

# MINUTES

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Executive Board, DAR of Michigan, January 23, 2021

The quarterly meeting of the DAR of MI Executive Board was called to order at 9:02 a.m. via the Zoom platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic, State Regent Gina LaCroix presiding.

Jeanne L. McMillan, State Chaplain, provided the invocation.

Elizabeth Findeis, State Corresponding Secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christine Richman, State Organizing Secretary, led the American's Creed.

Recording Secretary Dawn Moulthrop Brady recorded the following members present:  
State Executive Officers: Mesdames LaCroix, VanWormer, McMillan, Moulthrop Brady,  
Findeis, Richman, Keatts, Peterie, Tuttle, Marshall, DeChant, and Lawless.

State Regent LaCroix presented State Parliamentarian, Carolyn Stubbs, PRP.

The minutes of the September 23, 2020, meeting was accepted as presented by the committee.

The State Regent greeted the assembly and gave her report.

## THE REPORT OF THE STATE REGENT

Thank you to each member of this State Executive Board and State Executive Committee for their efforts to make the 120<sup>th</sup> State Conference a safe and successful meeting. The format of the conference was condensed to Saturday afternoon with only conference delegates and special guests in attendance due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The safety team assured that all attending were properly screened and maintained CDC guidelines and state health/safety recommendations. The Memorial Service by our State Chaplain Jeanne McMillan was condensed and recorded for posting on our state website. The membership in attendance completed the business of State Society, adopt the budget for the 2021 fiscal year, adopt bylaw changes, present, and elect the candidates of the 2021-2024 State Executive Board, endorse your State Regent as a candidate for the office of Vice President General subject to election at the 130<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress, June 2021. The members voted to elect Gina M. LaCroix as Honorary State Regent effective July 4, 2021.

Your State Regent provided / mailed conference gifts to the Honorary State Regents: Toni Barger, Jane Moulthrop, Elizabeth Garner, Mary Ellen Byrne, Sharon Hopkins, Zandra Baker and Diane Schrift. She also sent the State Regents that were invited to attend gifts representing our Great Lakes State and crafted by a few of our Michigan Daughters; Kay Yarbrough, State Regent Florida, Kathleen Dixon, State Regent Ohio, Susan Tillman, State Regent Texas and Brenda Majewski, State Regent Wisconsin.

There was no gifting by the members as customary during the 120<sup>th</sup> State Conference, your State Regent is thankful for the donations that have been received during her administration for the National Society and her State Regent's projects. She thanks our State Treasurer Jeanette Keatts for her continued diligence to track our society's financial activity

This officer was able to join a few chapters as meeting restrictions were lifted briefly; October 2<sup>nd</sup> she joined the Louisa St. Clair Chapter in Roscommon for their DAR Forest Rededication, the Mecosta Chapter luncheon October 17<sup>th</sup> in Stanwood, The Onagomingkway Chapter luncheon October 24<sup>th</sup> in Houghton Lake, the Three Flags Chapter luncheon November 7<sup>th</sup> in Royal Oak and the Monguagon Chapter's Harvest Dinner November 12<sup>th</sup>, in Trenton, it is

always an honor and privilege to welcome new and prospective members at these chapter meetings, and have the opportunity to install new members and new chapters executive boards. January 16, 2021 this officer joined the Louisa St. Clair Chapter's 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, via Zoom technology bringing greetings and joining others as our President General Denise VanBuren shared "Headlines from Headquarters".

This State Regent attended the National Board of Management meeting October 10, 2020 virtually, along with other scheduled meetings October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

October 16<sup>th</sup> your State Regent joined Kate Duncan Smith DAR School's 96<sup>th</sup> Dedication Day virtually, joined the gift giving presentation and the board meeting.

November 1, 2020 this officer mailed over 525 State and National certificates to our 52 chapters and our State Press Book chair with a note of congratulations to the daughters for their successes.

November 24<sup>th</sup>, your State Treasurer and State Vice Regent joined electronically with the Comerica Wealth Management team to review DAR of Michigan's financial portfolio. No changes were recommended at this time.

Your State Regent took part in the Veteran's Day 2020 ceremony at Great Lakes National Cemetery, the ceremony was restricted, but a recording was made and shared on our state website.

This officer would like to thank our State Chaplain Jeanne McMillan for working with the families of Eva Collins, Honorary State Regent and Catherine Pouls Past Organizing Secretary 2015-2018 with gathering, sorting, recording, and distributing records, books, history and pins to various state officers, state chairs and the Library of Michigan. Daughters present and future will benefit from your dedication.

This State Officer has been working on the details for State Awards Day 2021.

Your State Regent received the last of our 2020 State Awards Day pins purchased: Outstanding Chapter Regent, State Outstanding Junior, State Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist and State Outstanding Volunteer Information Specialist, now preparing for 2021.

All correspondence has been completed, thank you notes written, a newsletter article was submitted for the State newsletter, December 2020, e-mails answered, phone calls made, and the State Regent's Calendar updated.

It is a pleasure to serve as your State Regent for the Michigan Daughters.

*"Working together in our commitment of continued service and preservation."*

Gian LaCroix  
*State Regent*

The State Vice-Regent gave her report.

## **THE REPORT OF THE STATE VICE-REGENT**

The 2020 State Conference was a drastic change from past state meetings due to the pandemic, holding a Delegates meeting on September 26 to conduct the necessary business. Michigan Daughters were very supportive about the event and followed COVID-19 related safety guidelines. Having the next State Executive Board elected during this session was such a meaningful moment for everyone on this new team. Congratulations to the incoming Board and a big thank you for the support received from so many Michigan Daughters.

On October 2, Louisa St. Clair Chapter held an event to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the Forest of Louisa St. Clair Chapter in northern Michigan with P. J. Steeby coordinating the event. As an Associate Member of the chapter, it was a pleasure to participate in the ceremony along with Madam State Regent and State Chaplain Jeanne McMillan.

This Officer presented a program about the Chapter Master Report to Stoney Creek Chapter on October 3. This program provided strategies to track service and note accomplishments.

The Kate Duncan Smith DAR School 96<sup>th</sup> Dedication Day was a joy to see on October 16, although participation was completed virtually.

Support was provided to chapters including providing information about bylaws and meeting structure. The Chapter Master Report presentation was provided to the Anne Frisby Fitzhugh – Saginaw Chapter on November 4. Three Flags Chapter Birthday Luncheon was a welcomed event on November 7, as we were able to join and celebrate in an open-air location. This Officer was able to attend the Stoney Creek Chapter meeting that was held virtually on the same day.

This Officer attended the virtual Board meeting for the Hindman Settlement School on November 13.

This Officer attended an online meeting on November 24, hosted by Comerica Bank, regarding the investment accounts with Madam State Regent and State Treasurer Jeanette Keatts.

As an Associate Member of, it was a joy to meet for the 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Karen Batchelor, Regent, on January 16, 2021.

As a member of the NSDAR Long Range Planning Commission, this officer participated in virtual meetings throughout this period. Monthly meetings have been held for the full Commission as well as more frequent meetings for workgroups.

As the State Regent-Elect, this Officer has been holding ongoing planning meetings with members of the incoming State Executive Board. This is an exciting time as plans are starting to come to fruition. Thank you to State Vice Regent-Elect Dawn Moulthrop Brady for her dedication as we work together, preparing for the next term. Several State Society-sponsored events are being scheduled, including the 2021 State Conference, hoping for a time when we can join together in-person. Specific details of the State Conference will be announced after State Awards Day due to the need to assess the status of the pandemic.

It is an honor to serve DAR of Michigan and the LaCroix Administration.

Kelly VanWormer  
*State Vice Regent*

The State Chaplain gave her report.

## **THE REPORT OF THE STATE CHAPLAIN**

Madam State Regent, it was an honor to attend the 120<sup>th</sup> Michigan State Conference at the beautiful Barn on Evergreen Farms in Saint Helen. Thank you to Kelly VanWormer and Dawn Brady for arranging and organizing the event.

Our State Memorial Service was abbreviated, but just as meaningful. The service was set next to a lovely pond. Madam State Regent presented a tribute to our late Honorary State Regent,

Eva Lomerson Collins. After the service Madame State Regent and this officer released pink carnations into the pond in honor and remembrance of the chapter's deceased members. A red flower was released in honor of our late Honorary State Regent, Eva Lomerson Collins.

This officer was extremely honored to be invited to participate in the Monguagon Chapter Harvest Dinner on November 12. The Chapter Regent, Lisa Lesley asked this officer to present the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday certificate to member, Mary Ellen Vangoff on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. This officer also presented Mary Ellen with birthday wishes and little gifts from state and from national. It truly was exciting to be asked to present Mary Ellen a gift from the chapter. A gift of "More Than a Seat" in her name honoring our President General's Project, The Next Act. Madam State Regent and I were asked to install their new member. We enjoyed a lovely harvest dinner and cake.

In November, Eva Lomerson Collins family delivered to this officer's home the DAR possessions of Eva's. A bequest made in Eva's Will stated that her genealogy reference books be given to the Library of Michigan.

With the knowledge and guidance from Madam State Regent, this officer contacted the Library of Michigan and delivered 15 boxes of beautiful reference books to the library. This officer received a signed document stating that the donation was made in the name and memory of Eva Lomerson Collins. The signed document was sent to Eva's family and the estate was closed.

Eva's family gave Eva's other DAR items to the discretion of DAR of Michigan, they were not included in Eva's Will. Per instructions from Madam State Regent, this officer sent Eva's DAR ribbon and many pins to our State Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Findeis. All Eva's DAR certificates were sent to Lisa Milton, Chapter Regent of the Piety Hill Chapter where Eva had been a member. Eva's SAR Martha Washington Medal and Daughters of Liberty Medal were returned to the SAR through the SAR State Insignia Chair, Jim Petres. This officer holds in her garage 10 boxes of Eva's personal GRC collection and are to be given to the incoming VanWormer Administration.

This officer received 2 boxes of Michigan GRC collections that had been in possession of our late GRC Chair, Cathy Pouls. The 2 boxes of records were sent to the current GRC Chair, Barbara Hoffman.

This State Chaplain has reached out to all Michigan chapter chaplains and offered her assistance with their section of the CMR. This officer has received several chaplain reports with photos. Our chapter chaplains are an amazing group of talented women so willing to serve.

This State Chaplain continues her duties of recording Decease Member Notices, sending our lovely 90 and plus members birthday wishes and she enjoys an open communication with our Chaplain General, Mrs. Bork.

Madam State Regent, it truly is an honor to serve the LaCroix Administration and the Michigan Daughters.

Jeanne McMillan  
*State Chaplain*

The State Recording Secretary gave her report.

## **THE REPORT OF THE STATE RECORDING SECRETARY**

Since the September 23, 2020, State Board meeting, this officer drafted and distributed a draft of September 23, 2020, board meeting minutes. She coordinated with an efficient committee comprised of State Treasurer Jeanette Keatts and State Registrar Alice Peterie, the drafting, review, and publishing of the board minutes following the NBM format and subsequent posting to the Michdar.com website.

This officer was humbled to be elected State Vice-Regent 2021-2024 at State Conference 2020. She thanks State Regent-Elect Kelly VanWormer for this opportunity. This officer is eternally grateful to State Regent LaCroix for providing her the gift of growing her passion for DAR as the State Recording Secretary.

This officer drafted, revised, and completed the minutes of the September State Conference Session minutes. This officer thanks Honorary State Regent Sharon Hopkins, Lisa Milton, and Bette Twyman for their due diligence in completing these minutes in a timely fashion.

This officer received from Mary Ellen Drolet the proceedings for both the Baker and Schrift Administration. In turn, this officer has been in contact with the Chief Archivist at the Bentley Library located at U of M for plans to deposit said materials on behalf of DAR of Michigan. Currently, the Bentley requests DAR of Michigan hold onto the materials. We will be advised of an appropriate time to deposit the materials.

This officer sent the revised DAR of Michigan Bylaws to the State VIS Chair with the State Regent's permission to be posted on the Michdar.com website. Also, the revised Bylaws have been sent to the State Parliamentarian and the Recording Secretary General's office.

This officer completed the certificate of endorsement for Mrs. Gina LaCroix's candidacy for the office of National Vice-President general at the 130 Continental Congress to be held June 30 – July 4, 2021.

This officer attended the NSDAR Membership Webinar.

This officer submitted an article for the December DAR of Michigan Newsletter.

This officer attended the Grand River Trail Chapter Meeting on October 10; Monguagon Chapter Meeting on October 17, 2020; Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter Grave Ceremony on October 17, 2020; Colonel Joshua Howard Chapter Meeting on October 24, 2020; Three Flags Chapter Meeting on November 7, 2020; Wreaths Across America Ceremony at GLNC on December 18, 2020; Ezra Parker Chapter Meeting On January 9, 2021; and the Louisa St. Clair Chapter Birthday Celebration on January 16, 2021.

It is a pleasure to serve DAR of Michigan and the LaCroix administration.

Dawn Moulthrop Brady  
*State Recording Secretary*

The State Corresponding Secretary gave her report.

## **THE REPORT OF THE STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

This officer was unfortunately unable to attend the September State Conference meeting, however she was able to attend the September Board meeting which was virtual.

This officer also did the January 2021 newsletter. This officer also coordinated with Mrs. Brady, State Recording Secretary, to make sure that all Regents knew when their Chapter Narratives were due, as well as what format is correct in the January 2021 newsletter. This officer has also been selling and shipping DAR Store items on an as-needed basis, and just completed the annual DAR Store inventory. This officer has also inventoried, and photo cataloged all Honorary State Regent Eva Collins's pins to Madam State Regent and State Vice Regent for review.

This officer still holds the chapter officer position, Vice Regent, in the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, and has virtually attended all chapter board meetings, most noticeable the 128<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrated via Zoom with the President General and Madam State Regent as esteemed guests. She also has created and has been hosting a monthly Podcast club, which was held via Zoom, and is in the process of taking the DAR Leadership committee courses.

It is a pleasure to serve the LaCroix Administration.

Elizabeth Findeis  
*State Corresponding Secretary*

The State Organizing Secretary gave her report.

### **THE REPORT OF THE STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY**

As State Organizing Secretary, this Officer attended the State Conference on September 23, 2020.

Attended the Board meeting on Zoom.

Newsletter article was submitted for the January issue. Notification of the President General's 202ONE challenge to members on January 18, 2021.

The 2020 Membership Challenge by President General, Mrs. VanBuren to gain two new membership Applications and/or Reinstatements by the close of this year, and ideally before November 16 to be approved by the December 5 meeting of the National Board of Management.

The following 28 chapters have met the challenge:

John Alden	Sarah Caswell Angell	Chief Shawano	Ezra Parker
Louisa St. Clair	Sarah Ann Cochrane	Onagomingkway	Colonel Joshua Howard
Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton	Genesee	John Sackett	Lansing
Piety Hill	Lucinda Hinsdale Stone	Lucy Walcott Barnum	Anne Frisby Fitzhugh-Saginaw
Sophie De Marsac Campau	Stoney Creek	Whispering Pines and Prairie	Michigan Dunes
Michilimacinac	Phillip Livingston	Algonquin	Elizabeth Bienaime
Grand River Trail	Mecosta	Rebecca Dewey	River Aux Sable

Sent welcome letters to new members, with copy to regents and registrars:

October – 20 members  
November – 46 members  
December – 45 members  
January – 12 members

Again, this period answered numerous questions from chapters on email and phone.

There are 59 new Juniors in 2020/2021.

The Fifty-year club has the following report:

16 50-year members, 3 60-year members, 3 65-year members, 1 70-year member and 1 75-year member.

Michigan has 76 New Member/member course graduates, and 16 New Horizon graduates this year. The state should have a huge graduation group at Awards Day 2021.

Official Membership count 3443. The current count is 3530. Current state juniors 287 with 59 new junior members in 2020. A total of 271 new members in 2020/2021. Currently Michigan has 384 names on the Prospective Member Database list for chapters. Total pending members are 37 as of 1/17/2021. Pending but verified are 1. Currently processing applications received on 11/30/2020.

Madam Regent, it is a pleasure to serve you and DAR of Michigan.

Christine Richman  
*State Organizing Secretary*

The State Treasurer gave her report.

## **THE REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER**

Since our last Board Meeting held via Zoom on September 23, 2020, this officer attended the 120<sup>th</sup> DAR of Michigan State Conference. It was a lovely venue exclusively for voters to conduct the business of our state society. One of the business items prepared by this officer prior to the meeting was the 2021 Dues Allocation. This was voted upon and unanimously approved by the membership.

This officer prepared and submitted a newsletter article to Elizabeth Findeis, State Corresponding Secretary and State Chair Newsletter and Printing, for the December issue of the State Newsletter. This article thanked the chapter treasurers for submitting their dues and donations. It was a tough process this year with Covid-19 restrictions. Many members were apprehensive about paying, but our chapter treasurers worked hard to maintain as many of our membership as possible. Deadlines for the 990 IRS Tax filing and annual reports were also mentioned.

Direct Deposit was a hot topic for our Treasurer General and 69% of Michigan chapters met that challenge. Hopefully, there will be more chapters participating next year. It really streamlined the National Dues process. All but one chapter submitted their dues prior to the December 1st deadline. The one chapter that made the mistake submitted as soon as she was made aware of the error on December 2nd.

All chapters once again donated a minimum of \$100 to any or all of the four categories required by the National Society and received 175 Chapter Achievement points for that.

On October 2nd, this officer attended her first funeral service via Zoom for past State Organizing Secretary, Catherine A. McCotter Pouls.

Then on November 24th Madam State Regent, Gina LaCroix, State Vice Regent Kelly VanWormer, and this State Treasurer met with Comerica Wealth Management via the Microsoft Teams platform to discuss the current economic conditions and review any changes that needed to be made to the DAR of Michigan portfolio. No changes were advised, and the next electronic meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2021.

Once the hustle and bustle of the holiday season was over, this officer proceeded to review receipts and disbursements older than ten years. Anything that was not part of the permanent record, as per the NSDAR retention guidelines, was shredded. This made room in the totes for this administration's treasurer's records.

Lastly, this officer continues to prepare monthly treasurer reports and has done so through December 31, 2020. Reports have all been sent for review to Mary Fran Sobczynski, State Auditor. With the exception of December, all of these reports were sent to the State Finance Committee once her audit was complete. Weekly deposits, timely payment of invoices and recording the transactions in the accounting software continues as well. In addition, this officer continues to respond to phone calls, emails, and requested zoom meetings with chapter treasurers. She also attends chapter meetings via Zoom and manages to tend to her chapter duties as Registrar of the John Sackett Chapter.

It is an honor to serve the LaCroix Administration.

Jeanette Keatts  
*State Treasurer*

The State Registrar gave her report.

## **THE REPORT OF THE STATE REGISTRAR**

On January 1, 2020 chapters numbered 52 with an active membership of 3,443.

As of January 23, 2021, membership is 3,530 including 287 juniors. Members at large 62.

Since the last Board Meeting on September 23, 2020, DAR of Michigan gained 123 new members, with 30 juniors. During this time there were 28 resignations, 14 reinstatements, 28 deceased, 4 transfers out of Michigan and 10 transfer into Michigan, 14 transfers between chapters.

37 applications are in review. Of the 37 applications, 18 are waiting for additional information requests to be resolved. Additional Information Request Report is 10% and Pre-Letter Report is 7.1% for the year 2020. State met the goal of 10% or less for each report.

The State Application team is working with a prospective member database of 98. This Officer is working with 45 PMs obtaining the needed first three generation documents and the signed permission letter. The SAT volunteers are working with 53 PMs on their lineage. There are 9 applications completed. There are 15 PMs pending review and verification. 28.9% of the membership inquires to the SAT team respond and proceed with the application process. This number has dropped from the last report of 31%.

In December 2020, SAT added a new member, Diana Stevers, her training completed. SAT roster totals 15 volunteers and 2 reviewers.

This Officer attended State Conference on September 26, 2020 and was honored to nominate the incoming registrar, Karen Eckardt.

On December 8, 2020, this officer attended a 250 Committee Webinar.

This Officer has attended all zoom State Board Meetings and submitted articles for the State Newsletter. This Officer has also attended all chapter board meetings and chapter meetings by zoom.

Alice Peterie  
*State Registrar*

The State Historian gave her report.

### **THE REPORT OF THE STATE HISTORIAN**

This officer attended the September 23, 2020 State Board Meeting held via Zoom.

This officer received 2 Outstanding Teacher of American History Award applications. A winner was chosen. The officer with the approval of Madam State Regent contacted the chapter which sponsored the winning teacher – the Ezra Parker Chapter. They were thrilled! This office has will send the congratulations letter to the teacher once details for Awards Day 2021 have been announced.

This officer on the request of Madame State Regent researched the requirements and cost for the State to place an America 250 Marker. This information was given to Madam State Regent.

An article was submitted for the March State Newsletters.

During this on-going pandemic time, this officer has worked on helping chapters who are using this time with research needs by answering a variety of phone and email requests. And this officer has continued to track, request, and receive Chapter Regent History Forms.

This officer continued developing an excel with information of grave marking of Michigan Daughters.

This officer continues her duties to her chapter as Parliamentarian and chair of various committees. She has also become a Corresponding Docent for the DAR Museum.

With a great amount of optimism, this officer has purchased her airline ticket and has a room reserved for the 2021 Continental Congress.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve the LaCroix Administration and the Daughters of Michigan.

Theresa Tuttle  
*State Historian*

The State Librarian gave her report.

### **THE REPORT OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN**

This officer promotes the National Library Book Donation. Although it was challenging to donate to our National Library, Michigan has come out on top once again. 25 books were donated by Michigan chapters.

Due to the restrictions of the current pandemic, she attended the September State Board meeting via Zoom. She attended the small outdoor version of the DAR of Michigan State Conference. She was assigned to be the hostess for the Honorary State Regents, a job she thoroughly enjoyed.

This officer let the chapters know how they can still achieve Library requirements for CMR points. She posted that Book Club meetings can count as a Library Program as long as the DAR Library was mentioned. She announced that showing the "The DAR Library" video at a chapter Zoom meeting would also qualify.

In the Library at the DAR Open House, the President General holds her annual "Books 4 Kids" program to collect books for under privileged children. This year, as the library was closed, Mrs. VanBuren asked for everyone to continue the mission through children's library's in your community. This officer posted this on the Michigan Facebook Page. Michigan stepped up and over 500 children's books were donated.

This officer was informed that the members of Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter completed a valued transcription project for the Clements Library at the University of Michigan. The Library is a nationally recognized repository of American history rare books and documents including many from the Revolutionary War period. The focus of the project was to transcribe the papers of Colonel Jonathan Chase, an approved DAR patriot ancestor.

She informed the members of the thousands of newly added links to digitized books in the card catalog of our Library. While the Library was closed many have been working hard, making our collection easier to access from home.

This officer invited all Michigan members to join her at The DAR Library Book Club webinar hosting Carol Berkin, author of Revolutionary Mothers. She offered the link, sent out reminders, and let them know where they can view it on YouTube.

This officer wrote an article for the December Newsletter encouraging monetary support for Friends of the Library. She informed the members that the Library had to make changes to the donations process as a result of the pandemic.

This officer attended Zoom meetings of Grand River Trail, Sarah Ann Cochrane, and Piety Hill Chapters. She has attended many Zoom meetings for her Member and New Horizon leadership training course.

She attended a Zoom meeting set up by Cynthia Sweeney our Librarian General. Three books have been chosen for 2021 National Book Club "The Indian World of George Washington by Colin G. Calloway", "The British are Coming by Rick Atkinson", and "The Pioneers by David McCullough". The guest author will be Craig Shirley author of "Mary Ball Washington: The Untold Story of George Washington's Mother".

This officer has encouraged the ladies to join the DAR Library and DAR Book Club Facebook pages, as they are full of information.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter held a Grave Dedication for a Revolutionary Soldier, in the historic Novi Cemetery. She was honored to be asked to place a wreath representing State Regent Mrs. Gina LaCroix and the DAR of Michigan.

It is my honor to serve on the LaCroix Administration.

Nancy Marshall  
*State Director*

The State Director gave her report.

## **THE REPORT OF THE STATE DIRECTOR**

This officer attended the State Executive Board electronic meeting held September 23, 2020

She attended the September 26, 2020 State Conference Delegate Session, assisted where needed and gave her report.

An article was submitted to Elizabeth Findeis, State Corresponding Secretary, for the December DAR of Michigan newsletter.

She has participated in chapter activities as allowed by COVID-19 restrictions. We were especially disappointed that our December 2020 meeting could not be held as we were to have been honored to have welcomed State Regent Mrs. LaCroix.

It is an honor to be serving the Michigan Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the LaCroix Administration.

Susan DeChant  
*State Director*

The State Director gave her report.

## **THE REPORT OF THE STATE DIRECTOR**

This officer has been impatiently waiting to be able to get back to her regular duties but has enjoyed the DAR Zoom meetings in the interim. She attended the September State Board Meeting via Zoom as well as those for her chapter as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Regent.

This officer attended the truncated face to face version of the 120<sup>th</sup> State Conference at The Barn at Evergreen Farm in St. Helen in September. She is very grateful for the help of Carolyn Stubbs at the registration table and to Kelly VanWormer and Dawn Moulthrop-Brady for packing all those registration envelopes. This officer was happy to provide the State with a sound system for this event. She also placed wreaths during a Covid-safe Wreaths Across America event at Great Lakes National Cemetery in December.

This officer hasn't been in contact with the Music or Credential Chairs as at this point she knows the questions they will ask and will contact them with the appropriate answers when obtained. She continues to have steady contact with the Page Chair.

This officer is very hopeful for a better and healthier 2021. She continues be happy to serve the LaCroix Administration and the DAR of Michigan.

Lyndsay Lawless  
*State Director*

Motion to ratify the bills paid since September 23, 2020, was adopted.

State Treasurer Jeanette Keatts presented the unaudited draft of the financial report. State Treasurer Jeanette Keatts made a motion to cover the deficit of \$413.15 in the DAR School Bus Tour 2020 from the General Operating Fund. Motion Adopted.

The board addressed State Awards Day 2021; all board members could provide insight. Board members will seek more information to plan the State Awards Day 2021 with the safety of

membership the top priority while conducting the society's requisite business as necessary per the bylaws. A meeting was scheduled for February 7, 2021, to address State Awards Day 2021.

State Recording Secretary Dawn Moulthrop Brady's motion to contribute \$400.00 to the M.S.C.A.R. to be utilized for their National Travel Fund or complete their 2020-2021 term was adopted.

Motion made by State Vice-Regent Kelly VanWormer to present two State Good Citizen Winners, one male, one female, each \$1,250.00. Also, lunch for the winners, if applicable, at State Awards Day 2021. Motion adopted.

Motion made by State Historian Theresa Tuttle four Good Citizens awards to runner-up positions for \$200.00. Also, lunch for the winners, if applicable, at State Awards Day 2021. Motion adopted.

Motion made by State Organizing Secretary Christine Richman to present the first-place winner of the American History essay contests: Fifth Grade, for \$ 200.00; Sixth Grade, for \$ 200.00; Seventh Grade, in the amount of \$ 200.00; Eighth Grade, for \$ 200.00. Also, lunch for the winners, if applicable, at State Awards Day 2021. Motion adopted.

Motion made by State Librarian Nancy Marshall to present the first place Junior American Citizen contest winners in the Categories of Art – Community Service – Creative Expression \$50.00 each. Also, lunch for the winners, if applicable, at State Awards Day 2021. Motion adopted.

Motion made by State Organizing Secretary Christine Richman that the artwork of one Junior American Citizen Winner will be used as the cover of our Awards Day 2021 Luncheon Program, if applicable, as selected by the JAC State Chair. Motion adopted.

Motion made by State Treasurer Jeanette Keatts to present one Rosamond Haeberle Scholarship award of \$ 1,500.00. Also, lunch for the recipient and one guest, if applicable, at State Awards Day 2021. Motion adopted.

State Historian Theresa Tuttle's motion to pay for the American History Teacher's lunch and one guest, if applicable, at State Awards Day 2021 was adopted.

Motion made by State Registrar Alice Peterie to reimburse the State Outstanding Chapter Regent; State Outstanding Junior; State Outstanding Volunteer Information Specialist; State Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist, and State Page Scholarship winners for their lunch at State Awards Day 2021 if applicable. Motion adopted.

Motion made by State Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Findeis to purchase pins for the State Outstanding Chapter Regent, State Outstanding Junior, State Outstanding Volunteer Information Specialist, and State Outstanding Volunteer Genealogist. Motion adopted.

Recommendation from State Treasurer Jeanette Keatts to renew the board and liability/crime insurance in April 2021 if the premium does not increase more than 10%. Motion adopted.

State Vice-Regent Kelly VanWormer made the motion that the DAR of Michigan will purchase up to 500 pins for the VanWormer Administration State Regent's Project. Motion adopted.

State Corresponding Secretary Elizabeth Findeis made the motion that 52 copies of the 2000-2012 DAR of Michigan 12-Yearbook and 46 copies of Kathleen Leo's *Celebrate DAR Poem Book* will be given to chapters by June 30, 2021. Motion adopted.

A special meeting of the board will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2021, at noon via an electronic platform to address State Awards Day 2021.

Jeanne L. McMillan, State Chaplain, gave the benediction.  
The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Dawn Moulthrop Brady  
*State Recording Secretary*

Minutes Approved: February 5, 2021

Jeanne McMillan  
Jeanette Keatts