



**Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana**  
**Minutes May 29, 2010 Organizational Meeting**  
**The Florida Room, 1204 East 225 South, Winona Lake, Indiana**

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM by Organizing President Donald Gradeless. The secretary determined that a quorum was present. Starting a little late the opening formalities were dispensed with and we proceeded straight to business.

1812 Members and guests present: Donald Gradeless, Rex & Sally Gradeless, Graham Morey, Neal & Annette Pitts, Alan & Lee Ann Teller. Regrets had been received from: Dennis Babbit, Paul Bever, Robert Brown, Allen Moore, Donald Melching, P. Michael Mitchell, Robert Rati, and Dr. Charles Bragg is currently out of the country. Regrets were received from several potential members.

Report of the Organizing President Donald Gradeless: Status of where we are at, steps to proceed and the procedures explanation. Primary Per Capita & Residency requirements of the General Society with a minimum of 10 Indiana members needed by July 30, 2010. Rex Gradeless as a Life member of Wisconsin and Donald Gradeless as a life member of Illinois and Wisconsin with Illinois the primary society. It would be best if they and others with a Life Membership stay as primary members in those societies for General Society Per Capita requirements and for the benefit of the Indiana 1812 financial concerns. On recognition we will ask that all Indiana 1812 Members be transferred for GS1812 per capita purposes to the Indiana-1812 but those with a Life Membership will retain their primary GS1812 per capita with the state society where they currently hold a Life Membership. Members will be polled if they have a different preference before we contact the General Society.

There is a 60 day limit for Organizers to associate starting from today, May 29, 2010; 60 days shall mean July 30, 2010 in all cases. Organizers associate with the payment of the Association fee \$30.00 and the 2011 dues \$30.00, total \$60.00 received by the Organizing President not later than July 30, 2010. November 30, is the deadline for all payments to the Indiana Society. There is a 30 day grace period for dues payments. A reinstatement fee shall be required if dues are more than 30 days late. Each member needs to be aware of this.

All Fees were set by the organizing committee at \$30.00 each. A transfer of funds from the Organizing Committee to the elected Treasurer will occur at a future date. The Organizing President and the Treasurer will be investigating various banks and their policies before decisions are made on where to establish a banking relationship. The Chase Bank is currently the prime candidate because of the number branches all over the state of Indiana. A Society Savings account and later Certificates of Deposits will be established. There will be 3 signatures put on the account and maintained. No checking account will be established with the Treasurer being allowed to transfer funds and use his personal checking account for making payments for the society.

Donald Gradeless is pledging a loan to cover the Indiana 1812 Organizational Expenses, which is to be reimbursed in the future. A request for additional pledges and donations was asked to cover organizational expenses. Donald Gradeless has pledged \$200 for organizational expenses as soon as the IRS Tax Exempt Status is achieved. The request remains open to all members and perspective members. The State of Indiana, IRS, EIN and 501(c)(3) designation, GS1812 Requirements were explained.

There may have been two previous organizations for the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana. Former Indiana-1812 records and documents are being sought. We need the previous organizations member numbering system before we can issue membership numbers. We will need to honor and recognize those systems within our member numbering system. The Registrar and the General Registrar will continue to work on this issue until a solution is made. Our membership numbers will be issued in the same sequence as the General Society.

The President will send thanks to the following organizations: IL-1812, IN-Colonial Wars, IN-Pioneers, SR-IN

and the WI-1812, for their assistance in the organization of our Society.

Motion to accept the Constitution; made by Neal Pitts, second by Rex Gradeless, passed unanimously.

Motion to accept the Bylaws; made by Alan Teller, second by Neal Pitts, passed unanimously.

The slate of officers from the organizing committee were presented for a one year term and discussed. Nominations from the floor were called three times. Motion to accept the slate by unanimous ballot was made by Rex Gradeless, second by Neal Pitts, motion passed unanimously. Organizers elected to office:

President	Dr. Donald E. Gradeless
First Vice President	J. Alan Teller
Second Vice President	Rex L. Gradeless
Third Vice President	Dr. Neal C. Pitts, M.D.
Secretary	J. Alan Teller
Treasurer	Graham D, Morey
Registrar	Dr. Donald E. Gradeless
Historian	Robert D. Rati, Historian
Chaplain	Allen W. Moore
Assistant Chaplain	Graham D. Morey
Chancellor	P. Michael Mitchell
Surgeon	Dr. Neal C. Pitts, M.D.
National Delegate	Dr. Donald E. Gradeless
Board of Managers	All remaining Organizers

Resolution for Incorporation as an Indiana Not for Profit Corporation, made by Rex Gradeless; second by Graham Morey, passed unanimously.

Motion to file with the IRS for an EIN Number and for 501(c)(3) designation; and authorize any changes to organizing documents to bring them into IRS requirements. made by Rex Gradeless, second by Alan Teller; passed unanimously.

Resolution for Association and Recognition by the General Society of the War of 1812 was made by Graham Morey; second by Neal Pitts, passed unanimously. (The IN-1812 organizational period will end July 30, 2010.)

Motion: Organizing members who are residents of the State of Indiana, currently at least 80 years of age, having an 1812 membership recognized by the General Society of the War of 1812, and who have paid the association fee of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana by July 30, 2010, be granted a complimentary Life Membership in the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Indiana. The Association Fee must be received by the Organizer not later than July 30, 2010. If a member has prepaid annual dues for the 2011 membership year, those funds shall be refunded. The Association Fee maybe paid by others on their behalf with the approval or acceptance of the member. Motion by Alan Teller; second by Rex Gradeless, passed unanimously.

Motion: Organizing members allowed a 20% reduction in the life membership fee if received by the Treasurer not later than November 30, 2011. Motion by Alan Teller; second by Rex Gradeless, passed unanimously.

The 2011 Annual Meeting date is scheduled Saturday, May 14, 2011, will include the election of officers for a 3 year term. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM by the President Donald Gradeless.

Joint Luncheon of Indiana-1812, Seth Jewel SAR, & Indiana Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims  
At the Boat House Restaurant, 700 Park Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Alan Teller, Secretary