



GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Video Conference

March 25, 2021

Approved July 21, 2021

Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. called the Zoom Conference to Order at 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer: Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr.

Roll Call: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill

Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr.	P
Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers	P
ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone	P
AOT Commander Jimmy Hill	A
ATM Commander J. C. Hanna	P
ANV Councilman Christopher Sullivan	P
AOT Councilman Carl Jones	A
ATM Councilman Robert Edwards	P
Chief-of-Staff Darrell Maples	P
Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill	P
Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall	P
Chief of Heritage Ops Donnie Kennedy	P
Chaplain-in-Chief Herman White	A
Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling	P
Past Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain, Jr.	A
Past Commander-in-Chief Kelly Barrow	P
Executive Director Adam Southern	P

Basis for Quorum 15 voting members: Present: 12; Absent: 3; Required for Quorum: 8. Quorum is present

Note: Past CIC's are not obligated to attend GEC meetings and therefore, only if present shall they, or any one of them, be counted in the computation of a quorum. (Reference: Section 7.5.2 of the SCV Constitution). The quorum is based on the eligible voting members.

Non-voting member: Executive Director Adam T. Southern.

First Order of Business: Executive Session Minutes - Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill had submitted a copy of the minutes of the Executive Session held on March 6, 2021 for approval and asked for guidance for what parts of these minutes should be classified as "confidential". Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. wanted "public" minutes not to include specific money amounts or any names that need to be kept confidential. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling made a motion that the Executive Session Minutes as presented be adopted and a "public" version be inserted in the General Executive Council Minutes. The motion was seconded by ANV Commander R. Kevin Stone. The motion passed. It was also noted that the Executive Session Minutes kept on file at Elm Springs will be kept in a confidential file.

Second Order of Business: Constitutional Amendment - Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. struck this item from the agenda after learning it had been approved at the March 6, 2021 General Executive Council Meeting.

Third Order of Business: Membership Information Policy - Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers had submitted a simple three sentence note stating this policy. A motion was made by ATM Councilman Robert Edwards to accept the policy as presented. ATM Commander J. C. Hanna seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed.

Fourth Order of Business: Trademarking Alternate Logos - Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. presented a proposal to trademark some alternate SCV Logos as a back-up plan for States removing the Sons of Confederate Veterans Emblem from State car tags. During the discussion, the Confederate Museum and the Make Dixie Great Again logos were added to the list. It was resolved to trademark these four logos, hire a local attorney to do the trademarking at a reasonable cost and investigate for any conflicts with other logos. ANV Councilman Christopher Sullivan made a motion for the Adjutant-in-Chief to proceed with getting these logos trademarked. The motion was seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling. With no further discussion, the motion passed. Executive Director Adam Southern will supply high resolution images of the logos.

Fifth Order of Business: Amended Social Media Policy - Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers had presented the amended Media Policy for adoption. One typographical error was pointed out by Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling made a motion to adopt the Social Media Policy with the one change. The motion was seconded by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna. The motion passed.

Sixth Order of Business: New Member Declaration – the New Member Declaration was presented and ATM Commander J. C. Hanna made a motion to adopt the New Member Declaration. The motion was seconded by Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill. ATM Councilman Robert Edwards suggested two changes to the Declaration. First, in item # 1 through # 4, add the words "understand and" after "you" and before "agree". Reasoning was if a new member who could not sign in person, he could not contest the declaration if caught in a lie on the grounds he did not understand the statement because by signing, he declared he did understand. Second, in item #2 after the term "non-political" insert a comma and the term "non-racist" which will bring the Declaration more in line with the SCV Constitution. ATM Commander J. C. Hanna called the question and the vote to end discussion passed. Judge Advocate-in-Chief Scott Hall made a motion to accept the Declaration with the changes. ATM Commander J. C. Hanna seconded the motion and the motion passed.

It was also resolved that this Declaration will go into effect at the beginning of the new Fiscal Year on August 1, 2021; this Declaration will be an addition to the current Membership Application and must be signed as indicated on the Declaration and submitted with the SCV Application; made part of the downloadable SCV Application PDF file; and the Declaration will be made available as a standalone PDF file.

Seventh Order of Business: Jefferson Davis Chalice Award for General McCain - Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling made a motion that the General Executive Council bestow to General William D. McCain the Jefferson Davis Chalice for past services to the Sons of Confederate Veterans posthumously to correct a perceived oversight plus allowing a nomination for the chalice to be presented at the Reunion.

The motion was seconded by ATM Commander J. C. Hanna. It was brought to everyone's attention by ATM Councilman Robert Edwards if these chalices were presented, it would be in violation of the Awards Manuel which states that only one Jefferson Davis Chalice could be presented annually. Councilman Edwards felt that if the General Executive Council adopted the Awards Guidelines, it should follow the guidelines. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, Jr. stated he had made the original nomination and was now withdrawing his nomination. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling also withdrew his motion.

With no other business coming before the General Executive Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling, seconded by ATM Councilman Robert Edwards and the motion passed.

Closing Prayer: Adjutant-in-Chief Dan McCaskill

Teleconference Terminated: 8:20 PM

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan A. McCaskill".

Dan A. McCaskill
Adjutant-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: DARRELL MAPLES

Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 5:09 AM

To: AOTCommander@alscv.org; CSA6thFlorida@att.net; DRUXURB@gmail.com; Edwards, Robert; Hall, Scott; Hanna, J.C.; Kennedy, Donnie; Paul Gramling; Rebelrev@hotmail.com; SCV Executive, Director; Stone, Kevin; barrowscv; confederate; danmccas@tecinfo.net; fbpowell; forrest2020@yahoo.com; pvtmape; scvcic75; tomstrainjr@gmail.com

Subject: Fwd: GEC Zoom Meeting

Importance: High

From CiC McCluney...

Gentlemen,

I am calling for a GEC meeting by Zoom, Thursday Night at 7:00 PM Central time. The purpose of this meeting is to finish business that was tabled at our GEC meeting two weeks ago to meet the Friday deadline, March 26, to enter a constitutional amendment into the CV Magazine. This will be the GEC's first Zoom meeting. I recommend that everyone try to sign on about 10 to 15 minutes early just incase they have technical problems. I will sign on early as well to help anyone.

Agenda:

1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes to be public and those that will be kept on file at Headquarters

2. Constitutional Amendment Proposed by JC Hannah, but revised by Chris Sullivan

13.4. Procedure

Charges shall be proffered in writing to the Commander-in-Chief who shall promptly refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee. The accused shall be presented a copy of the charges and invited to provide a timely response. The Committee or sub-committee may conduct additional inquiries as necessary. A two-thirds majority shall be necessary to decide any question of guilt. Once charges have been proffered to the Disciplinary Committee, the accused's membership shall be temporarily suspended until the charges are resolved or the General Executive Council votes to lift the suspension.

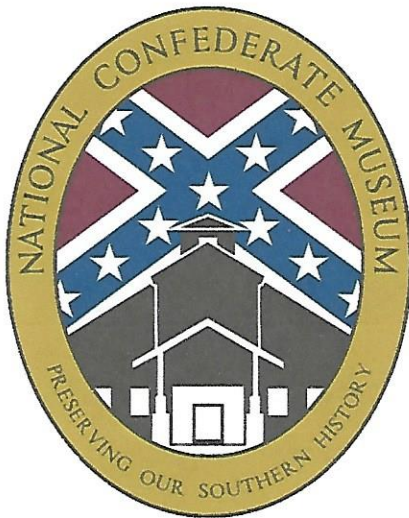
Purpose: The SCV's parliamentary authority specifies that when a member whose actions bring discredit on the SCV, such as someone who is charged with a serious felony, is therefore subject of a disciplinary proceeding, "all or some" of his "authority, rights, and duties as an officer or rights as a member (except those rights that relate to the trial)" are suspended pending disposition of the case. RONR (11th ed.), p.662, II. 25-31. This amendment specifies that the GEC can lift the automatic temporary suspension prior to the Disciplinary Committee's conclusion if that is in the best interests of the organization.

3. Pursuing alternate logos to be trademarked

4. Membership Policy



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Maury County
Columbia, Tennessee

Membership Information Policy

The membership information for the Sons of Confederate Veterans is the sole property of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The membership information is stored and maintained by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Access to membership information by an external entity or organization must be voted and approved by the General Executive Counsel.

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Social Media Policy

Social Media is a term that describes the engagement in internet-based social platforms that are visible to others. Social media tools allow for the creation and exchange of user-generated content. All social media is trackable, traceable, and discoverable. These networks include (but are not limited to):

- Audio/video sharing (podcasting, TikTok, YouTube, Webinars, Vimeo, etc.)
- Blogs and blog comments
- Commenting on news stories and other platforms online
- Document sharing (Dropbox, Scribd, Slideshare, etc.)
- Gaming sites
- Geotaging and review (Foursquare, Google Reviews, Nextdoor, TripAdvisor, etc.)
- Information sharing (Chat Rooms, Listservs, Forums, Message Boards, etc.)
- Micro-blogs (Twitter)
- Photo sharing (Instagram, Snapchat, Flickr, Pinterest, Photobucket, Shutterfly, etc.)
- Professional and social networks, and publishing platforms (Facebook, Forbes, Tumblr, WhatsApp, LinkedIn, Skype, etc.)
- Q&A (Quora)
- Social bookmarking (Pocket, Reddit, etc.)

New platforms and applications for electronic devices (mobile, TV, PDA's, etc.) are being launched regularly. All of these increase the users' virtual footprint, introduce new business development, marketing, and public relation opportunities, and add to the amount of trackable, traceable, and discoverable information online.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans believe the use of social media can support the transfer of information within membership, assist with recruitment and retention and promote the organization. We are aware of, and understand, how social media can affect relationships with membership, the media and those outside of our organization. We also understand social media is often used personally and not exclusively for the business of the organization.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Social Media Policy provides guidelines for online behavior by members of our organization. As new tools are introduced, and new challenges emerge, the Sons of Confederate Veterans Social Media Policy will evolve to reflect those changes.

Individual Profiles

You are personally responsible for any online activity you conduct. We respect your right to privacy and free speech as they apply to online activity conducted on your personal social network and email address. However, what you publish on such personal sites should never be attributed to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and should not appear to be endorsed by or originated from the Sons of Confederate Veterans. If you choose to list your affiliation on a social network, then you should regard all communication on that network as you would in a professional network. Online lives are ultimately linked, whether or not you choose to mention the organization in your personal online networking activity.

Content and Language

- Never disclose or use proprietary, privileged, or confidential information in any form on online media.
- Be respectful of personal privacy.
- Obey the law. Do not post any information or conduct any online activity that may violate applicable local, state, or federal laws or regulations.
- Do not post anything using the Sons of Confederate Veterans logos, trademarks, flags, etc. with racists or inflammatory remarks.
- Be wary of hostile communications. If a reporter, blogger or any other online influencer posts a statement with which you disagree, and you feel a comment is warranted, be very careful in your use of words. Vulgar or derogatory language should be avoided at all cost. In some states, online harassment is a misdemeanor or a felony.
- Responding to the media requires approval. If you are contacted directly by a journalist regarding issues pertaining to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, bring the inquiry to the attention of an officer.

Nondiscrimination and Anti-Racism

The Sons of Confederate Veterans will not tolerate discrimination and racism. Any online discourse in violation of our nondiscrimination and anti-racism policy, including shared content online, may be cause for disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Consequences for Violating Social Media Policy

If anyone is found to have violated the Sons of Confederate Veterans Social Media Policy, appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion may be taken.



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

New Member Declaration

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Do you agree with this statement? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you ever belonged to an organization that is contrary to these beliefs? Yes ☐ No ☐

2. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is "patriotic", "non-political", and "non-sectarian".

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Do you agree with this statement? Yes ☐ No ☐ *non-sectarian racist*

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3. The Sons of Confederate Veterans "condemns the misuse of its sacred symbols and flags" in a manner that represents violence and/or bigotry to another citizen.

Do you agree with this statement? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you ever belonged to an organization — such as the KKK or a Neo Nazi group — that is contrary to these beliefs? Yes ☐ No ☐

4. The Sons of Confederate Veterans as a benevolent fraternal organization expects all members to "perform his full duty as a citizen according to his own conscience and understanding" and be upstanding in his community.

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Do you agree with this statement? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have you ever belonged to an organization that is contrary to these beliefs? Yes ☐ No ☐

5. The Sons of Confederate Veterans only admits applicants who are "men of good character".

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, what were the charges? _____

By your signature, you attest that you have answered all questions honestly and do not have reason or intent to bring discredit to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Any untruths will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the Organization.

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Reviewed by: _____



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