

VIRGINIA SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR COMMISSION
Report of the Executive Committee
Speaker of the House William J. Howell, Chairman
September 15, 2008

Call to Order- Speaker Howell

Executive Committee members present: Speaker William J. Howell, Senator Charles J. Colgan, Sr., Delegate Albert C. Eisenberg, Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr., and Dr. Charles F. Bryan, Jr.

Speaker Howell welcomed committee members and those present at the meeting. He introduced Dr. Paul A. Levengood who will succeed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia Historical Society, Dr. Charles F. Bryan, Jr., in November.

Micro-Grants to Local Committees- Hollis Sullivan

Hollis Sullivan, Virginia Tourism Corporation, briefed the committee on the application procedure and administration of the micro-grant program. The micro-grant program is a 1:1 matching grant for tourism promotion efforts and expenses related to the sesquicentennial. The Commission will have a role in scoring applicants and determining recipients.

Many local committees have expressed their excitement for this program.

Proposed Venue Changes for "*America's Great Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia*"- Dr. Charles F. Bryan, Jr.

Dr. Bryan, Virginia Historical Society, discussed a possible venue change for the museum exhibition due to Fredericksburg Area Museum not meeting certain conditions set forth by VHS. A motion by Delegate Howell, seconded by Senator Colgan, and unanimously approved by the Executive Committee concurred with the recommendation to change the exhibit venue and the letter which will be sent to the Fredericksburg Area Museum.

Dr. Bryan proposed taking the exhibit to the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. The museum is currently being constructed and will be required to meet certain conditions.

Other Business- Workgroup 2 (Signature Events & Activities) will meet September 24, 2008, and Workgroup 1 (Coordination) will meet October 15, 2008.