

Nominating Committee Announces 2007-2009 Slate

Leah Davis, chairman of hardworking Nominating Committee, is pleased to announce the following slate of officers to be elected at the Annual Meeting in Round Rock March 31, 2007. According to our Bylaws, the nominees for Governor and Deputy Governor must come from Houston for this term. Officer biographies are presented below the slate so that the attendees at the Annual Meeting will know their qualifications. After you read their bios, you will probably feel that we are quite fortunate to have a slate of such well-qualified people who are dedicated to the Society.

Governor—Bart Henson, Houston

Deputy Governor —Patricia Howard, Houston

Recording Secretary —Mary Eck, San Antonio

Corresponding Secretary —Patricia Nichols, Dallas/Ft. Worth

Treasurer — Charles R. Prince, Houston

Historian —Carol Scarborough, Waco

Elder —Betty Corcoran, Tyler

Captain —Harlan Green, Central Texas

Surgeon —George H. Brandau, M. D., Houston

Counselor —Lisa Pennington, Houston

Governor - Bart Henson



Bart is a retired business executive, having served 34 years in various business management roles with ExxonMobil Chemical in Texas, New Jersey and Connecticut plus 4 years with Phillip Townsend Associates. He received his Bachelor and Masters Engineering degrees from Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Bart and his wife, Jane, have been married 38 years and currently live in Houston where they are active

members of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. They have three daughters, Katherine, Joy and Rebecca, all grown. Bart is a life member of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants. He has been active in the Texas Society since the early 1990s, having served as Governor of the Houston Colony, State Treasurer, and Chair of the Audit and Endowment Committees.

Deputy Governor - Patricia Howard



Pat grew up in Fort Worth, graduating from Arlington Heights High School. She attended TWU, graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, and later received her law degree from the University of Houston. Currently, she is State Recording Secretary. She has served as governor of the Houston Colony and is presently Elder and Parliamentarian. Active in other

genealogical organizations, she has been Regent of Alexander Love Chapter DAR twice, has been president and treasurer of the Deacon John Tenney Colony of the National Society of New England Women, and is currently chaplain of the Colonel James Alston Chapter of Colonial Dames XVII Century. Pat is a widow with no children of her own but the proud stepmother of four and grandmother of fourteen. She enjoys traveling, bridge, and theater.

Recording Secretary - Mary E. Eck

Mary has been a member of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants since the early 1970's. She served the San Antonio Colony in many ways including Colony Governor and Board of Assistants Representative. On the state level she held offices as State Governor, Corresponding Secretary for 5 years, Board of Assistants, State Treasurer, Deputy Governor General, and Assistant Governor General. She chaired two large events of the



state organization. Most recently she planned the 75th Anniversary Celebration held in San Antonio. She served many years as Deputy Governor General and Assistant Governor General and chaired the Board of Assistants meeting of The General Society of Mayflower Descendants held in San Antonio. Mary is vitally interested in the growth and direction of the Texas Society and will devote her time to this purpose.

Corresponding Secretary - Pat Nichols



Pat is a member of the DFW Colony, as is her husband Mike, where they are currently they serving as Publicity Co-Chairs. Pat's Mayflower ancestor is William White. Pat is a Registered Pharmacist and will be retiring the end of March. She has one son and three grandchildren who live in Massachusetts. Pat's hobbies include genealogy, cooking, and counted cross stitch. Pat and Mike also enjoy traveling and particularly cruising. Pat is a member of DAR, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and volunteers for Tarrant County for Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness providing digital tombstone pictures from local cemeteries.

Treasurer - Charles R. Prince



Charles is a native Texan, born in Beaumont, and moved to Houston at the age of 8. He received a BA Degree from Houston Baptist (College) University with majors in History and Christianity. Still employed by a Houston based Retailer, Charles work as an analyst in Budget and Expense Control. He has worked in the Retail field since beginning college. His interest include gardening, woodworking, reading, and of course family genealogy. He and his wife, Judyann also enjoy travel. His travels include visits to 45 of the 50 states. Charles currently serves as Captain for the Houston Colony as well as for the State Society. Charles joined the Mayflower Society as a descendant of Dr. Samuel Fuller.

Historian - Carol Scarborough



A native Texan, and a member of the Texas Mayflower Society since 2002, Carol founded the Waco Colony in 2003 and has served as its Governor for the past four years. Under her direction, the colony has taken an active roll in the community. Each fall they present pilgrim programs to area elementary schools and senior citizen centers and participate in the annual Veterans Day parade. A keen interest in genealogy has led her to co-chair the "genealogy lock ins" at the Mc Lennan Library in Waco and to participate in several lineage organizations. Appointed State Co-Historian in May of 2006, Carol has served as acting historian since October 2006, and, as of Jan 1, 2007 has had over 50 applications approved at Plymouth

Elder - Betty Corcoran

Betty is a native East Texan and has lived in the Tyler area most of her life, except for 22 years residing in Dallas. She recieved her education in the Tyler school system and graduated from Tyler High School after which she attended Tyler Junior College focusing on Secretarial/Business Administration. In 2000 she retired after



10 years service with the City of Tyler Police Department working as an Administrative Secretary. She is a member and current chapter treasurer of the Mary Tyler Chapter NSDAR. She has been a member of Green Acres Baptist Church for 18 years and seeks to be involved with the church program. Betty says, "It would be my pleasure to serve as State Elder."

Captain - Harlan Green



Harlan Green was born in 1933 as the youngest of ten children in Lyons, Ohio and grew up on a farm with a dairy herd, swine and sheep. He was active in FFA, 4-H, and Boy Scouts before serving in the US Army. He has continued his active life and is a former Deputy Governor of the Texas SOMD and Colony Governor of Austin Colony (now Central Texas Colony).

Harlan is very involved in lineage organizations and is especially interested in the SAR. He has been active in forming the Colonial Color Guard of the Texas Society, and is well known for his period costume. Harlan lives in Georgetown and is a member of the Society through John Howland.

Surgeon - George H. Brandau, M. D.

Dr. George H. Brandau is a long time physician in the Houston area. His interest in genealogy also goes back many years, with long time service to the SAR as well as the Society of Mayflower Descendants, where he is a former Surgeon. A former President General of the SAR, he was awarded the TSSAR Patriot Medal in 1985. A retired surgeon, it is possible that he performed surgery on a number of members of the TX SOMD or their families

Counselor - Lisa Pennington

Lisa is an attorney practicing Commercial and Employment Litigation in Houston. She received a B.A. in 1981 and a J.D. in 1983 from the University of Texas where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She is the Managing Partner of Baker Hostetler's Houston office and serves on the Firm's Operating Committee. Ms. Pennington was named one of the "Top 50 Female Lawyers in Texas," as well as one of the "Top 100 Lawyers in Houston" by *Law and Politics* and *Texas Monthly* magazines. She has also served on a number of philanthropic boards and frequently speaks and writes on various legal topics.



New Members - We are happy to greet these new members since the Jul 2006 Newsletter.

76464	2469	Sanderson, Mary Barbara	The Woodlands, TX	Richard Warren	RA
76478	2671	Lysaught, Dr. Janet	Ft. Worth, TX	Edward Doty	CS
76503	2472	Gray, Steven Lane	Plano, TX	Frances Cooke	CS
76504	2473	Gray, Connie Sue Coleman	Plano, TX	Frances Cooke	CS
76505	2474	Coleman, Virginia Smith	Plano, TX	Frances Cooke	CS
76506	2475	Martin, Joshua Steven	Clearmonth, FL	William White	CS
76513	2476	Hope, Edward Andrew	Pasadena, CA	William Brewster	RA
76514	2477	McKinney, Patrick Sturdivant	Dallas, TX	Isaac Allerton	RA
76555	2478	Martin, Garrett Justin	Fort Myers, FL	William White	CS
76556	2479	Martin, April Lynn	Fort Myers, FL	William White	CS
76557	2480	Hartigan, Dr. Betty Prince	Leander, TX	William Bradford	CS
76585	2481	Dees, Tom Moore, III	Dallas, TX	John Alden	CS
76586	2482	Dees, David Walsh	Dallas, TX	John Alden	CS
76628	2483	Ridgeway, Robert Allen	Houston, TX	John Alden	CS
76629	2484	Caughran, Jonathan Colin	Kemah, TX	Francis Cooke	CS
76630	2485	Capt, Ashley Marianne Caughran	Center, TX	Francis Cooke	CS
76631	2486	Bridenthal, Tracie Ann Woods	The Woodlands, TX	William Bradford	CS
76673	2487	Wassberg, Shannon Nicole Price	Crockett, TX	Edward Doty	CS
76820	2488	Nelson, Joseph Brent	Cedar Park, TX	William White	CS
76821	2489	Nelson, Robert Flint	Kilgore, TX	William White	CS
76822	2490	Coco, Michele McDaniel	Roswell, GA	John Alden	CS
76823	2491	McDaniel, Brian Glenn	Sierra Vista, AZ	John Alden	CS
76824	2492	McDaniel, Scott Walter	Sierra Vista, AZ	John Alden	CS
76825	2493	Brown, Ada Elene	Dallas, TX	William Brown	CS
76826	2494	Foster, Nathaniel David Faunce	Irving, TX	Richard Warren	CS
76827	2495	Huff, Esther Faseler	Houston, TX	William Bradford	CS
76934	2496	Dicken, Glenn Wesley	Houston, TX	John Howland	CS
76935	2497	Johnson, James Ray, III	Georgetown, TX	Myles Standish	RA
76936	2498	Williams, John Richard, Jr	San Antonio, TX	Myles Standish	RA
76937	2499	Wright, Madison Elizabeth	San Antonio, TX	Myles Standish	RA
76938	2500	Wright, Mallory Cathryn	San Antonio, TX	Myles Standish	RA
76939	2501	Bartels, Kaetlyn Kay	Austin, TX	Myles Standish	RA
76940	2502	Bartels, Myles August	Austin, TX	Myles Standish	RA
76941	2503	Johnson, Kelly Erin	Georgetown, TX	Myles Standish	RA
76942	2504	Bartels, Robert Hunter	Austin, TX	Myles Standish	RA
76943	2505	Sanderson, Jon David	The Woodlands, TX	Richard Warren	CS
76944	2506	Pearce, Joe Camp	Cedar Park, TX	John Alden	CS

Annual Meeting - By-Laws Amendments To Be Considered

After last year's Revision, the By-laws Committee had only a few recommendations for changes that arose from needs during the year. The Bylaws Committee, composed of a member from each colony, recommends the changes listed below. Words which are to be deleted are shown like this: ~~delete~~. Words be added are shown in bold. **Bold**. The rationale for each is given beneath the change and is highlighted. These amendments will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Round Rock.

Hallie Garner, By-laws Committee Chairman

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2-B, Junior Membership

1. A member in good standing may make application for Junior Membership on behalf of any person under eighteen years of age who is related to ~~a past or present~~ **that** member by blood through the line ~~through which~~ such member was proved for the Society.

(Rationale: Makes the requirement that the members nominate only their relatives, not just any old person's relatives for junior membership. After all, if they can be related to any other past or present member, it might be many generations back...defeats the purpose of the Junior Membership to be too far removed. "Through which" just seems redundant)

Preface to changes below: the problem is that there is confusion with the term Junior Life Membership. EVERYONE is confused that has to deal with it. We felt that it would be better to just eliminate that term altogether.

3. Junior Members **under age 18** may become ~~Junior Life Members~~ subject to Article III, Section 2D, ~~Junior Life Memberships~~. (Moved from Article III, Section 2D to here) upon payment of the Life Membership Fee of six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$625.00) and after complying with all procedures for Regular membership as set forth in Article III, Section 2A. **A Junior** member of the Texas ~~Junior~~ Society shall become a ~~Junior~~ Life member after the approval of lineage papers by the state Historian and the Historian General and after Texas and General Society numbers have been assigned. The ~~Junior Life~~ Preliminary Application **for the Junior member moving to become a Life member** shall read: Application Fee, Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00), Life Membership Fee, Six Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$625.00), Total, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00). **Rationale: Clarification:** At age 18 the Junior is eligible for regular adult membership. He receives the special Junior jump up fee, but must have the papers go to Plymouth and be approved before the Life membership fee can be paid.

4. No ~~Junior Member and no Junior Life Member~~ under the age of eighteen (18) years may vote or hold office in the Texas State Society or in the General Society. **Rationale: Clarification:** Redundancy and need to make consistent with Section 3. The Juniors who become Life members are just Life members!

~~D. Junior Life Membership~~ This section is moved to Section B-3

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS

A. **Elected Officers.** The elected officers of the Society shall be a Governor/President⁺. . . **Rationale: eliminates only the footnote - see below:**

NOTE: The change of designation from "Governor" to "Governor/President" and from "Board of Assistants" to "Board of Assistants/Directors" is made because of Internal Revenue Service questions and lack of understanding concerning the definition of the terms. The IRS prefers "President" and "Directors."

Rationale: This notation has been in far too long...It is unnecessary!

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote in odd numbered years at the annual meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected. ~~No elected officer shall serve consecutively more than one term in the same office except the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Treasurer, and Counselor.~~ **All officers, except the Governor/President and Deputy Governor may serve more than one consecutive term in the same office. No officer, except the Historian, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Those offices may have three terms.**

Rationale: To make consistent all offices except those that are determined by colony choice, and places a term limit so that no office is held in perpetuity..

SECTION 3. VACANCY IN OFFICE. A vacancy in the office of Governor/President shall be filled by the Deputy Governor. The vacancy thus created in the office of the Deputy Governor, and any other vacancy in the elected officers **or elected committee chairmen**, shall be filled by appointment by the Governor/President and affirmed by majority vote of the Board of Assistants/Directors⁺ at their next regular meeting. Any **officer person** who serves more than half a term shall be deemed to have served a full term.

Rationale: Since the nominating committee chairman is also an elected person, it makes sense to make the replacement procedure be the same as for elected officers.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. The Governor/President shall:

new 12. Upon evidence of a very significant backlog in unprocessed work of any elected officer or elected committee chair that, in the opinion of the Governor/President, is damaging the Texas Society, the Governor, with the agreement of the Board of Assistants by correspondence, may appoint a replacement and/or assistant, as may fit the situation, with this action being confirmed at the next Board of Assistants meeting.

Rationale: Makes it permissible to appoint a replacement or assistant, when needed, without having to wait an entire year.

Old 12 becomes new **13**.

D. The Corresponding Secretary shall:

8. Have custody of the Preliminary Application (PA) forms and Pedigree Worksheets Preliminary Lineage Review (PLR) forms .

Rationale: Plymouth has made changes in their procedures, utilizing a new PLR form. This and the next few changes are mandated by Plymouth.

9. Answer inquiries concerning membership and mail Preliminary Applications to prospective members.

11. Send the Pedigree Worksheet Preliminary Lineage Review (PLR) forms with instructions to applicants who have paid the required fee and notify the Governor/President, Historian, and Treasurer and other officers in writing of the names of all applicants to whom PAs and lineage worksheets-PLRs are sent.

F. The Historian shall:

new 2. Upon receipt of the Preliminary Lineage Review form from the applicant and proof of payment, fill out an application worksheet with the approved information on their line to such point where the applicant will need to supply documentation, and send it to the applicant.

3. Review all lineage returned application worksheets and documentation. Inform the applicant of any additional documentation that must be received before the application can be approved.

Old 2, new 4. Keep an accurate list of all working applications. This list shall include the date an application worksheet is received, the date it the completed application is sent to the applicant for signature, and the date it is sent to the Historian General.

Change **old 4 to 5**

new 6. Prepare one lineage papers, application, both originals, for the signature and acknowledgment of the applicant.

Old 6-19--changed to new **7-10** no changes

old 10 new 11 Send one a copy of the applicant's approved lineage paper application and a welcome letter the latest newsletter, and a state yearbook to each new member. Rationale: The Publications Committee is a more logical place for the person to send the newsletters and yearbooks to new members, and it would relieve the historian of a part that doesn't fit with the application processing part of the job. The extra copies of those publication are usually with the publications committee, and any member of that committee could assume this responsibility.

old 11-15 new **12-16** no changes

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 3 - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

C. The Bylaws Committee : . . . Any and all amendments shall be submitted in writing and accompany the Official Call **Notice of the Annual Meeting**, in accordance with the amending clause in these Bylaws

Rationale: To make wording consistent, no where else is the wording "Official Call" used.

E. The Newsletter/Publications Committee. . . .add at end. **The committee shall be responsible for mailing a copy of the state yearbook and the current newsletter to each new member.** Rationale: Places the responsibility to a more logical place.

STANDING RULES

11. The Historian shall be paid at the rate of twenty dollars (\$20.00) each for the processing of original and supplemental applications, upon approval of the application by the General Society and after a copy of the approved application and welcome letter has been sent to the new member. In the event that an application is rejected, the Historian shall be paid after a copy of the rejected application and explanation has been sent to the applicant. Junior applications shall be paid at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) each upon assignment of a TX Junior number, and after a copy of the approved application and welcome letter has been sent to the new Junior member.

Rationale: For the Treasurer, it was unclear as to when and under what conditions the historian was to be paid. There is also paperwork and filing for Junior applications, which seems justification for a charge for that processing. It is essentially administrative.

Attention George Soule Descendants!

The Y-DNA profile has been established for George Soule of the Mayflower. This study, at www.famlytreedna.com, is now a year old. More male-line descendants of George's three sons (John, Nathaniel, and George) are invited to participate, especially those derived from John's progeny in Maine. Other projects include the male descendants of the three Soule daughters who married Haskell, West and Peterson. Contact Louise Throop at lwthroop@aol.com for more information.