

# Board Ignores Vagnozzi, Lichtman For Posts

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claim to represent a majority of the community when the voter turnout each year is only about 10%. At best, we all represent groups within the community.

The only answer given by the five voting in the majority was supplied by Peters who managed to comment: "I'm afraid you are reading more into the selection of officers than what's in it."

Apparently, Perrin nominated Washburn for president because of his seniority as a school trustee and because he had served as board president in the past.

In the absence of supporting reasons given, it is unclear why Washburn nominated Perrin for vice-president unless the view is accepted that the conservatives in control wanted conservatives for board posts and were willing to ignore any trustee showing liberal tendencies.

VAGNOZZI nominated both Mrs. Stirling and Peters, explaining that this was the slate the five had agreed on earlier. Apparently Washburn and Mrs. Stirling decided against continuing with the slate after the two dissidents made their views public.

At any rate, the slate selected by telephone was the one finally elected.

In nominating Lichtman for board president, Vagnozzi noted that traditionally, when the vice-presidency was created, it was felt the vice-president would be a training period with that individual moving up to president the next year. He observed that Peters

was moved up last year from vice president.

By his diligence and devotion, Vagnozzi continued, Lichtman has earned the right to be president of the board. He has devoted countless hours to the district as chairman of the board's curriculum committee which has been the most active committee on the board, Vagnozzi said.

Lichtman's abilities were acknowledged by the Oakland County Intermediate School District, which recently not only elected him as a trustee but did so with the top vote (18 out of 22 cast), Vagnozzi continued.

The position of president should not rest with one or two members of the board, he added. "Education is too divergent, and community views are divergent enough, that no one or two persons should serve as president. Persons with differing viewpoints should hold that position also."

IN NOMINATING Vagnozzi for vice-president, Lichtman observed that the board's president has been to move up to vice-president a trustee who served as an officer the previous year.

"Although Vagnozzi may have been less different from other members, he has conducted himself as secretary beyond reproach."

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John Glover as an individual from Massachusetts worthy of recognition for his contributions.

"In war, the little men who fight and die are often overlooked in history," said Beasley in explaining his selection of Glover.

Glover, a shoemaker and part-time fisherman, commanded the 21st Regiment formed from colonists living in Marblehead, Mass.

Without the 21st Regiment to aid Gen. George Washington, Beasley claimed, the American Revolution might have been lost.

Glover had the only amphibious force in the American Army, and in a battle to save New York in 1776, saved Gen. Washington from disaster by carrying colonial troops across the river.

On Dec. 25, 1776, during the attack on Trenton, Beasley observed, it was Glover's regiment which carried the American troops across the Delaware River.

These two occasions, he said, were military turning points in the war and helped Washington gain his final victory at Yorktown.

Beasley was the invited speaker for last year's observance but it was rained out. Given a rain check, the judge returned this year and finished all but about two minutes of his speech before heavy rains came.



ANGUS J. MacKENZIE of 30710 10 Mile, Farmington, has been elected secretary of the Wayne State University Alumni Association for 1970-71.

Lichtman said Vagnozzi acted impartially as secretary and worked harder than anyone on the board. "It would be an unfair situation if Vagnozzi is not allowed to serve as vice-president of the board. Having served as secretary, it is a

logical step to move him to vice-president."

DURING THE PAST year, Peters, Perrin and Washburn often voted in the minority on issues.

But with the defeat in June of incumbent Richard

Frankel and Mrs. Patricia Smith, the trio of incumbents gained a clear majority after being joined by newcomers Ronald Emmitt and Mrs. Kay Stirling.

The quickness of action and lack of discussion from the

majority may be an omen of how future board meetings will be conducted.

Monday's organization meeting was an obvious power play with little attempt to compromise—an observation confirmed by the unwillingness

to give Vagnozzi the vice-presidency after passing on Lichtman.

It was quite different from last year's organizational meeting when Peters, despite being in the minority, was elevated to president.

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