

Minutes of CBFA meeting, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Rockville, MD

Convened at 11AM.

A round of welcome and introductions was followed by the business meeting. Peter Ansoff, President of NAVA told us that FIAV had asked NAVA to delay the US meeting till 2011, because they have a bid from JaVA (the Japanese Vexillological Association to host the 2009 ICV (International Congress of Vexillology) in Yokohama. Those in attendance were excited about the prospect and a brief discussion about possible venues ensued. A preliminary organizing committee of Peter Ansoff, Tom Carrier, Daniel Broh-Kahn and Jack Lowe will begin the process.

The possibility of CBFA hosting the NAVA annual meeting in 2014 was broached. Baltimore would seem to be an ideal place for that year because of all the celebrations for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner. The Flag House Symposium was mentioned. This year it will be in Pennsylvania in September.

Jack Lowe has been asked the status of CBFA by the President of FIAV at the last three ICV's. Now that we are having regular meetings, in addition to planning meeting venues, our next needs are to elect a new slate of officers and to resurrect the Flagship publication. A need for a website was also brought up. Nick Artimovich will look for a venue for the July meeting. At that time we will consider electing new officers and decide whether dues are needed. In the meantime, the current President and Secretary (Nick Artimovich and Jon Radel) will remain. Peter Ansoff, as the major researcher present, volunteered to give talks at any CBFA meetings which needed improved content. Peter Turek will report next time on his Delmarva Peninsula flag research. Dick Clark made the point that perhaps only an electronic journal need be planned, from which hard copy could always be printed. Peter Turek has some computer background and he will look at other vexillological web sites (e.g. GWAV) and see if he can help us get started. No final decisions were made about a publication (which is one of the FIAV requirements for a member organization).

We then turned to flags. Many attendees had flags and flag items (German and American cigarette cards and silks, cigar-box flannels, etc) to show and items were available for trade and sale. Hugh Warner discussed his flag reproduction business with many civil war-era items available. Daniel Broh-Kahn showed his VEX cards. Dick Clark showed a 1930's 48-star flag with the stars in a staggered pattern. Jack Lanterman had an update of the "For Whom IT Stands" project and talked about the flags of the state of Oklahoma.

Meeting ended at 2:30 PM. Date and place for next meeting to be determined.

Attendees: Peter Ansoff, Nick Artimovich, Chris Bedwell, Daniel Broh-Kahn, Dick Clark, Jack Lanterman, Jack Lowe, Roy Mock, Phil Nelson, Peter Turek, Gail Warner, Hugh Warner and Claudia Wert.