

WESTERN RESERVE SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2025

Minutes

Present by Zoom : Smith, Kertes, Kittredge, Havlovic, Hoon, Horner, Palo, Rezie, Riley, Ross, Stanley, Walker, Watkins.

Start time: noon

Stop time: 12:58 pm

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance: Smith.

Invocation: Horner.

Quorum: Stanley confirmed.

Minutes: On motion, October 7, 2025 minutes (as revised 12/2/25) approved.

President's remarks:

- Smith delivered his remarks in New Business.

First Vice President's remarks:

- Havlovic thanked Horner, Riley and Ross for contributing to a successful Veterans Day event. A number of people proudly wore the SAR 250 pins.
- The Patriot/Compatriot index will be placed on our website, under the Members Only section.
- For the George Washington Day luncheon we will have Alan Crawford, author of *Fierce People, the Untold Story of the Revolutionary War in the South*. We will pay a \$500 honorarium and will purchase 20 of his books to present to distinguished guests and as door prizes. He will bring books for his signing.
- For this coming summer Hale Farm and Village, a property operated by the Western Reserve Historical Society, will be perfect for a summer picnic. Members of the Board agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Horner started with his proposed budget, identifying changes from the 2025 budget. Operating expenses now at \$9,000, going up to \$12,000. Program expenses will go from \$13,000 to \$15,000. Including dues, total expenses will be in the range of almost \$50,000. Total income is estimated to be \$39,000. Using \$5,000 of restricted funds, leaves a shortfall of approximately \$5,000. In February, the budget report will have actual figures for 2025. On motion, the proposed budget was approved.
- Horner gave a quick review of income and expenses for the Veterans Day event at the Shaker Country Club. Due to two large contributions, the loss of \$764 was less a loss than what had been budgeted.
- The Treasurer's report: a reconciled deposit figure of \$7,718.58 (there is some \$16,000 in outstanding checks).

Registrar's Report:

- Rezie reported 360 members (230 life or emeritus). He has 12 candidates pending approval.

Consolidated Funds:

- Watkins reported \$747,254.03 in consolidated funds as of September 30, 2025 .

Veterans Committee:

- Ross reported the Veterans Day event was a success. Ross is retiring as chairman of the Veterans Committee; Riley will take over as chairman.

Nominating Committee:

- Hoon presented the slate for 2026:

Officers

President, Matthew Smith
1st Vice President, Steve Havlovic
2nd Vice President, Jim Riley
Secretary, Zackary Hoon
Treasurer, J. Atlee Horner III
Registrar, Matthew Smith
Historian, (Open Position)
Genealogist, Tim Ward
Lay Chaplain, J. Atlee Horner III
Parliamentarian, Thomas M. Stickney
Statutory Agent, Richard C. O. Rezie

Board of Trustees

2024-2026

Alan Palo
Tom Benham
Brian Walker

2025-2027

Zackary Hoon
Jon Kittredge
Bill Shanklin

2026-2028

Richard Rezie
Richard Stanley
Fred Watkins

Executive Committee

Matthew Smith
Steve Havlovic
Jim Riley
Zackary Hoon
J. Atlee Horner III

At the Annual Meeting there will be voting on President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and the 2026-2028 Trustees. All other positions are appointed by the Board in February.

On motion, the slate for 2026 was approved.

New Business:

- 2026 President's Objectives and Goals will be formally presented at the February meeting. Specifically, Smith wants to do something to commemorate our founding as a chapter, either in the form of a plaque or a statue. Along with our color guard appearing at Guardians games, the plaque or statue will better inform the public of our presence and lead to increased membership.
- George Washington Day luncheon - as described by Havlovic, preparations are underway. Consider the Cleveland Chief of Police for Citizenship Award.

Old Business:

- The Annual Meeting and holiday party will take place on December 13, 2025, at the Cleveland Yachting Club.
- In early 2026 we should hear about the Pomeroy Marker Grant.

Benediction: Horner.