



Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Meeting  
Government House, Annapolis, Maryland  
October 27, 2009  
11:00am to 1:00pm

## Meeting Minutes

### Welcome and introductions

In attendance: Governor Martin O'Malley, Raymond Mason, U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, Michael Busch, Eloise Foster, John Griffin, Richard Hall, Thomas V. Mike Miller, Albert Small, Larry Duncan (for Robert Stevens), Beverley Swaim-Staley, Colm O'Comartun, Colleen Lamont, Bill Pencek, Kathi Ash, and Kate Marks

### Reports

Bill Pencek provided an overview of the War of 1812 in Maryland and Executive Order 01.01.2007.17, issued by Governor O'Malley on September 8, 2007 to establish the Commission. Thirteen Commissioners will serve and Raymond, "Chip" Mason has agreed to serve as Chair. A motion to elect US Senator Paul Sarbanes as Vice Chair was made, seconded, and unanimously passed. Voting for the two remaining Executive Committee members will take place at the next meeting once the remaining two Commission vacancies have been filled. Invitations to serve have been sent.

Bill Pencek presented the draft action plan for the Commission. This plan incorporates project ideas and feedback from War of 1812 stakeholders from across the state. The plan is flexible and will be used for fundraising. To see a full copy of the plan, <http://starspangled200.org/About/Documents/Action%20Plan.pdf>. Bill Pencek presented the Rules of Procedure and Action Plan. After a brief discussion, resolutions approving the Rules of Procedure and the Action Plan were moved and passed.

There are seven Advisory Committees that will serve the Commission to implement the bicentennial plans. Within the next few months, these Committees will convene and prepare a report for the next Commission meeting.

The role of the Commission was discussed. Bill Pencek described the Commission as a clearinghouse that will also assist in raising matching funds for the commemorative coin through the US Treasury. The coin has the potential to net the Commission \$8.5 million dollars that need to be matched 1:1. To date, the legislation for the coin has passed the House but not the Senate. Several individuals agreed to talk to contacts to help with the passage of the bill.

Accomplishments to date include a new logo, a Star-Spangled themed license plate (available June 14, 2010), and plans for a large-scale Naval event in Baltimore harbor in June 2012. The Maryland Office of Tourism is also working on an interactive online map that uses Arc-GIS software. It will be up by Memorial Weekend 2010 and will feature War of 1812 information.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.