAVA that the Executive Board endorses the plan to target as a major project this coming year the development of an annual journal, to be published by NAVA and separate from NAVA News. The journal would be a venue for scholarly articles, drawing, for instance, from among the presentations made at our annual meetings, as well as accepting other submissions for consideration by an Editorial Board. The Board has endorsed the president's plan for a special committee for the coming year to develop such an annual, with the understanding that the goal is to make it a regular annual publication. Rick Kenny moved and Lee Herold seconded the proposal be adopted. It was recommended that the publication appear regularly and that a serial number (ISSN) be obtained for it. Passed.

(b) NAVA 27 - Lynn Knights issued an invitation to the members to attend the 1993 conference in Portland, Maine and also invited members to a reception promoting the conference. to take place after the closing ceremony.

(c) NAVA 28 - President Scot Guenter indicated that an invitation to hold the NAVA 28 conference in Portland, Oregon, has been received from Harry Oswald.

(d) NAVA 29 - The Board has received a proposal from the Great Lakes group to hold the NAVA 29 Conference in Cincinnati in 1995. The proposal was outlined by member Peter Kinderman.

(e) Lee Herold named Charles 'Kin' Spain and Lynn Knights as deserving of our appreciation for their fine efforts in the Special Bylaws Committee.

(f) As he had promised at the NAVA 25 business meeting Kevin Harrington read a proposed motion asking that the NAVA change its name from North American Vexillological Association to something that better reflects its essentially national (i.e. U.S.) characteristics as an organization. He did not however make this motion, instead he substituted the following motion, seconded by Whitney Smith: I move that The Executive Board of NAVA set up a Special Committee to explore the nature, practicality and effectiveness of the original mandate of NAVA to be an organization with a continental and international outreach. Passed.

9. NFF Flag Poster Contest

George Cahill announced that a new contest for a flag poster has been launched by the National Flag Foundation, Pittsburgh, and invited the participation of NAVA members.

10. Nominating Committee

Whitney Smith, speaking for the Nominating Committee of NAVA indicated that Kevin Harrington was not available to fill the post of Recording Secretary, and proposed a slate as follows: President: Scot Guenter; Vice-President: Rich Kenny; Treasurer: Dave Pawson; Recording Secretary: Charles 'Kin' Spain; Corresponding Secretary: Lee Herold.

The President called for further nominations from the floor. No further nominations were received. Scot called for a vote to accept the slate of the Nominating Committee. Passed.

1993 is FIAV Congress year, and since the by-laws of NAVA state the president is to be the NAVA delegate to such a FIAV Congress, it was desirable to have a first and second alternate. After discussion, it was moved by Woody Ridgway and seconded by Lee Herold that the first alternate be Gus Tracchia and the second Peter Edwards. Passed.

11. Good Words

Pete Van de Putte and Dave Pawson outlined the weekend's activities for NAVA 26. A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Pawson, seconded by Pete van de Putte. All in favour.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Kevin Harrington. Please inform him of any errors or omissions

Dear Grace:

The following is a letter to the editor for *NAVA News*:

I respectfully disagree with a portion of the proposed minutes of the October 10, 1992, annual meeting in San Antonio, as printed in the November, December 1992 *NAVA News*. In making these comments I certainly do not mean to imply any criticism of last year's recording secretary.

In part 2, adoption of previous minutes, I suggest that the phrase "the Minutes of NAVA 25, as published and corrected in issues of *NAVA News* during 1992, be adopted" be replaced with "the minutes of NAVA 25, as published in the November/December 1991 *NAVA News*, and incorporating the suggested corrections discussed in Charles Spain's letter in the September/October 1992 *NAVA News*, be adopted."

In part 7, old business, I suggest that the phrase "tabled for discussion section by section" be replaced with "discussed section by section." I also suggest that the following sentences be replaced: "In Section 11, an oversight was revealed where the appointment of a protocol officer had been omitted from the proposed amendment. An amendment to the motion that section 11 be passed stated the President may appoint a protocol officer. This amendment passed." These sentences should be replaced with the following: "Some members noted that section 11 omitted the protocol officer and requested that this be corrected at the next annual meeting. Section 11 passed."

We did not vote on an amendment to the proposed bylaws amendments in section 11 of the resolution, but rather we approved section 11 as it was originally drafted and referred the suggestion regarding the protocol officer to the bylaws committee for further action at next year's annual meeting in Portland, Maine. As we discussed in San Antonio, the members present at the annual meeting do not have the power to amend further a proposed bylaws amendment because the bylaws require notice to the *entire* membership, not just notice to those members present at the annual meeting.

My sympathy for the recording secretary will no doubt triple when I am drafting the minutes for the Portland meeting!

Very truly yours,
Charles Spain
Recording Secretary, 1992-3
Bylaws Special Committee, 1991-3

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy, consisting of
4 pages(s), as taken from the original on file in this office.

Charles A. Smith
Recording Secretary

Date 17 Sept 93

