

MINUTES OF THE CBFA MEETING—SEPTEMBER 27, 2008, Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond, VA

Attendees: P. Ansoff, C. Bedwell, E. Billhimer, D. Broh-Kahn, C. Crabtree, D. Grimes, J. Lanterman, J. Lowe, G. Nedved, J. Radel, C. Wert, G. White

The business meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Flag Association was held at the beginning of the afternoon. Chris Bedwell displayed the flag of the City of Richmond.

The group discussed with Peter Ansoff, who is also NAVA President, the ICV-22/NAVA-45 meeting to be held in the DC area in August of 2011, sponsored by NAVA and co-sponsored by CBFA. At the moment, Alexandria, Virginia is the likely venue for the Congress. The attendees all heartily endorsed the CBFA involvement and all pledged to be involved in being the manpower for the congress's logistics. As soon as the dates are finalized, we will ask everyone to secure the time on their calendars. At NAVA-42 in October in Austin, TX, Peter Ansoff and Jack Lowe will attend a meeting with the officers of FIAV (Fédération Internationale des Associations Vexillologiques).

Dale Grimes showed some of his collection of naval flags from Mare Island. Jack Lanterman showed several naval flags from the family of Civil War Navy Secretary Gideon Welles. Jack has been asked to appraise them as they are being donated to a museum. Peter Ansoff showed the new flag of Springfield, VA and discussed its design. Greg Nedved spoke of the contest for the International Flag of Language, which the Museum of Language in College Park is running. Several designs have already been submitted. Chris Bedwell showed a few flags from his collection

The program of the day was a tour of the Flag Room at the Museum. Robert Hancock, the Curator of Collections, spent two hours showing items, both restored and unrestored, from the collection of over 500 flags. He spoke of the active flag conservation program which has enough restored flags to allow for rotation of flags on display in the galleries. He also spoke about the history and future of the Museum of the Confederacy. CBFA is greatly appreciative of his time and his knowledge.

The next meeting will be in the winter, most likely in Maryland.