



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**11 June 2016**

The 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Meeting of the Naval Historical Foundation (NHF) was called to order by the Chairman, Admiral William J. Fallon at 12:28 pm on Saturday, 11 June 2016 in the Cold War Gallery of the National Museum of the U.S. Navy at the Washington Navy Yard. This meeting was convened following the David Leighton Lecture by Dr. Anna Holloway on "The Battle of Hampton Roads in Popular Music." Approximately 60 NHF members attended and a quorum was present to conduct Foundation business. (See attachment 1 for agenda).

The June 2015 Annual Meeting minutes were unanimously approved by member voice vote.

The Board of Directors recommended to the members that Admiral Fallon and Rear Adm. Arthur N. "Bud" Langston be elected to the Board for three year terms; Adm. Fallon as chairman, Rear Adm. Langston as president. A motion to that effect was approved unanimously by the members.

The Board of Directors also recommended that the following directors, whose terms expire as of this meeting, be re-elected for follow on three year terms: Ms. Wood, Mr. Bollinger, Rear Adm. Mitchell, Dr. Pilling, Capt. Gauthier, Mr. Honigman and Mr. Miller. The members unanimously voted to approve those directors for re-election.

Amendments to the By-Laws (attachment 2) were unanimously approved to:

- (1) Replace the Advisory Council with Foundation Trustees to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the chairman. Approximately eight members of the Advisory Council will serve as the initial complement of the Trustees, and directors completing their three-year terms on the Board may be asked to join the Trustees.
- (2) Authorize the chairman to call for Board votes by email where appropriate.

NHF member Capt. John Paulson was recognized as NHF Volunteer of the Year for 2015 for his dedicated efforts in support of the Foundation's highly successful STEM-H program. (see attachment 3 for the Board resolution).

As a courtesy to the leadership of the North American Society on Oceanic History (NASOH), whose annual meeting was held earlier in the year, NHF staff member Dr. Dave Winkler, who also serves on the NASOH book award committee, presented award plaques to NHHC staff member Dr. John Sherwood and former NHHC staff member Mr. Roy Grossnick (both of whom are NHF members).

NHF executive director Capt. Creekman briefed the members on program accomplishments since the 2015 meeting, including history conferences attended, membership activities, publications and social media outreach, the STEM-H program partnership through an Office of Naval Research grant, and the various NHF recognition and awards programs.

Audit Committee Chairman Rear Adm. Paige stated that the Foundation received an "unmodified opinion," the highest level of confidence in financial operations, from our auditors, Councilor, Buchanan and Mitchell for fiscal year 2015.

Finance Committee member Mr. Bollinger delivered the financial report, stressing that we can no longer easily fund annual operating deficits. Expenses have been cut, and unrestricted fundraising remains difficult, but essential for the long term health of the organization.

Rear Adm. Langston described NHF's "New Vector," the new direction that the Foundation will take with a focus on undersea exploration and online history forums.

There being no other new business, Adm. Fallon adjourned the Annual Membership Meeting at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles T. Creekman  
Executive Director

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. By-Laws Approved 2016
3. Volunteer of the Year Board Resolution