

# Minutes of the CSA General Membership Meeting

## Saturday, February 8, 2014, 9 a.m.

### Hyatt Hotel, Sarasota, Florida

**Attendees:** Col. Rich Murphy, president; Col. Deane Briggs, vice president; Gen. Frank Crown, treasurer; Col. Larry Baum, secretary; and trustees Colonels Steve Roth, Maurice Bursey, John Walker and General John Kimbrough. There were 21 officers and members present for the meeting.

**Call to Order:** Col. Rich Murphy welcomed all to the 79th Annual Convention of the CSA and expressed thanks to event hosts Col. Lee Ann Wrisley and Col. Deane Briggs. Col. Murphy thanked the Robert A. Siegel Auction firm for their generous contribution for picking up the tab for the pre-Southern Supper open bar.

Col. Murphy recognized two new members at the meeting with a short introduction: Col. John Earle of Rochester, Minn., and Col. Don Schultz of Melrose, Fla.

#### REPORTS

**Election Results:** Gen. Connie Bush and Col. Alex Hall. There were 254 ballots cast for the election that were received in time with the following results: President Col. Rich Murphy; Vice President Col. Deane Briggs; Treasurer Gen. Frank Crown; Secretary Col. Larry Baum; Trustees—Colonels Steve Roth, Maurice Bursey, John Walker and Gen. John Kimbrough. There were 245 yes votes and one no vote for the restatement resolution.

**Secretary:** Col. Larry Baum. About 110 members have yet to pay their dues (not unusual for this time period); previous membership total 647, current 651

**Membership:** Col. Larry Baum: Since our last gathering in Huntsville, Ala., we have had nine new members and one reinstated. Members/month 2.50; not alarming as it was the holiday season.

**Advertising:** Col. Rich Murphy for Col. Don Rawe. Approximately \$8,500 in CP advertising revenue, including classified ads, has already been collected.

**Treasurer:** Col. Tom Lera (outgoing treasurer for Gen. Frank Crown). Our financial loss was reduced by 98 per cent from 2012 to 2013. This was mainly accomplished through:

1. Efforts of the Cost Reduction Committee primarily in postal savings in our CP mailings,
2. There was no Muster Roll published in 2013,
3. Col. Peter Martin changed printers for the fourth quarter CP and
4. The Alliance raised yearly membership dues from \$28 to \$32.

**National Postal Museum Scholarship:** Col. Tom Lera. The current recipient, Col. Harry G. Brittain, has completed his work. Forensic analysis of Confederate stamps has been published in three different CP articles with two more yet to be published. We need to look for another applicant for this scholarship. Col. Tom Lera to prepare an announcement for the next several CPs.

**Grievance Committee:** Col. Deane Briggs. There have been no grievances to report for 2013 and there are no grievances pending.

**Confederate Philatelist Editor:** Col. Rich Murphy for Col. Peter Martin. Randy Neil edited the first three issues in 2013 with Peter Martin editing the last issue of 2013. The change of CP printers will amount to an annual savings of about \$10,000. The change to Wilcox Printing has shown no evidence of loss of print quality or timeliness. A number of changes were introduced beginning with the Fourth Quarter 2013 issue and they have been universally well received. The changes include:

- a. An increase in text point size from 10 point to 11 point to help older readers.
- b. A change from a one-column to a two-column format to improve readability.
- c. The addition of full-color Confederate Civil War art to the front cover to make the journal more enticing to pick up.
- d. A change in designation for the CP date of issue from months (January-March) to quarterly (First Quarter) to better reflect the issue cycle and to make it easier to remember.
- e. The creation of a designated Official Section for society business.
- f. Reorganization of the front matter to give clearer focus to the Alliance and editorial matter.
- g. The addition of an Advertiser Index to make these key CSA supporters easier to find.

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h. The addition of CP contributing editors who help to review the final draft to eliminate typos and anything that may have fallen through the cracks.

i. The introduction of the Chicago Manual of Style, Sixteenth Edition as the primary guide for CP style. I am recommending that all CP reviewers obtain a copy of this reference. Most reviewers have it electronically). There has been a problem with footnotes when sending Word document files to the editor. Authors/reviewers should include a PDF file if possible.

There is a real need for articles; the backlog at the time of the meeting is slightly more than one issue.

The First Quarter 2014 CP was submitted to the printer on schedule and is expected to be mailed on February 14.

**Authentication Service:** Gen. Frank Crown. During the calendar year 2013 we received 76 patients for authentication. The results were as follows: 62 good, 2 no opinion, 5 fake/fraudulent, 5 other, 2 withdrawn and 2 in-process. We started the year with a \$3,276 cash balance and ended with \$4,002. Beginning in January 2013, the AS switched to all digital files and records. The digitization of patient records continues. All patient files from 2003 to date, as well as many earlier files, are now digitized. We wish to extend our thanks to the following outside consultants: Colonels Harry Brittain, Galen Harrison, Leonard Hartmann, James Milgram and Bruce Roberts.

**Diamond Anniversary Campaign:** Gen. James Monroe. There are just three remaining pledges to go to wrap up this campaign. It was suggested that someone keep the records and files that were generated during this campaign as an aid for a possible 100th anniversary campaign. The APRL may be the place to hold this type of data.

**Website Manager:** Col Rich Murphy for Col. Bob Rufenacht. The website will have all the nonsensitive Muster Roll information loaded onto the site. Bob is working on a member only access method for the CSA website for authorized members to use the CP file search capability.

The Muster Roll personal data will not be placed on the website at this time; it will be distributed to members via a Byne type insert in the Third Quarter CP.

## ANNUAL AWARDS

**CP Writer's Award:** Col. Harry G. Brittain for "Forensic Studies of CSA General Issue Stamps."

**Dietz Award:** Gen. Rick Calhoun for *The Confederate Postmaster Provisionals of Baton Rouge, Louisiana*.

**Haydn Myer Award:** Col. Randy Neil for his six years as the CP editor.

## EXHIBITION AWARDS

Col. Deane Briggs reported that the exhibit awards committee was comprised of Gen. Jim Monroe and Colonels Ray Bartlett, Larry Baum and himself. The results were:

**Generals' Award:** Col. John Walker for "Patriotic Covers Used Within & From the Confederate States 1861-1865"

**R.A. Siegel Award:** Col. Wayne Farley for "Independent State and Confederate Mail of West Virginia 1861-1865"

**Trustee's Research Award:** Col. Deane Briggs for "Florida Civil War Postal History"

**President's Award:** Col. Daniel Knowles for "The Confederate States of America Postal Initiative"

## OLD BUSINESS

**Restatement papers:** These were duly notarized.

## Future Annual and Mid-Year Meetings

a. Mid-year fall 2014, Fredericksburg, Va. A joint meeting with the VPHS on October 24-25 will be held in Fredericksburg, Va.; hotel to be determined.

b. 2015 annual meeting, London. Col. John Walker will host. The show will be Wednesday through Saturday.

c. Mid-Year 2015 fall meeting Durham, N.C. Gen. Tony Crumbley host.

d. 2016 annual meeting, St. Louis.

e. Mid-year 2016 Memphis, Tenn. - Gen. Jerry Palazolo host.

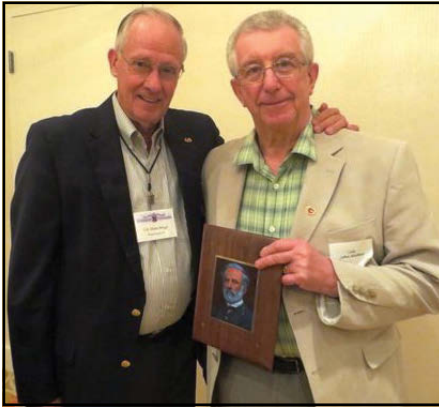
f. 2017 annual meeting, NAPEX or Richmond, Va

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Col. Larry Baum**

# Photos From Sarasota

By Col Richard Murphy



**Col. Deane Briggs (left) and General's Award winner Col. John Walker.**



**Col. Deane Briggs and Robert A. Siegel Award winner Col. Wayne Farley.**



**Col. Rich Murphy and CSA Trustees' Research Trophy winner Col. Deane Briggs.**



**Col. Deane Briggs and President's Trophy winner Col. Dan Knowles.**



**Colonels Walker, Green, Frailey, and Bartlett, and Gen. Crumbley.**



**Colonels Dan Knowles, Deane Briggs and Wayne Farley.**



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CSA members and guests at Gamble Mansion.



Gamble Mansion, refuge of Judah Benjamin.



Col. Lee Ann Wrisley and her Adjutant Dave.



Gen. Jerry Palazolo, Col. Tom Lera and Sandra Palalozo.



Sarah Warren with Cols. Richard Warren, Rich Murphy and Maurice Bursey



Socializing and viewing covers in the hospitality room.