NAVA DUES

If you haven’t already sent in your membership dues for the year, you are urgently requested to do so today!

Active members are to remit $12.00; Associate members are to remit $4.00; and Organizational members should remit $25.00.

Please send your dues in U.S. funds to NAVA’s Treasurer, Mrs. Grace Rogers Cooper, at the address which is listed above.

RECIPIENT OF DRIVER AWARD

NAVA’s President, Dr. John M. Purcell, congratulates John M. Hartvigsen for having presented what the Executive Board considered the best original and scholarly lecture on flag research at NAVA XVI.
Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting Held in the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1982

The meeting was called to order by President John Purcell. In the absence of Ken Huff, Recording Secretary, Lynn Knights, Corresponding Secretary, was asked to take the minutes. Dr. Whitney Smith was asked to act as parliamentarian. Active voting members were instructed to sit to the right of the president in order to facilitate counting votes. The minutes were presented and, as they had been published in NAVA News, it was asked if there were any additions or corrections. There being none, Henry Untermeyer moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Elsie Blechta seconded; motion carried. Reports of officers were asked for next. John Purcell read the president's report.

Woody Ridgway gave the Vice President's report. Grace Cooper presented the treasurer's report showing a balance of $1,581.99. Lynn Knights read the corresponding secretary's report. Standing committee reports included the Budget Committee given by Woody Ridgway. Proposals included a budget of $1,780, changing the yearbook to a handbook which would only require revision once in approximately five years, and a mimeographed annual membership list to be sent to members annually. The Publicity Committee report, James Croft, chairman, was read by Whitney Smith. The publication committee report of John Szala, editor, was read by John Purcell. A committee established at NAVA XV to look at certificates of recognition and commendation reported on the progress made. Dr. Whitney Smith showed examples of the certificates. Thomas Carrier reported on the Ceremonies Committee. He recommended that the Corresponding Secretary's flag be replaced and an inventory of NAVA items be kept. The By-laws Revision Committee report was given by Jeanette Doetsch. John Purcell appointed Thomas Carrier and Dr. John Lowe as tellers prior to the Nominating Committee report. The Nominating Committee report, also given by Jeanette Doetsch, nominated John Purcell, President; Lynn Knights, Corresponding Secretary; Grace Rogers Cooper, Treasurer and Ken Huff, Recording Secretary. Due to Woody Ridgway declining to serve another term, the Nominating Committee nominated Nicholas Artimovich II, Doreen Braverman, and Jeanette Doetsch for the Vice President's position. John Purcell asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Henry Untermeyer moved that the slate of President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer be accepted. Peter Edwards seconded; motion carried. A ballot was taken for the Vice President, with Nick Artimovich being declared elected. The Nominating Committee was then elected. Dr. Whitney Smith, Jeanette Doetsch, and Woody Ridgway were nominated. John Hartvigsen and Jane Burkett made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee; motion carried. Under new business, Bill Spangler of Dettra Flag Co. offered to remake the Corresponding Secretary's flag and a large NAVA flag. Elsie Blechta suggested that consideration be given to print the talks given during the conventions. John Purcell said this would be considered by the executive board. A request to consider red, white, and blue fringe for the NAVA flag was also referred to the Executive Board. Other discussion followed on new member names and of the membership lists. The site for the next NAVA meeting was discussed. It had been proposed that West Point be the site for the next meeting. However, Randy Beard, the host for NAVA XVII, stated difficulty in obtaining a meeting place in West Point. He recommended a change to New York City — preferably lower Manhattan. After some discussion, the site was approved. The date set was for the weekend following Columbus Day-Canadian Thanksgiving due to requests from Canadians. A motion was made by John Hartvigsen, seconded by Elsie Blechta, to have the Executive Committee choose either the Columbus-Thanksgiving holiday weekend or the following weekend for NAVA XVII. It was also suggested that the Corresponding Secretary poll the entire membership as to preferences in meeting dates for future meetings. An offer for a site for NAVA XVIII, 1984 was made by Vancouver, British Columbia. After discussion of the merits of meeting for the first time on the west coast, the offer was accepted. It was proposed that the Executive Committee select a delegate at a later date for the 10 IVC in Oxford England. The work of the By-laws Revision Committee was next on the agenda. Due to the late hour however, it was decided to request the members to study the revisions and compare them with the yearbook. If there are questions or points to make, members were asked to write to either John Purcell or Jeanette Doetsch over the next year. A vote could not be taken on the by-law revisions until the next meeting. John Purcell thanked George Cahill and his committee for the fine job done on NAVA XVI. John Purcell adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Knights,
Corresponding Secretary
Inveterate promoter tries it again with PS

By MARK LARSON

PALM SPRINGS — Despite having his city flag designs rebuffed by the city councils of Palm Springs and Cathedral City, local businessman Henry Untermeyer hasn’t been discouraged.

He’s working on getting another flag design for the consideration of the new Palm Springs City Council.

“Dedicated flag buffs never give up,” says Untermeyer.

Untermeyer had solicited flag designs for Palm Springs and Cathedral City from Alfred Znamierowski, a New Jersey flag designer he touts as “the second finest in the country.”

The flag design he proposed to Palm Springs was blue and yellow, with a palm tree symbol and stripes shown by wavy blue stripes. The Chamber of Commerce approved it, the Convention and Visitors Bureau approved it, but the City Council rejected it.

For Cathedral City, Untermeyer presented a red, white and blue flag sporting three “Cs” which he said were symbolic of Cathedral City, California. But the City Council rejected Untermeyer’s design, opting instead for a white flag with the city seal on it.

Untermeyer said his new design for a Palm Springs flag includes “that particular palm tree indigenous to this city, the Washingtonia filifera, standing tall against a background of mountains.”

The design will be created by local artist Kathy Brown and Palm Springs botanist Patricia Moorten.

Untermeyer said the Palm Springs flag design will be incorporated with one by Znamierowski.

Meanwhile, Untermeyer convinced Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Redlands, to introduce a bill in the House of Representatives last week adding to the legally codified resolution regarding the proper display and use of the U.S. flag, stipulating:

“When the flag of the United States is displayed in the open on a staff located in front of an entrance of a building, the flag shall be displayed in a manner to ensure that it is to the left of an observer entering such a building.”

The best part of our annual meetings, I think, is the opportunity to see old friends and catch up on the latest news about a recent flag discovery or a new design that’s in the works. It is also a great time to meet new members who join us for the first time to share with us their special interests. This year in Pittsburgh for NAVWA’s sixteenth annual meeting, we had splendid attendance by members from coast-to-coast Canada and the United States, with the unexpected result that we had an “embarrassment of riches” — so many good talks that we had to limit speakers strictly to the half-hour limit. (This task was ably fulfilled by Jack and Gail Lingo, who replaced a green flag with a yellow one when time was almost up, and hoisted a red one when time ran out.) Apologies go to Mr. Clement E. Anderson, whose talk was inadvertently omitted from the schedule; we surely hope he’ll come back next year to favor us with his presentation.

Mr. Anderson’s trip was not in vain, however, since he was the first-place winner in the exhibits contest, displaying a series of his own homemade flags. Mrs. Florence Hutchinson and Mr. Martin A. Francis took second and third places, respectively, in the exhibits contest.

The William Driver Award, given each year by the Executive Board through the generosity of the National Flag Foundation for the best talk delivered at the annual meeting, was won this year by Capt. John M. Hartvigsen, U.S. Army, for his excellently researched paper on the Brandywine flag. Capt. Hartvigsen receives a check for $100 and a handsome certificate commemorating Capt. Driver, U.S. Navy, who dubbed the American flag “Old Glory.”

The smoothness with which the meeting this year moved from event to event is due primarily to the hard work and careful organization of the Program Chairman, Mr. George F. Cahill, who made every effort to see that all in attendance enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to George for all those hours of planning and preparation. Thanks also to the generosity of the flag companies — Annin, Dettra and Paramount — which very kindly donated the NAVA-16 flags of various sizes in use at the meeting.

I would like to add a special note of thanks to Woody Ridgway, our retiring Vice President. Woody has devoted much of his time and very capable talents to NAVA as our “Veep,” and we wish him well in the flag research projects that he wants to undertake now. Welcome to Nicholas Artimovich, II, who takes over as Vice President. Nick, incidentally, gave such a fine talk also, that the Executive Board (not yet including Nick) felt that his talk was such a close second to the winning talk that he deserved special recognition, and voted to award him a Certificate of Commendation.

Next year’s Program Chairman for NAVA-17 is Randy Beard. The meeting will take place October 14-16 in New York City, and if all goes as planned, the following year we will meet in Vancouver, B.C. for NAVA-18. Plan ahead and join us!
NAVA BUSINESS MEETING
9 October 1982

The meeting was convened at 4:50 PM by President John Purcell. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Reports were delivered by the president, vice president (oral), treasurer, corresponding secretary, budget committee, membership committee (oral), public relations committee, publications committee, certificate committee, ceremonies committee, by-laws committee, and nominations committee.

Nominations for the officers for 1982-1983 were John M. Purcell, president; Doreen Braverman, Jeanette Doetsch, Nicholas Artimovich, and John Lowe (nomination declined), vice president; Lynn Knights, corresponding secretary; Kenneth Huff, recording secretary; and Grace Cooper, treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved and seconded that the slate be elected by acclamation with the exception of the office of vice president; the motion passed.

Tellers passed ballots for the vice presidential election and Nicholas Artimovich was elected. Whitney Smith, Jeanette Doetsch, and W.W. Ridgway were nominated and elected as the new Nominating Committee. There was no unfinished business to be dealt with.

The dates for the 10th International Congress of Vexillology at Oxford University were announced. The decision of the executive board concerning the XVII annual meeting of the association in New York City on 14-16 October 1983 under the direction of C. Randolph Beard was announced. After some discussion the executive board agreed to reconsider whether the dates chosen or the 7th through the 9th of the same month would be preferable. The earlier date was traditional, having been favored because the Columbus Day holiday gave Americans an extra day of travel, but Canadians pointed out the difficulty of coming to meetings on what is their Thanksgiving Day weekend. The executive board put forward the proposal of Doreen Braverman to organize the 1984 meeting of NAVA in Vancouver, B.C. The Dettra Flag Company agreed to make a replacement for the flag of the Corresponding Secretary which is missing from the collections of the Association.

Jeanette Doetsch, chairperson of the by-laws committee, explained the proposed changes which had been drafted. Since notice of the proposed changes had not been sent to members in the advance period required by the by-laws, no action was taken but the matter will be resubmitted next year. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Whitney Smith