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NAVA 18 - WEST COAST SUCCESS!

For the first time in its existence, NAVA held its annual meeting on the West Coast of our continent. It was, by many reports, one of our most successful conferences. Seventy-five guests convened in Vancouver, Canada, for three jammed-packed days of vexillological news and views.

Friday evening started off with a mixer-type reception. "Vexi-lexi," a game invented by Kathy Kew, one of the hardworking NAVA 18 committee members, had the jet-lag-tired delegate staying wide awake at finding clues to the historical flag-related headlines. The setting was the gracious ballroom of the Hotel Georgia in the center of Vancouver, but all eyes were on the four walls and Rich Kenney's 200 American city flags.

Alderman Marguerite Ford, representing the Mayor of the City of Vancouver, exchanged flags with Grace Rogers Cooper, President of NAVA. A proclamation was read declaring the week of October 1st as Flag Week in honor of the NAVA meeting.

The annual meeting brought everybody back to assembly bright and early on Saturday morning. The officers paraded in with their official flags and the NAVA 18 flag, designed by Ralph G. Helberg III of Mobile, Alabama, was raised. The business of the year was smoothly transacted and the rest of the morning was spent in presentations of scholarly reports on flag research.

After lunch, the group boarded a bus for a tour of six vexillological points of interest: two displays of books and charts, the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club with its hundreds of courtesy burgees (many unidentified!), a flag store and a flag factory. Guest speakers at the dinner which followed were two Vancouver members: Kathy Kew and Jim Brown, with a pictorial review of Canada's history through flags.

Past NAVA President, John M. Purcell, was the lucky winner at the drawing for a free trip to Hawaii, courtesy of CPAir.

Sunday was presentation and display day. Focus was on the flags of Canada and the United States. James Ferrigan III was the winner of the Driver Award for his well-researched and fast-paced talk on "A Flag Incident in San Francisco."

The convention was over in the mid-afternoon, but many delegates took advantage of the post-convention tour to visit the site of the Expo 86 where 33 nations and 11 corporations have already signed up for Vancouver's World Fair in 1986. The flags of those nations and companies were already flying—a colorful sight for anyone's eyes, but a joy to behold for a vexillologist!

Several delegates commented that they "can't wait" for NAVA 19 in Kansas City!

As Chairman of NAVA 18, I would like to thank my hardworking committee: Kathy Kew, Jim Brown, Grace Rogers Cooper, Nick Artimovich, Robert D. Watts, Dick Danby and Betty Lee. Special thanks to Editor John R.B. Szala and Whitney Smith for their ever constant guidance and an apology to Don Healy of Trenton, N.J. who was written up in our program as James B. Healy. It was Don who said that NAVA 18 was the best NAVA convention that he had attended, and he has been a long-time member.

Doreen Braverman
NOTES from Grace Rogers Cooper  
NAVA President

Thanks to Doreen Braverman the NAVA 18 attendees enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of Vancouver and Hotel Georgia. The weather did not cooperate completely, but Vancouver is a beautiful city even in the rain. We wish all the members could have been there, but hopefully those of you who could not attend this year will be with us in Kansas City next year.

Interesting papers were presented by Dr. Wolfe Lincke (delivered by his daughter due to his health) on “Personal Comments Pertaining to the Maple Leaf Flag” by Robert Coykendall on the “Influence of the British Colours on the Evolution of the American Flag to 1818;” by Whitney Smith on “The Most Beautiful Flag in the World,” by Doreen Braverman on “The Vancouver Flag,” and the dinner presentation by Kathy Kew and Jim Brown on “Flags of Canada.” The Driver Award for NAVA 18 was given to James Ferrigan III for his presentation “A Flag Incident in San Francisco” which developed into a survey of many known and little known flags of the Civil War (or The War Between the States). We all learned of new and interesting examples with information about their origin. We urge Jim to offer this information for publication so that we may all have a copy for our files.

There were many informative and colorful flag exhibits. The Ball Room was literally alive with wall-to-wall flags, so very appropriate for a meeting of vexillologists. Display briefings were offered by each of the exhibitors. We sincerely appreciate your contributions to making this a good meeting: M. Francis; L. Johnson, Hardisty; Nick Artimovich; Richard Matsui; Don Healy; and Rich Kenny. We enjoyed meeting and talking to Clifford Newton, Lincolnshire, England, who attended our NAVA 18 while visiting on a Winston Churchill grant. Tom Carrier also posed a question on Flag Etiquette that I am not quite certain was resolved; maybe we will hear the end of the story in some future issue. Thanks to all who attended and participated.

Driver Award

Each year, through the generous sponsorship of the National Flag Foundation, a cash prize of $100 and a Certificate bearing the recipient’s name is awarded for the best paper presented at the Annual Meeting of NAVA. The award followed the Proclamation in honor of Captain William Driver, the man who coined the phrase “Old Glory” in referring to the United States flag. Captain Driver was from Salem, Massachusetts and appropriately the award was first presented when the NAVA meeting XIII was held there in 1979. The first recipient was Robert S. Gauron. This year the award was presented to James Ferrigan III. The call for papers to be presented at NAVA 19 in Kansas City accompanies this issue of the News. Important factors in judging the papers are research and the presentation of new documented information.

North American Vexillological Association Committees 1984 - 1985

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It doesn’t matter by what conveyance you’ll be arriving for the NAVA 19 meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, October 11, 12 & 13, 1985, accommodations and warm greetings will be awaiting you. So, circle the dates on your calendar and plan on being with your vexillological colleagues.

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D.C. Firemen Angered by Flag Ruling

Chief Orders Banner At Half-Staff Raised

by John Ward Anderson
Washington Post Staff Writer

Firefighters at a Northwest Washington fire station were up in arms yesterday after Fire Chief Theodore Coleman ordered them to raise to full height an American flag the firefighters had low-
Banners Get New Life in City Resale Plan
LAOOC Will Pay for Removal of Tattered Flags From Streets

by Ted Vollmer, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

Mayor Tom Bradley announced recently that the city will raise a white flag and abandon the battle to save thousands of Olympic banners that have been steadily ravaged by the elements or thieves since the 1984 Summer Games ended more than a month ago.

The banners will be donated by the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee to the nonprofit Pershing Square Management Association for eventual resale to the public. The LAOOC had donated the banners to the city last month.

But a council committee—citing a voter-approved Charter amendment barring the use of tax money for the Olympics—conditioned the acceptance of the banners on the LAOOC's willingness to pay for their removal.

Now, the banners will go instead to the Pershing Square group and the Olympic committee will pay for removing them.

The banners will not be removed until early October, after the Los Angeles Street Scene Festival.

A Bradley spokesman said two key factors motivated the decision not to keep the banners flying—the Olympic committee's decision to pay for removing them and the fact that "some of the banners were starting to look a bit ragged."

Under the agreement worked out by Bradley, LAOOC General Manager Harry Usher, City Public Works Board President Maureen Kindel and Wayne Ratkovitch of the Pershing Square Management Association, a "suitable number" of banners will be maintained for the city's use in "future civic functions."

The association's main purpose is to help renovate Pershing Square, which is bounded by 5th, 6th, Hill and Olive streets.

Ratkovitch said the Pershing Square group would determine how much to charge for the banners. He estimated the price might be between $30 and $40.

More than 10,000 of the pastel-colored nylon banners had been hung from light posts on 125 miles of Los Angeles streets, mostly downtown and in areas surrounding the Olympic venues.

Several thousand have been stolen. Many others have been tattered by the elements.

Just two weeks ago, Bradley said he thought the colorful reminders of the Games should remain. Kindel said she didn't think the mayor "was interested in actually keeping them. He was looking around for something nifty to do with them," she said.

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Concord, NH 03301 — Tri-State Collectors Exhibition Station - period of use: September 27-28.

The interesting vexillological handstamp cancellation shown above was authorized by the U.S. Postal System at Concord, New Hampshire for the period indicated.
MINUTES OF NAVA BUSINESS MEETING
October 6, 1984

The meeting was called to order by the President, Grace R. Cooper, at 8:35 a.m. PDT in the Ballroom of the Hotel Georgia in Vancouver, Canada. Grace moved to correct the minutes of the last NAVA meeting to reflect that the Treasurer's report was read and received at the 1983 NAVA Business Meeting in New York. The motion was seconded and the minutes of the last meeting were approved. Reports were presented by the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, as well as the following committees - Budget, Program, Audit, Publicity, Membership, Nominating, and Publications. A report from John Szala included his willingness to continue as NAVA News Editor. A Treasurer's report was read.

A Budget Committee Report was given a mandate in the 1983 Business meeting to consider "whether the association wishes to continue subsidizing associate members". It was recommended that the dues structure not be changed at this time, but was expected that dues will need to be raised in the near future due to inflation. A motion that the dues of the Associate members category not be increased per the committee's recommendation was moved by Jim Sofford, seconded by Dr. Whitney Smith and approved.

The annual meeting was recessed for ten minutes to accommodate the opening ceremonies. It was noted for the record that the NAVA 18 flag was designed by Ralph Holberg of Montgomery, Alabama.
Under Article VIId, Grace Cooper led the discussion by recommending the section reading "...be custodian of the charter of the association which must be in evidence at all association meetings" be omitted and that Article VIId (6) should read "...mail membership cards and send dues reminder and membership revocation notices according to procedures established by the Executive Board, advising that no further publication will be mailed". In addition, Article VIId (2) was omitted since it repeats what is found in Article VIId (6) and Article VIIf (13) was omitted where it had been inserted as a possible alternative to having the Recording Secretary be responsible for sending membership dues-due notices. Doreen Braverman moved the acceptance of the revisions, seconded by John Purcell and approved. (According to a motion that passed during the annual meeting held during NAVA 17 in New York, remaining sections in articles in which other sections have been deleted by amendment will automatically be renumbered in sequence).

For the record, it was suggested by Bill Spangler, after some discussion, that a dues reminder notice be included in more than one issue of NAVA News especially the Winter Issue. After further discussion it was suggested that dues reminders be included as a regular feature of NAVA News.

Discussion continued with the addendum portion of the By-Laws Revision Committee report. The Board recommended that the amendments considered for Article VI and Article III A and BI be omitted. There was no motion from the floor for their consideration and no vote taken. Article IIIB2 reading "Neither the Association's flag or seal may be utilized by any private individual or commercial enterprise on stationery or other printed matter without first securing the written permission of the Executive Board", after some discussion, was moved by Whitney Smith as Article IIIG, seconded by George Cahill and approved. This completes the bylaws revision process.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dev Warner of Toronto was concerned about the lack of response to his application for membership from the Treasurer. Grace Cooper apologized for the records of the Treasurer and assured Mr. Warner that his application for membership has been accepted and was pleased to have him at the meeting. Several members related similar problems of communications with the Treasurer.

Mr. Martin Francis of Oakland, California asked the Board about the procedure necessary to propose a site for a future NAVA meeting. Speaking for the Board, Grace Cooper said that a formal proposal would need to be made to the Executive Board two years in advance explaining the reason for holding the NAVA meeting in that area, the sponsors involved, and an outline of hotel, site, and other arrangements that would be necessary. Mr. Francis then suggested that he would propose that Oakland, California be considered for NAVA 21 in 1987.
Mr. George Cahill of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania encouraged NAVA members to consider attending the International Federation of Vexillological Association (FIAV) meeting May 26-31, 1985 in Madrid, Spain. George wishes to send to interested members information about group rates, etc.

Mrs. Mary Lou Seubert of Eugene, Oregon mentioned that this was her first NAVA meeting and asked if the members would introduce themselves. After individual introductions from members, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m. PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Carrier
Recording Secretary

NOTICE

THE DISTINCTIVE NAVA 18 FLAG DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR NAVA 18 BY RALPH HOLBERG OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA IS STILL AVAILABLE. THE 12" HIGH COLORFUL FLAG FEATURING SYMBOLS OF VANCOUVER AND THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CAN BE PURCHASED BY SENDING $2.00 U.S. (TO COVER POSTAGE AND SHIPPING) TO:

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE NAVA GENERAL FUND. SORRY, FLAGS NOT EQUIPPED WITH STANDS.

THERE ARE BUT A HANDFUL LEFT SO PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDER TODAY!
You are invited . . .
to submit a design for
consideration and possible use as
the NAVA 19 flag.

* All entries should be sent to:

W.W. Ridgway
9133 Grant Lane
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* Deadline — the end of March

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