



Greetings from the Texas Society Governor—Peggy Jared



Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants Governor Peggy Jared

Dear fellow members of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants:

I hope each of you had a wonderful Easter season and you and your families are having a very pleasant spring.

It is hard to believe that almost two months have passed since the 2010 Annual Meeting in Houston. A number of significant things were accomplished, and several bylaw changes were made concerning membership and the application process. Those bylaws are printed in this newsletter. Please remove them or, better yet, photocopy them and put them in the bylaws section of your 2009-2011 yearbook.

One change made at the meeting is the removal of the Membership Committee as a part of the application process. The committee now follows a traditional purpose of

recruiting new members. In reality, all society members are members of this committee. We are the best publicity the Society can have as we live and work in our communities, having contact with many individuals who are prospective members. Please feel free to speak about our Society and to actively recruit prospective members. Some years ago, the General Society estimated there were perhaps 30 million Americans who could trace their descent from the Mayflower passengers. As we have now included all the women, some of whom had children prior to their marriages to the male passengers on the ship, the number of possible members has likely increased. The number is staggering, and it is certainly a challenge to reach as many as we can and recruit them as applicants. But, that is our task. Please do not hesitate to mention the wonderful group we have and the many activities in which our Society engages at both the State and General Society levels.

The Board of Assistants directed the State Governor to appoint several committees to study some concerns facing our organization. Very shortly, I shall be contacting some of you about serving on those committees. Our Society needs the input and help from our members, not just from our officers and committee chairmen. If you are contacted, I hope you will consider very seriously serving. We need you to assist us in making some important decisions and recommendations.

Even though the 2011 Annual Meeting is about ten months away, the plans for it are well underway. The meeting will be in San Antonio, Texas, on April 1-2, 2011. Please mark your calendars right now and plan to attend the meeting. The San Antonio Colony is discussing some exciting and enjoyable things for our group to do when we meet. As the meeting date is close to San Antonio's famous Fiesta celebration, you can expect color and festivities as well as business sessions and informative and inspiring speakers. The details for the event will be in the Spring edition of the newsletter.

The summer season will soon arrive; I hope each of you will have a refreshing and reinvigorating summer and be ready to begin the 2010-2011 meeting season filled with energy and enthusiasm. Stay safe and well.

Peggy Jared, Governor

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Hello from the DFW Colony!

The Dallas-Fort Worth Colony spring meeting was held 15 May at the home of Jean and David deSchweinitz in Colleyville, Tx. Jean is a descendant of Peter Brown and is the Colony Dep. Governor. Three new members were recognized. After enjoying barbecue and other delicious sides brought by the members, a short business meeting was held.

After the meeting, several members walked to Sparger Park to visit the Veterans Memorial.



SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE TEXAS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 2010 Annual Business Meeting of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants was held on March 27, 2010, at the Annual Meeting. Houston Colony Governor Charles Prince brought greetings and welcomed everyone to the meeting hosted by the Houston Colony. Governor Peggy Jared responded with thanks and appreciation to the Houston Colony for all of its hard work in hosting the Meeting.

A quorum being present, after disposing of procedural issues, with the Governor in the Chair and Recording Secretary present, the 2010 business session of the Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants proceeded to consider revisions of the bylaws was called to order. Governor Peggy Jared recognized Parliamentarian Patricia Howard, who presented the Standing Rules. Deputy Governor Mary Eck moved that the Standing Rules be adopted, motion seconded, motion passed unanimously. Governor Peggy Jared introduced our Governor General, Judith Swan, Deputy Governor General Bart Henson, Assistant General Patricia Howard, and State Officers, and welcomed all to our Annual Meeting

Governor Jared announced some changes in the state officers and chairmen, which have been approved by the Board of Assistants. Harlan Green resigned as State Captain; Rosalyn Williams has been appointed and affirmed as the new Captain. Pat Nichols has resigned as the Chairman of the Junior Membership Committee and TSOMD Newsletter Editor. Madeline Alworth has been appointed and affirmed as Chairman of the Junior Membership Committee, and Commander Richard Siemens has been appointed and affirmed as Newsletter Editor. The new officer and chairmen were welcomed to their new positions. Governor Jared also welcomed two new members, who were present, to the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants and read an installation message and oath to which they answered in the affirmative.

Governor Jared called for the Reports of Officers, which were filed in order, and then called for committee reports, and the reports of the Finance Committee, Education Committee, Publications Committee Chairman, Awards Committee, Public Relations Committee, Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Endowment Committee, Membership Committee, and Junior Membership Chairman. Special Committee Reports included those from the Library Committee, the Membership Records Scanning Project, the Scholarship Committee, which recommended that a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 be awarded to a college student majoring in history be established.

Governor Jared also received reports from the Colony Governors and representatives, the Amarillo, Central Texas, Corpus Christi Dallas/Ft Worth, Houston, Waco and San Antonio being represented. Tyler Colony had no report.

Governor Peggy Jared awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Mike Nichols for his extensive work on the Membership Records project in which he scanned all of the available Texas Society Membership Applications and back-up documents into digital electronic form. There being no further business, the business meeting was then adjourned. Finally, Mike Nichols was appointed to attend the General Society Meeting later this year in San Diego.

The following is the list of proposed changes which were under consideration at the 2010 Annual Business Meeting:

Article IV: Officers

Section 6: Duties of Officers

D: Corresponding Secretary

Remove the following sections from Corresponding Secretary duties and include in Co-Historian duties:

8. Have custody of the Preliminary Application (PA) forms and Application Review Forms (ARFs).
9. Answer inquiries concerning membership and mail Preliminary applications to prospective members.
10. Receive the Preliminary Applications, collect the application fee and forward the fee to the Treasurer.
11. Send the Application Review Forms (ARFs) with instructions to applicants who have paid the required fee and notify in writing the Governor and Treasurer.
13. Keep on file all Application Review, Regular, Supplemental, Junior and Life Membership forms.
18. Upon approval by the Historian General, assign a state number.
19. Upon receipt of the General Society number from the Historian General and assignment of the State number, promptly notify the Governor, Deputy Governor, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Colony Governor, giving each the correct name, address, state and general numbers, dates of approval and election and the ancestor's name.

Article VIII: Committees

Section 3: Duties of Standing Committees

K: Membership Committee

The duties of the Membership Committee shall be to recruit new members and forward information regarding interested parties to the Co-Historians for follow-up.

Bart Henson offered the following motions to amend the By Laws Committee proposal to Amend Article IV:

Officers; Section 6F Duties of Officers:

Motion 1. Motion to modify the By Laws Committee proposal by adding the following duties to the list of Co-Historian duties:

- Establish uniform treatment of applications for the Texas Society.
- Support the Colony Historian advisors with information and training so as to have a group of helpful and supportive contacts for applicants at the Colony level who will recruit new members and forward information regarding interested parties to the Co-Historians for follow up.
- Determine and report the status and results of the applications (by name) to the Texas Society at least quarterly including the age of applications in process. This report will be distributed to the Governor, Deputy Governor, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary and will be the basis upon which the Co-Historians are paid for completed work.

The motion was seconded, and the vote was 25 in favor, 0 against.

Motion 2. To amend Article IV; Officers; Section 6F Duties of Officers (Co-Historians):

Mr. Henson moved to modify the By Laws Committee proposed amendment by adding the following duties to the list of Co-Historian duties:

- Follow the guidelines of the General Society Historian's Office, including the priority of new member applications over supplemental applications.
- Supply a copy at least annually of approved applications and supporting papers to the person in the society who is scanning records into our membership records retention project, with the understanding that the person doing the scanning (if not a Co-Historian) will be obligated to hold all membership application information in confidence during and subsequent to the scanning process so as to safeguard the privacy of such member information.

The motion was seconded, and the vote was 25 in favor 0 against. Motion to amend the By Laws Committee proposal passed.

Motion 3. To amend the By Laws Committee proposal Article III, Membership.

Mr. Henson moved that in Sections 2A1, 2A2, 2B1,2B2, 3 and 3A of Article III, the term "Corresponding Secretary" be replaced with the term "Co-Historian" each and every time the term appears (9 times). The motion was seconded, and the vote was 26 in favor, 0 against.

Governor Jared requested a vote on the Proposal #1 from the By-Laws Committee as amended by motions 1, 2 and 3 above. Proposal carried as amended 26 in favor, 0 against.

Governor Jared called a vote on the Proposal #2 by the By-Laws Committee on Article VIII Committees; Section 3 Duties of Standing Committees; Section K Membership .

Mike Nichols moved a substitute proposal #2 that: We dissolve the Membership Committee. This motion seconded and passed, 26 in favor, 0 against.

Governor Jared called a vote on the original By-Laws Committee Proposal #2 on Article VIII Committees, Section 3, Duties of Standing Committees, Section K Membership. The vote failed by 26 votes against, and 0 in favor.

Chairman Jane Power moved that editorial changes be made by committee, and the motion passed.

The changes can be summarized below, for those who are choosing to mark your books of bylaws:

Article	Section	Change	Comment/ other
III	2A1	Change "Corresponding Secretary" to "Co-Historian"	2 places; in amended motion
	2A2	Change "Corresponding Secretary" to "Co-Historian"	1 place; in amended motion
	2B1	Change "Corresponding Secretary" to "Co-Historian"	1 place; in amended motion
	2B2	Change "Corresponding Secretary" to "Co-Historian"	2 places; in amended motion
	3	Change "Corresponding Secretary" to "Co-Historian"	2 places; in amended motion
	4A	Change "Corresponding Secretary" to "Co-Historian"	1 place. Was misstated in the motion as 3A
IV	6D8	Delete, move to Section 6F	In original motion
	6D9	Delete, move to Section 6F	In original motion
	6D10	Delete, move to Section 6F	In original motion
	6D11	Delete, move to Section 6F	In original motion
	6D12	Delete, move to Section 6F	Consistent with moving all membership functions to the Co-Historians.
	6D13	Delete, move to Section 6F	In original motion
	6D17	Deleted the second sentence (deals with membership files)	This might be considered part of the editorial changes needed.
	6D18	Delete, move to Section 6F	In original motion
	6D19	Delete, move to Section 6F	In original motion
	6F	Add the items moved from Article IV Section 6D above	In original motion, as amended
	6F	Add the items from my amendment motions 1 and 2	In motion as amended
VIII	1	Delete mention of Membership Committee	This is part of the editorial changes needed.
	3K	Delete	In amendment motion
Standing rule	18	Delete	I know we discussed this but don't remember whether this was approved.
Editorial changes		Approved having the By Laws Committee make editorial changes to numbering and wording consistent with the major changes approved at the meeting.	An approved motion

Scenes from the 2010 Annual Meeting in Houston:



State Governor Peggy Jared greets Governor General Judith Swan, a guest at the Annual Meeting



Recording Secretary Leah Davis and Parliamentarian Pat Howard at the business meeting



Sons of the American Revolution President General Judge Edward F. Butler brings greeting from the National Society



Houston Colony Governor Charles Prince welcomes members and guests to the banquet



Governor General Judith Swan, SAR President General Judge Edward F. Butler, and Texas Governor Peggy Jared



Houston Colony Elder and Acting State Elder for the 2010 Annual Meeting Richard Smith, and Ann Harder, both of whom conducted a moving memorial service for our past members.

In Memoriam



The following are those members who have been reported to the Society as having departed this life between March 2009 and March 2010:

Dallas-Ft. Worth Colony

Dorothy Davidson Symmonds	March 27, 2009	Dallas	GS 53508 TX 1402
Judge Leonard E Hoffman	May 22, 2009	Dallas	GS 21380 TX 0228
Bessie Hutchinson Miller	June 12, 2009	Richardson	GS 62208 TX 1881
Barbara Stickney Schwartz	September 15, 2009	Grand Prairie	GS 51193 TX 1320
Frances Johnson Tidmore	October 9, 2009	Richardson	GS 59118 TX 1745
Patricia Young Abrams	December 23, 2009	Dallas	GS 74128 TX 2381
Priscilla Chester Harwell	January 4, 2010	Arlington	GS 33555 TX 2508

Houston Colony

Margaret Dickey Harpster	May 23, 2009	Houston	GS 44381 TX 1148
Virginia Winegar Brady	September 14, 2009	Conroe	GS 51321 TX 1317
Nancy Reynolds Tiner	May 11, 2010	College Station	GS 66542 TX 2054

Waco Colony

Robert Atwood Vernon	December 30, 2009	Comanche	GS 32415 TX0669
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General Texas Members

Stephen Gregg Jr.	June 9, 2009	Wimberley	GS 66253 TX 2042
Joanne Cochran Phillips	July 29, 2009	Bryan	GS 70344 TX 2186
Naomi Sloan Hilburn	March 3, 2010	Louisville, KY	GS 23162 TX0274
Elizabeth Louise Dannelly	January 9, 2010	Jefferson	GS#40000 TX0989
Robert Frederick Cairns	February 3, 2010	Houston	GS# 63096 TX1922

New Juniors By Approval

1044 Emma Grace Atkinson	John Alden	Sponsor: Diane Atkinson
1045 Elliott Peter Crane	John Alden	Sponsor: Harold Crane
1046 Anne Elizabeth Mayfield	Myles Standish	Sponsor: Andrea Mayfield
1047 Kathleen Bordley Mayfield	Myles Standish	Sponsor: Andrea Mayfield
1048 Kelly Renee Pruett	Francis Cooke	Sponsor: Dona Hatthorn



New Members By Approval

GS #	TX#	Name	City	Ancestor
81729	2739	William Glen Dager	McKinney	William Bradford
81743	2740	Betty Jean Gosdin	Glen Rose	George Soule
81756	2741	Judith Gail Fritsch Bland	The Woodlands	William Bradford
81799	2742	Audrey Dalas Cook Bines	Breckenridge	John Alden
81841	2743	John Lee Jansma	Helotes	John Howland
81871	2744	Geneva Kay Wagner Bakken	Gonzales	William Brewster
81901	2745	Joan Stana Dillingham	Dallas	George Soule
81985	2746	Jennifer Mary Mitten	Dallas	John Alden
82044	2747	Steven Demetrius Bland	Houston	William Bradford
82045	2748	Melissa Lynn Bland Thering	Spring	William Bradford
82068	2749	Shirley Arline Wilson Brown	Houston	William Bradford
82107	2750	David Walter Kaspereit	Plano	Myles Standish

Supplemental Lines

Marilyn Funderburk	Samuel Fuller
Nealan Kerwin	James Chilton
Keith Beers	Elizabeth Fisher
John Hardin	William Brewster
Margaret (Peggy) Durack	William Bradford

More scenes from around the 2010 Annual Meeting in Houston:



What kind of live animal is in that box?



Governor General Judith Swan displays the gift presented by the Houston Colony



Prospective member Melissa Thering with husband Mark and son Matthew enjoy the Saturday banquet.



Nancy Powers, her husband Dr. Edward Powers and their daughter Nicole receive applause at the Annual Banquet



Rebecca Wood, Nancy Tiner and Mary Eck



Governor General Judith Swan addresses the Annual Banquet

Editorial

Pilgrim, Puritan. What's the Difference?

A former U.S. president once referred in a speech to “that old Pilgrim, John Winthrop.” Few people seemed really to notice, but more than a few historians did. Governor John Winthrop, of course, was a Puritan and leader of the Massachusetts Bay Colony who had nothing to do with the coming to America of the Pilgrims of the *Mayflower* group a decade earlier.

The subject of what separates the Pilgrims from the Puritans could fill a college semester, but since we have only one page to work with, their differences can be boiled down to the timing of their voyages, the location of their settlement, and their church affiliations.

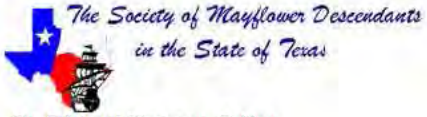
First, the timing of the Pilgrims coming to the New World to found Plymouth Colony in 1620 is, of course, well known. The Massachusetts Bay Colony was settled in 1629, with much better defenses, supplies and financial backing. Moreover, we should not forget, in the face of those who would attempt to minimize the importance of the Pilgrims, that several English colonies had failed, most notably Roanoke, which had mysteriously disappeared, before the *Mayflower* set sail. Today it seems indisputable that had the Plymouth Colony failed also, the later colonization of Massachusetts Bay would never have occurred. This means that in all likelihood, European colonization of North America would have unfolded very differently, and this continent would not likely be populated by two English-speaking nations.

As to the locations, the Puritans of the Massachusetts Bay Colony were located to the north in a much larger bay (Boston), with a better harbor. Some of the Pilgrims, upon their first visit up the coast from Plymouth, lamented the fact that they had not discovered and settled in Massachusetts Bay. In hindsight, though, the natives were in fact much friendlier around Plymouth, and the tiny Pilgrim colony's defenders might not have fared too well up north with the much more aggressive Massachusetts tribe.

Finally, while Pilgrims and Puritans shared much in common in terms of religious belief, they had some stark differences as well. The Puritans got their name from their desire to “purify” the Church of England of Catholic holidays, ceremonies and other trappings that could not be found in Scripture. The Pilgrims certainly agreed that the Church of England had too many “Romish” influences, but they went still further, saying that the King's Church was beyond repair, and they considered the Leyden and Plymouth churches to be separate from it. In an era when state religions were the norm, this made the Pilgrims seem, to their fellow Englishmen, strange at best, “mongrel Dutch” to others, and untrustworthy expatriates at worst. The term “separatist” was insulting, and was also occasionally used. Perhaps most importantly, the Puritans believed in state religion, while the Pilgrims allowed much more religious toleration and less influence by the church over the civil government. So we should, I think, take great comfort that out of these “small beginnings” (Gov. Bradford's term), meaning the Pilgrims' Plymouth colony, the enduring example of religious liberty was established.



Forefathers Monument, Plymouth, MA



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