The North American Vexillological Association held its third Annual Membership Meeting at the DeSales Hall School of Theology, Chillum, Maryland, on Saturday and Sunday, October 12th and 13th, 1968. The following members were in attendance: Dr. Whitney Smith, Dr. Emmet V. Mittlebeeler, Messrs. Robert Gauron, Gary Grahl, Thomas Hill, Ashley Talbot, Lawrence P. Tower, William C. Dwiggins, George Cahill, David Martucci (associate member), Newton Blakeslee, William Spangler, Kenneth Huff, James W. Clark, and the Rev. John Hurley, host for the conference. Guests included Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Spangler, Mrs. Myra Nagel, Richard Moran, and several students of Northwest High School in Hyattsville, Maryland.

The conference opened with an address of welcome by Fr. William Nessel, Dean of the DeSales Hall School. President Whitney Smith greeted the members, and Recording Secretary Gary Grahl read the minutes of the previous membership meeting.

The various committees made their reports, which were duly accepted and entered in the minutes.

Several highly interesting papers were read by members, including the following:

"Flags in Teaching Machines" by Mr. Gauron
"The Flags of Africa," by Fr. Hurley
"The Flag Plaza in Pittsburgh," by Mr. Cahill
"Rhodesian State Symbols, 1890-1968," by Dr. Smith.

The last two were illustrated with color motion pictures and slides.

The large, comfortable meeting room was brightly decorated with hundreds of colorful flags from Fr. Hurley’s collection of more than 700.

Small flags of the new countries of Burundi and Swaziland were distributed to all those present, courtesy of Mr. Dwiggins of Annin & Co.

Mr. Gauron passed around tear sheets of the World Book Encyclopedia’s flag article and samples of flag-teaching wheels, provided by Field Enterprises Educational Corporation.

Delicious meals were provided for the conferees on Saturday noon and evening and on Sunday noon, by the DeSales Hall kitchen staff, and were enjoyed by all present.

The business meeting followed dinner on Saturday evening and continued Sunday morning. A total of 19 items of Association business were transacted.

Plans for the next annual meeting, to be held simultaneously with the Third International Congress on Vexillology in Boston, Mass., on September 5 thru 7, 1969, were initiated. The President urges all members to start making plans to attend right now, and to notify him at 17 Farmcrest Ave., Lexington, Mass., 02173, as early as possible, if they are planning to be there.
Mr. Tim Hill, NAVA Treasurer, 102 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, 02108, will be happy to receive Association dues for 1969 at any time. Individual dues, which should be sent in before December 31, are $6.00 per year for active members, $3.00 per year for associate members, and $25.00 per year for organizations.

As ordered by vote of the membership at the conference, this edition of NAVA News contains a complete list of the Association's membership, together with some notes on the members' individual interests.

If any member has a legitimate use for some official NAVA stationery, he can obtain a supply by writing to the President at 17 Farmcrest Ave., Lexington, Mass.

NAVA member Lawrence Tower has received the Bill of Rights Defense Gold Medal from the American Legion, Wall Street Post No. 1217, for his work in promoting the correct display of the flag.

Attention Canadian members: all Canadian citizens are eligible to send in proposed designs for a Northwest Territories flag to the office of the Commissioner, Yellowknife, N.W.T. The design will be chosen on 13 January, 1969, and the prize for the winner is $1,500.

Recording Secretary Bob Gauron has been vigorously pursuing his campaign to get the word "Vexillology" in the dictionaries. Here are a few excerpts from some of the replies he has already received:

"... We have been accumulating citations for these words (vexillology and its derivatives)... and we can assure you that they are becoming increasingly strong candidates for dictionary entry." (G. & C. Merriam Co.)

"... Let me congratulate you for furnishing evidence of the usage of these terms (vexillology, etc.,) to help us as editors in evaluating them. Most suggestions from special groups do not take the time and trouble to collect evidence of usage." (Clarence L. Barnhart, Reference Books, N.Y.)

"... As a result of your letter we are recommending to the Dictionary editorial staff that the term "vexillology" and its cognates be included in a future printing of our Dictionary." (Field Enterprises Educational Corp., Chicago.)

More on this subject in a later issue.

The personal interests and activities of NAVA members are rich and varied. There follows below an incomplete list of as many as have so far come to hand:

Mr. Gary Benson is a graduate student in astronomy. He's interested in heraldic and historical flags, especially European, and sews his own.

Mr. George Cahill, a Scout executive, is Head of the Flag Plaza Program at Pittsburgh.

Lt. Philip Chaplin is editor of Heraldry in Canada, a member of The Naval Review, and an associate member of the U.S. Naval Institute.

Capt. James Clark is a land titler and is interested in the history, customs and etiquette of naval flags, naval flag prints, and flag design.
Mr. Theodore Christensen is associated with the Copelands—The Mount Vernon Flag Makers, Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr. John Cutright is a lawyer and has a new design for a U.S. national flag.

Mr. Arthur Etchells is a long-time Flag Bulletin subscriber.

Dr. Abraham Goldminz is a specialist in internal medicine. He is interested in the evolution of naval flags, and has a collection of small flags.

Rev. John Hurley, recently ordained to the priesthood, has a personal collection of more than 700 flags, 786 to be exact.

Mr. Louis Loynes is an heraldic artist. He is interested in obsolete and historic flags, heraldry, color theory, period costumes, and trigonometry.

Dr. John Lyman is Professor of Oceanography at the University of North Carolina. His interest is in flags carried by ships, and he has a flag book collection.

Mr. Harry Manogg describes himself as a self-employed book dealer.

Mr. David Martucci is a high-school student. The flags that interest him especially are those of the heads of state and flags of lands encompassed by the German, Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires.

Mrs. Margaret McColl is associated with the Copelands—The Mount Vernon Flag Makers, Alexandria, Virginia.

Mrs. Fay O'Donnell makes historical flags.

Mr. John Purcell, whose specialty is municipal flags, teaches Spanish in high school and is a long-time subscriber of the Flag Bulletin.

Dr. Donald Rickter is a professional color chemist with the Polaroid Corp.

Among our associate members, we note that:

Mr. G. de Graaf of the Netherlands is a vexillologist and a hotel manager.

Mr. Karlis Dzirkalis is the author of a book and articles on the Latvian flag, and a member of HEROLD, a German heraldic society.

Mr. Charles Letrait is a long-time Flag Bulletin subscriber.

Mr. David Lister is a lawyer, interested in historical flags, a Flag Bulletin subscriber and a member of the Flag Section of the Heraldry Society (Great Britain).

Professor Walter Trembicky specializes in Ukrainian flags.

A complete list of NAVA members, active, associate, and institutional, as of Nov. 1, 1968, follows, beginning on page 4.
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