

**MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2009**

Date: April 4, 2009

Place: Atlantica Restaurant, Cohasset, Mass.

Time: 12:30 PM

Governor Wigmore Pierson called to order the 113th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants. Elder Rev. Anne Robertson gave the invocation. Captain Gail Terry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Governor Pierson recognized the following distinguished guests:

Guest Speaker Paula Peters, Director of Marketing at Plimoth Plantation
and her husband Mark Harding.
Past Governor W. Howard Mayo III
Past Governor Virginia Mucciaccio
Alicia Crane Williams, Assistant Historian General
Peggy Baker, Director and Librarian for the Pilgrim Hall Museum.

Governor Pierson also introduced the present Officers and Board of Assistants along with Scott Andrew Bartley, Librarian, Archivist and Editor of the *Mayflower Compact*, George L. Whiting, Esq., incoming counselor, Governor Pierson's wife Molly and son Morgan, ESC Consultants John Woodard and Susan Moloney.

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

Scott Andrew Bartley offered the name of Dr. Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs for Honorary Membership in the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants to recognize his years of scholarship, dedication to the memory of the *Mayflower* passengers and the willingness to share what he has learned. This was seconded by Virginia Mucciaccio. Dr. Bangs was unanimously voted an honorary member.

W. Howard Mayo, III, chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for election:

Governor Michael Hunt Studley, Esq.
Deputy Governor Richard Standish Gilmore, Esq.
Secretary Alice LaRose Mohnkern
Treasurer Judith Chace Needham
Historian James W. Lucas
Surgeon Bruce R. Bistran, M.D., Ph.D.
Counselor George L. Whiting Jr., Esq.
Captain Donald F. Nelson

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C. Whitney Clayton Jr.
Joyce L. Pendery
Alicia Crane Williams

There were no further nominations. It was moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one vote to elect the slate as presented. The motion was seconded. All were in favor. Past Governor Virginia Mucciaccio installed the newly elected members to their respective offices.

Past Governor Pierson presented retiring Captain Gail Terry with a certificate of appreciation for her years of service to the Society.

Newly elected Governor Michael Studley was introduced and spoke a few words.

Speaker of the day, Paula Peters, was introduced and spoke about the relationships of the Wampanoag and Pilgrims and of their contributions to Plimoth Plantation. She received a hearty standing ovation.

Following Ms. Peter's talk, Governor Michael Studley presented Past Governor Wigmore Pierson with a framed certificate of appreciation and a Past Governor's medallion.

Elder Rev. Anne Robertson gave the benediction.

Alice Mohnkern, Secretary