

Sons of Confederate Veterans



General Executive Council Meeting Minutes

13 July 2016

Pre Reunion GEC Meeting
National Reunion, Richardson, Texas

Approval: September 22, 2016

Called to Order by Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow at 3:00 PM CDT

Invocation given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Ray Parker

Pledge to the U.S. Flag lead by Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr.

Salute to the Confederate Flag lead by Past Commander-in-Chief Chris Sullivan

Reading of the Charge by Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael

Roll Call Conducted by Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash

The Roll was called by Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash reporting 14 of 16 members present thereby establishing a quorum. (8 are *required*)

Kelly Barrow	Commander-in-Chief	Christopher Sullivan	Past Commander-in-Chief
Tom Strain, Jr.	Lt. Commander-in-Chief	Doug Nash, Jr.	Adjutant-in-Chief
Randy Burbage	ANV Commander	Ronnie Roach	ANV Councilman
Larry McCluney, Jr.	AOT Commander	James Patterson	AOT Councilman
Charles Lauret	ATM Commander	Paul Gramling, Jr.	ATM Councilman
Ben Sewell III	Chief of Staff	Ken Smith	Judge Advocate-in-Chief
Michael Givens	Past Commander-in-Chief	Curt Collier III	Chief of Heritage Operations
Charles McMichael	Past Commander-in-Chief	Dr. Ray Parker	Chaplain-in-Chief

* Not present.

Non-Voting: Executive Director Michael Landree.

Other Attendees: Lee Millar, Dr. Herman White, Thomas Taylor, Johnnie Holley, Edwin Ray.

Note: Past CIC's are not obligated to attend GEC meetings and therefore, if absent, are not counted as part of the required quorum (Reference Section 7.5.3 of the SCV Constitution). The actual quorum is based on 13 members.

First Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr. and a second the GEC voted, without objection, to approve the minutes of GEC meetings held on March 19, 2016, May 10, 2016, May 16, 2016, and June 22, 2016 as written and submitted via email.

Second Order of Business:

Executive Director Mike Landree gave his report.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael and the second of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr., the GEC voted, without objection, to recommend that the general membership approve the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget.

Third Order of Business:

Upon the motion of Chief of Staff Ben Sewell III and the second of Chief of Heritage Operations Curt Collier III the GEC voted, without objection, to approve \$900.00 for the production of renderings of the proposed museum at Elm Springs that can be shown to the general membership and placed in the Confederate Veterans Magazine.

Forth Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations gave his report.

Fifth Order of Business:

Lee Millar gave a brief on the Forrest monument issue.

Sixth Order of Business:

Thomas Taylor gave report on the Louisiana monuments issue.

Upon the motion of Chief of Staff Ben Sewell III and the second of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to provide \$10,000.00 from the Heritage Operations Fund to the Beauregard Camp 130 to go towards Attorney fees.

Seventh Order of Business:

Chief of Heritage Operations Curt Collier III brought up discussion concerning Mega Flag Project proposed changes. The GEC tabled this discussion to the Post Reunion GEC meeting.

Eighth Order of Business:

Discussion of proposed amendments and motions –

Upon the motion of ANV Commander Randy Burbage and the second of ANV Councilman Ronnie Roach the GEC voted, without objection, to recommend that the general membership approve the proposed amendment submitted by Dr. Herman White concerning CiC term limits.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael and the second of ANV Councilman Ronnie Roach the GEC voted, without objection, to recommend that the general membership approve the motion submitted by Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow concerning establishing April as National Confederate History and Heritage month annually.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael and the second of ATM Councilman Paul Gramling, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to recommend that the general membership approve the motion submitted by Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow concerning establishing the Confederate Memorial Tartan as the official tartan of the SCV.

Upon the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael and the second of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to recommend that the general membership **not approve** the change to the Standing Orders motion submitted by Georgia Division Adjutant Timothy Pilgrim limiting meetings being conducted IAW Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th Edition only) as opposed to "current edition".

Ninth Order of Business:

Adjutant-in-Chief Doug Nash, Jr., as Chairman of the Budget and Finance committee, presented two (2) recommendations concerning funding requests:

Grant request from the Nathaniel Cheairs Camp 2138 for \$1,650.00 to support the installation of grave markers in Spring Hill Cemetery. Recommendation – fund. Upon

the motion of ANV Councilman Ronnie Roach the second of ATM Councilman Paul Gramling, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to fund the requested \$1,650.00.

Grant request from the Army of Tennessee Reenactors for an unspecified amount in support of the 155th Reenactment of the Battle of Shiloh. Recommendation – do not fund. Upon the motion of AOT Commander Larry McCluney and the second of ATM Councilman Paul Gramling, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to not fund the request.

Tenth Order of Business:

Johnnie Hollie gave report concerning the conduct of the Reunion.

Eleventh Order of Business:

Edwin Ray gave report on Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Twelfth Order of Business:

Lee Millar gave report on the Forrest monument litigation.

Upon the motion of ATM Charles Lauret and the second of AOT Commander Larry McCluney the GEC voted, with three (3) objections, to provide \$10,000.00 to the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 215 for legal fees associated with the Forrest monument issue.

Thirteenth Order of Business:

Upon the motion of ANV Commander Randy Burbage and the second of Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr. the GEC voted, without objection, to enter Executive Session and allow Johnnie Holley to remain.

Executive Session entered at 5:30 PM CDT

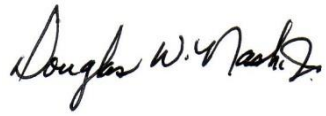
GEC returned to Open Session at 5:56 PM CDT

Fourteenth Order of Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Chris Sullivan announced this to be his last meeting as a member of the GEC and thanked everyone.

Meeting ended at 6:00 PM CDT with the benediction given by Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Ray Parker and the singing of Dixie.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Douglas W. Nash, Jr." in a cursive script.

Douglas W. Nash, Jr.
Adjutant-in-Chief