# Location

Southern Recipes Grill, Patio; 2715 North Collins St., Arlington, TX 76006

# Call to Order

Following welcomes and thanks for attending, President Roger Wehr called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. Officers in attendance were, Roger Wehr, John Anderson, David Friels, Bob Wehr, Jerry Cope and Ron Carter. Ron arrived at approximately 10:25 am. No others were in attendance.

Agenda – 2019 Texas SAR Fall BOM in Arlington or Ft Worth, TX

## **Backgrround**

Promoting good will and as a potential money maker, last December 2018 the chapter officers agreed to pursue hosting the 2019 Texas SAR Fall BOM in Arlington or Ft Worth at either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of October 2019. John Anderson of the Arlington Chapter and Mike Connelley & Ron Turner of the Ft. Worth Chapter are this specific State Meeting Committee co-chairs. Chapter members will be asked to assist as progress is made toward the actual convention dates. John Anderson lead today's discussion.

#### Current Contract Status

The Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau assisted seeking convention and meeting space from five area hotels. Their emphasis was for the Arlington Entertainment District. The only hotel expressing to negotiate is the Hilton at 2401 E Lamar St. Some of the others responded they did not have enough meeting rooms to meet our requirements. Football or not, the Hilton expressed their interest.

The current Texas State Society President Tom Jackson and some of his officers will review the contract and be the actual signers of the selected hotel contract, not the chapter officers nor committee. The latest contract version calls for signatures by Nov. 5, 2018. David Temple is inline to be the reigning Texas State Society President in the fall of 2019.

The current negotiated contract is basically 45 rooms for Friday and Saturday nights Oct. 4-5 with prior Sept. 12 cutoff date to release any unreserved rooms from TX SAR block and for general public reservation. Also, a \$5000 minimum food expense will be guaranteed.

Past Texas State Society Officers and State Meeting members state attendance is normally around 75 compatriots for two nights. They also state that a \$5000 minimum food expense is easily met. Tom Jackson has expressed his directive to not enter into any contract suspected of failure. He assured this state meeting committee that history shows the hosting chapters will

succeed. This specific 2019 Fall BOM contract is observed to be near the lowest room rate and lowest number of rooms of several recent years.

### Memorandum of Understanding

A draft copy of the draft 2018 New Braunfels BOM Memorandum of Understanding was distributed and discussed. It binds the State Meeting hosting chapters financially to the Texas State SAR Society. The chapters officers are expected to sign their commitment to the Texas State Society.

## Arlington Chapter Commitment

Going around the table, John Anderson asked each of those attending today's meeting if they had any questions or comments. No significant concerns were expressed. A statement of confidence was expressed to John Anderson of the facts depicted and they expressed a thank you for getting the Arlington Chapter involved. We agreed to discuss again after the knowledge of the 2018 Fall BOM facts and statistics are obtained.

Respectfully Submitted, John Anderson Texas SAR Chapter Secretary 2018 Janders981@sbcglobal.net www.texassar.org/Arlington