The 1970 Annual Meeting of the North American Vexillological Association will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, at the Flag Plaza Foundation, Flag Plaza, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15219. All members are urged to notify Mr. George Cahill, Chairman, Committee on Arrangements, immediately, of their intention to attend. A postcard to him at that address will be sufficient, or the blank at the end of this newsletter may be filled in and mailed. If desired, a phone call to his office (area code 412)-471-2927 will do the trick. Further details are given below. The committee's plans depend on knowing who will be there. Your cooperation is appreciated.

There is no registration fee for NAVA members. The Flag Plaza Foundation has agreed to provide a buffet lunch on Saturday and a continental breakfast on Sunday at a cost of about $3.00 total.

It is suggested that accommodations be arranged for as soon as possible at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge at the Chatham Center, Pittsburgh, 15219, telephone 412-391-5000. This is within walking distance of the Flag Plaza. Members may deal directly with the Motor Lodge. Other less expensive accommodations will be available at the Wm. Penn Hotel. Members wishing to stay at the Wm. Penn should write or phone Mr. Cahill, who will make the reservations for them.

Mr. Cahill would also like to know the estimated time of arrival of all members planning to attend. If arrival will be on Friday, he needs to know if in time for dinner. Members will gather at the Flag Plaza at approximately 7:00 p.m. and then move on to the LeMont Restaurant for dinner together at about 7:30. Here again, the blank at the end of this newsletter may be conveniently used.

The meeting promises to be an exciting one. At 9:00 on Saturday morning a tour will leave the Flag Plaza to see some of the outstanding sights of Pittsburgh, including the unique Cathedral of Learning. Lunch will be from 11:30 to 12:30 at the Flag Plaza.

In the afternoon there will be a number of flag talks and exhibits, including an introduction to the Flag Plaza, a display of flags and seals in inlaid wood, an account of flag poles and their history, a series of slides on corporate flags, a remarkable collection of hand-embroidered flags, a lecture on flag information sources, a history of the flags of Pittsburgh, and other talks still to be scheduled.

Next, following a flag ceremony at the Plaza, the meeting will continue in a private room at THE EDGE, a fine Pittsburgh restaurant. Dinner will cost about $7.00 each.

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On Sunday morning there will be a business meeting of the Association, beginning at a time to be agreed on and continuing until business is completed. Members will receive by mail the formal agenda of this meeting, which will include some proposals for revisions in the Association's By-Laws. Any questions regarding the agenda should be sent to Dr. Whitney Smith, President, 17 Farmcrest Avenue, Lexington, Massachusetts, 02173.

Any member willing to have his name placed in nomination for one of the offices of the Association (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary) for the 1970-71 term, please indicate this by dropping a postcard to Mr. William Spangler, NAVA Nominating Committee, c/o Dettra Flag Company, Oaks, Penna. 19456.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NAVA member Louise G. Cooley, of 6506 Wilmett Road, Bethesda, Md., 20034, writes, in part: "I am interested in the conservation and preservation of historic flags. I have conserved a number of silk flags for the Canadian War Museum, aided in the mounting of the Treasury Guard flag which is now in the Ford Museum, etc. I am anxious to meet members of the Society and exchange views concerning the preservation of these valuable artifacts — what experiences they have had, what methods currently employed in the conservation of flags and banners, etc. I have been a member of the International Institute for the Conservation of Museum Historic and Artistic Works (I.I.C.) for several years and have lectured before the local group of Conservators on my work with the Canadian flags. . ." (Perhaps members interested in this subject will be able to get together at the Annual Meeting in October.—Ed.)

From NAVA member Stephen B. Hall, 311 South Samuel Street, Charles Town, West Virginia, 25414: "I am a new member of NAVA, just since I have come from England. I joined the Flag Section of the Heraldry Society over there and they told me about NAVA as the vexillological association in North America. Although I am still in secondary schooling, I appreciate flags and their history. I am just starting a collection, and I like flags of small, obscure countries. I would just like to ask your readers as to their knowledge of the largest flag-pole standing. The highest one in my estimation is located in Kew Gardens near London. Made in British Columbia, Canada, the pole seems to have exceeded 110 feet; in fact, there is a special plaque affixed to it. Can other members tell me if this is a record?" (Editor's note: O.K., members, here's your chance. Let Mr. Hall know what you know about this, and please let me know, also. This would be worth an item in a future issue of NAVA News.)

Another NAVA member, John R. B. Szala, of 248 Spencer Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15227, is interested in building up a file of literature pertaining to flags. He has been sent back issues of NAVA News, and possibly other members can suggest sources for flag literature for him. He also sent news clippings which he thought would be of interest to our readers. These will appear in a future issue. Your Editor hopes other members will follow his example and send news items of interest. It will make his job quite a bit easier! Thank you, Mr. Szala!

FLAGS OVER ARIZONA

Students of historic flags will be interested in the current issue of Arizona Highways, which contains an article and pictures about the various flags that have flown over the state, during its history. The flags are illustrated in the beautiful color reproduction for which the magazine is justly famous.
FLAGS OVER WHITE HOUSE

The U.S. flag now flies day and night over the White House in Washington, instead of from sunrise to sunset as formerly. Floodlights illuminate it in the darkness. The President ordered the display after Mrs. Nixon discovered there was no legal bar to the practice if proper lighting was used. The flag is to be seen on a high vertical pole over the south portico of the Executive Mansion. (It does indeed give the building a handsome and dignified appearance at night. —Ed.)

EDITORIAL

One of the changes going along with the change-over of the Post Office Department to the independent United States Postal Service will be a change in the official emblem of the Service. The long-familiar design—a Colonial post-rider at full gallop—will be replaced by a handsome eagle with wings raised, positioned over red and blue bars and the words "U.S.MAIL." The design is truly handsome, but it raises a question in your editor's mind. The eagle is facing towards the right, that is, the viewer's right. Isn't it true that from the standpoint of heraldry, the animal, bird, or whatever living thing is on the crest of the design should face toward the design's right and the viewer's left? (Readers please correct me if wrong). At any rate, this has happened before. The Colonial post-rider at full gallop was originally heading towards the viewer's right. Consequently, when he appeared on shoulder-patches on the left sleeve of employees' uniforms, he was heading to the rear—also at full gallop! This was later corrected. Therefore, perhaps the Postal Service should consider reversing the new design, to prevent the same thing happening again.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Speaking of changes in emblems, a tiny but significant change has been made in the seal of the Small Business Administration, according to the B.D.G. of 11/VII/70, (UPI). This seal shows an outline map of the United States with large cog-wheels meshing and a factory building with a wisp of smoke coming out of the chimney. In the light of the current interest in a cleaner environment, it is noticeable that in the new version of the seal, the wisp of smoke has been removed! Incidentally, this seal also includes an eagle on its crest, prominently featured above the map. This eagle is facing correctly, to its right (the eagle's right, that is, and the viewer's left).

FLAG AND PLEDGE AVAILABLE

A full-color reproduction of a U.S. flag painting by Leonard E. Buckley, a designer at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the Pledge of Allegiance, both printed on 11x14-inch glossy paper, is available for 75¢ including packaging and mailing. It may be ordered from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Office Service Branch, 14th and C Sts., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20226.

NAVA NOTES

The North American Vexillological Association announces with regret the recent death of one of its members, Mr. Theodore Greene of Portland, Oregon.

NAVA member John Purcell of Cincinnati has obtained his Doctorate. Another member, Charles R. Oakley of Clovis, New Mexico, has received the Honor Certificate Award of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for his 1969 Public Address "Americanism" as an "outstanding accomplishment in helping to achieve a better understanding of the American way of life." Public announcement was made on February 22nd, 1970, by Kenneth D. Wells, President of the Foundation.
To facilitate arrangements at the NAVA annual meeting, those planning to attend are asked to fill out the form below and mail it immediately to the address indicated:

Mr. George Cahill  
The Flag Plaza Foundation  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

I am planning to arrive in Pittsburgh on Friday afternoon Oct. 9th at ______(time)  
Saturday morning Oct. 10th at ______

I have already made a room reservation at Chatham Center _______.  
I would like you to make a room reservation for me at William Penn Hotel _______.  
I will attend the banquet Saturday night at The Edge restaurant ($7.00)_______.

CONFEDERATE FLAG  

There has been considerable dispute about the Confederate Flag lately, as to where it should be flown, when it should be flown, or even whether it should be flown at all. A reasonable solution to the problem appears to have been found in at least one community. Alexandria, Virginia, after two years of debate by the City Council, has decided to restrict the display of the Confederate Flag officially to Robert E. Lee's birthday, January 19; Confederate Memorial Day, May 24; and Veterans Day.

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Dear NAVA Member:

This is your official notice of the fourth Annual Membership Meeting of the North American Vexillological Association to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, 1970 at the handsome building of the Flag Plaza Foundation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Order of Business shall include the following:

1. Words of welcome by the NAVA President,
2. Reading of the minutes by the Recording Secretary,
3. Reports of the officers and standing committees (Auditing, Budget, Membership, Program, Public Relations, and Publications),
4. Reports of special committees (Bylaws, Color Standards, Terminology, etc.),
5. Unfinished business,
6. New business, including the Terminology Report of the International Federation of Vexillological Associations,
7. Amendments of NAVA Bylaws,
8. Election of NAVA officers (President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer),
9. Election of a Nominating Committee, and
10. Election of a delegate to the Fourth International Congress of Vexillology to be held in Turin, Italy in 1971.

In addition, there will be lectures and exhibits which promise to be of the usual high caliber and interest. George Cahill, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, has planned an interesting schedule of cultural events, including a tour of Pittsburgh on Saturday morning. The next issue of NAVA News, which you should receive shortly, will give more details about the program and housing. Please be sure to write to Mr. Cahill stating that you will attend the meeting so that he can complete arrangements.

Officers and committee chairmen please prepare your written annual reports.

You will please find enclosed a copy of the Bylaws and proposed amendments. Kindly bring them to the meeting.

If you are willing and able to serve as a NAVA officer for the 1970-1971 term, please write to a member of the current Nominating Committee (William C. Dwiggins, Vice Pres., Annin & Co., 85 Fifth Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10003; David Martucci, Apt. 4, 29 Anderson St., Boston, Mass. 02114; William C. Spangler, Vice Pres., Dettra Flag Co., Inc., Oaks, Pa. 19456) or see a committee member at the meeting.

Any member who has not received a NAVA membership card for the period of Jan. 1, 1970 to Dec. 31, 1970 will please find it enclosed.

Cordially yours,

Robert S. Gauron
Corresponding Secretary
NAVA members at the last Annual Membership Meeting on Sept. 7, 1969 in Boston, Mass. requested a complete review of the NAVA Bylaws now that we have lived with them a few years. Also the Bylaws should be amended to agree with the Internal Revenue Code and the new enlarged Robert's Rules of Order published in 1970. The Bylaws Committee (Emmet V. Mittleheider, Chairman; Robert S. Mauron; Ashley F. Talbot) moves to amend the NAVA Bylaws as follows:

1. Article II: Purpose, Section C. Limitations to read:
   "C. Limitations. The association shall have no commercial, political, or religious objectives, but shall discharge only those functions which are construed as charitable, scientific, and/or educational under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law."

Discussion. Amendment necessary to maintain NAVA's tax-exempt status.

2. Article III. Membership to read:
   "A. Qualifications. . . . (Stet.)
   B. Classes of Membership. There shall be five classes of membership: active, associate, organizational, life, and honorary.
   1. Active members . . . (Stet.)
   2. Associate members . . . (Stet.)
   3. Organizational members . . . (Stet.)
   4. Life members shall be individuals and not organizations and shall have the same membership status as active members.
   5. Honorary members shall have the title conferred upon them for rendering distinguished service in the field of vexillology, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board as confirmed by a three-fourths vote by ballot of the members present and voting at a membership meeting. An honorary mbr shall have none of the obligations of membership in the association, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except voting, holding office, and serving on committees.
   C. Term of Membership. Membership in the association shall become effective upon approval of the membership application by majority votes of the Membership Committee and of the Executive Board and payment by the applicant of his dues, except that a membership for which the application is approved after the annual membership meeting may, at the applicant's request, also include the following calendar year. Membership in the association shall continue unless it is suspended, revoked, or resigned.
   D. Suspension. The privileges of a member will be suspended on the first day of the second month of any calendar year for which dues have not been paid.
   E. Revocation. The membership of a member shall be automatically revoked on the first day of the fourth month of any calendar year for which dues have not been paid. A membership may also be revoked for good cause upon recommendation of the Executive Board and by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any membership meeting.
   F. Resignation. A member desiring to resign from the association shall present his resignation in writing to the Corresponding Secretary, who shall submit it to the Executive Board for action. No member's resignation shall be accepted until his dues are paid.
   G. Dues. The annual dues shall be $6.00 a year for active members, $3.00 a year for associate members, and $25.00 a year for organizational members, payable before the first day of a calendar year for membership during that year. The lifetime dues shall be $250.00 for life members.
   H. Voting. Proxy voting shall not be permitted."

Discussion. a. Provision is made for life members.
   b. Obligations and privileges of honorary members are clarified. Also approval vote for honorary members is increased from two-thirds to three-fourths according to the 1970 Robert's Rules.
   c. Term of membership is spelled out for new members who join late in the year.
   d. An attempt is made to stimulate old members to pay their dues or have their membership suspended or revoked. Paid-up membership is important in contested elections or in votes on controversial issues. Also automatic termination of membership at the end of the year means NAVA must start again each year with no members (except for those who remember to renew!)
3. Article V: Elections and Appointments, Section B. Voting to read:

"B. Voting. Elective officers shall be elected by ballot, except that when there is only one candidate for an office, the chair shall call for election of the nominee by acclamation. Where there are two or more candidates for an office, a majority vote shall constitute an election. If no candidate has a majority, a run-off election shall be held between those two candidates who receive the largest number of votes."

Discussion. a. A ballot by definition is written, so "written" is redundant.

b. NAVA meetings could be speeded by substituting an oral vote for a ballot for a single-candidate election.

c. The election when no candidate receives a majority has been simplified.

4. Article V: Elections and Appointments, Section C. Eligibility to read:

"C. Eligibility. Officers may serve consecutive terms in the same office."

Discussion. Delete the second and third sentences about doubling officers. There is sufficient NAVA work for five elected officers.

5. Article V: Elections and Appointments, Section G. Nominating Committee, in the second sentence "The Committee shall determine which members are willing to serve in the various elective and appointive positions of the association and shall present a list of such individuals to the next membership meeting." to change "to the next membership meeting" to "at the next annual membership meeting."

Discussion. If NAVA holds a special membership meeting after the annual membership meeting then the Nominating Committee must make its report at the special meeting instead of at the next annual meeting, which is really the intent of Section G.

6. Article VI: Duties of Officers, Section B. President, Duty (3) to read:

"... (3) appoint the standing and special committees and their chairmen with the approval of the Executive Board; ...

Discussion. Our geographical spread makes committee work difficult and election of chairman and secretary cannot be in normal manner. President-appointed chairman must see that committee functions and records its work.

7. Article VI: Duties of Officers, Section C. Vice President, Duty (3) to change the final word from "assign" to "assigns." Discussion. Typographical error.

8. Article VI: Duties of Officers, Section D. Corresponding Secretary to retain duties (1) through (4), to add "and" before duty (5), to add a period at the end of duty (5), and to transfer duty (6) "file copies of reports of officers and committees." to the duties of the Recording Secretary in Section E. Recording Secretary of Article VI. Discussion. Amendment reflects actual operating procedure.

9. Article VI: Duties of Officers, Section E. Recording Secretary to read:

"E. Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary shall: (1) record the minutes of all membership and Executive Board meetings, and (2) file copies of reports of officers and committees." Discussion. Transfer from Corresponding Secretary of duty to file copies of reports of officers and committees to Recording Secretary authorizes a de facto situation. Transfer of duty of maintaining list of NAVA members from Recording Secretary to Treasurer is more practical modus operandi; Treasurer records receipt of dues and therefore has most accurate record of member status. Procedure will eliminate step of Corresponding Secretary informing Recording Secretary about new members and renewals.

10. Article VI: Duties of Officers, Section F. Treasurer to revise duty (5), to add four new duties (9), (10), (11), and (12), and to drop "and" before duty (8) as follows:

"... (5) submit a written financial statement to the Executive Board whenever it requests one; ... (9) maintain a list of the members of the association; (10) make and attend to investment of association funds as directed by the Executive Board; (11) prepare such financial statements, including income tax forms, as the association shall require for official purposes; and (12) send members dues-due notices before the beginning of each calendar year, membership suspension notices after the second month of each calendar year, and membership revocation notices before the fourth month of each calendar year."

Discussion. a. Whitney Smith states: "Certainly the Treasurer should be expected to provide necessary financial information, but the wording of duty (5) will eliminate the necessity of submitting a statement not actually required."

b. It is more realistic for the Treasurer, than for the Recording Secretary, to keep the official membership list current, because the Treasurer collects dues and has the most up-to-date record of membership and dues status.

c. At one of the NAVA annual meetings, investment of funds was discussed; the amendment clarifies the Treasurer's duty in this respect.
d. Income tax forms should be the specific province of the Treasurer.
e. The Treasurer should have responsibility for sending members dues-due notices.

11. Article VIII: Committees, Section D. Officers to be deleted. Also change "E. Quorum." to "D. Quorum."

Discussion. See amendment 6.

12. Article IX: Duties of Committees, Section E. Program Committee to read:
"E. Program Committee. The Program Committee shall submit recommendations for the annual and long-range programs of the association to the Executive Board and shall make arrangements for all membership meetings."

Discussion. The NAVA President has in fact appointed a Program Committee to make arrangements for membership meetings that have been held to date.

13. Article XI. Parliamentary Authority, to read:
"All meetings shall be conducted according to the latest revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws."


14. Article XIII: Dissolution, to read:
"A. Voting. The association may be dissolved at any membership meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present and voting, providing a copy of the proposal for dissolution shall have been sent to all members with the meeting notice.

B. Distribution of Assets. Upon the dissolution of the association all assets, after payment in full of the liabilities of the association, shall be distributed to an organization or organizations which shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law."

Discussion. Necessary amendment to maintain NAVA's tax exemption.