

**MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
MINUTES OF THE YEAR 2007 ANNUAL MEETING**

DATE: April 21, 2007

PLACE: Dedham Country and Polo Club, Dedham, Massachusetts

TIME: 12:30 PM

Governor Wigmore Pierson called to order the 111th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Rev. John McLaughlin, our Elder gave the invocation.

Captain Gail Terry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Guest pianist, Sunny O'Malley led in the singing of the National Anthem.

Governor Pierson recognized the following distinguished guests:

Peter Arenstam, Manager of the Maritime Artisans Department at Plimoth Plantation, and his wife, Nick Stanton- Leader of the Borough of Southwark Borough Council, England, Ann Smith-Lainhart - Historian General, Caroline Kardell – Past Historian General, Virginia Mucciaccio and James Doty – Past Governors, and Peggy Baker – Director and Librarian for the Pilgrim Society and Pilgrim Hall Museum.

Governor Pierson also introduced the present Officers and Board of Assistants.

First time attendees and new members introduced themselves and former members of the Board of Assistants were introduced.

Governor Pierson presented retiring Board of Assistants member, Mary McCarl, with a plaque recognizing her service to the Society.

Virginia A. Mucciaccio, Chairman of the Nominating Committee that was composed of Harold C. Coughlin, Barbara L. Dillon, Mary Jane McArthur and Annette P. Sechen nominated the following candidates for election.

Governor Wigmore Pierson
Deputy Governor Michael Studley
Secretary Alice L. Mohnkern
Treasurer Judith Chace Needham
Historian James W. Lucas
Captain Gail E. Terry
Elder Rev. John N. McLaughlin
Surgeon Nancy Edwards, M.D.

Counselor Richard Standish Gilmore, Esq.

Board of Assistants 2007-2010

James W. Baker
Bruce O. Bistran, M.D.
Tuckerman L. Dyer

Drew Bartley, Librarian/Archivist moved that the nominations be closed. All were in favor. James Doty moved and Sunny O'Malley seconded that the Secretary cast one vote to accept the slate as presented.

Historian General, Ann Lainhart installed the newly elected Board members in their respective offices.

Governor Pierson asked Drew Bartley, Librarian/Archivist to speak about the digitizing project.

Governor Pierson introduced Nick Stanton, Leader of the Borough of Southwark who brought greetings from England.

Governor Pierson then introduced the speaker of the day, Peter Arenstam, Manager of the Maritime Artisans Department at Plimoth Plantation. Mr. Arenstam spoke about the history, construction and voyage of Mayflower II and of the plans for the celebration of the 50th year anniversary of the voyage in July.

The benediction was given by Rev. John McLaughlin.

Alice Mohnkern, Secretary

