



**Steamship Historical Society of America, Inc.**  
**86th Annual Meeting of Members - 2022**  
*SSHSA's Ship History Center, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI*  
Saturday, 08 October, 2022, 10:00AM Eastern

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions – President, Pat Dacey
- II. Determination of Quorum – Secretary, Andrew Coggins
- III. Call for the Ballots – Executive Director, Matthew Schulte
- IV. Approval of Minutes - 2021 Annual Meeting –Secretary, Andrew Coggins
- V. Reports:
  - President, Pat Dacey – 5 minutes
  - Treasurer, Nick Langhart – 5 minutes
  - Executive Director, Matt Schulte – 5 minutes
    - Education, Aimee Bachari; Clip of SHIPS YouTube video
    - Membership, Bryan Lucier; Clip of Steamboat Webinar
    - Archivist, Astrid Drew; Clip of Immigration podcast
    - Fundraising, Matt Schulte
- VI. Election of Directors
  - Thank you to Tom Ragan & Doug Bryan for service on the board
- VII. Other Business
  - Award(s) Presentation to Richard Turnwald & Andy Lizak
- VIII. Approval of the Lawful Acts of the Board of Directors since the 2021 Annual Meeting of Members (23 October 2021 in Warwick, RI)
- IX. Adjournment

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**STEAMSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING**

Official notice is hereby given to all members that the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held in-person & online via Zoom at the SSHSA Ship History Center, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island, 02886

on **Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 10:00 am Eastern time.** *CDR Andrew Coggins, Secretary*

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**BALLOT**

Each member is requested to cast his/her ballot for new Board Members to take office in October 2022. Two Board Members are being elected to serve three-year terms and one is being elected to serve a one-year term. The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates. No nominations by petition were received this year. You may write in other members' names if you choose. The names of all present Board Members may be found on page four of the Summer 2022 issue #322 of *PowerShips* magazine. \* indicates present director or officer on the ballot below.

**NOMINEES FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS:**

**CAPT David Pickering** \* - Warwick, RI.

Dave has been an SSHSA member for nine years, & was elected to the SSHSA Board for three-year terms in 2016 & 2019. He's founder of Seamanship and Leadership Training for Youths (S.A.L.T.Y.), a nonprofit offering sailing adventures aboard traditional Sailing vessels for Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Gold Star Teen, YMCA and other youth organizations. Dave founded Preventure, Inc. in 1984 & grew the business from startup to a multi-million dollar enterprise over a 30-year period. Dave retired from Preventure in 2014, and is a licensed USCG Merchant Marine Officer.

**CAPT Eric Takakjian** \* - Fairhaven, MA.

Eric has been an SSHSA member for nearly 30 years, & was elected to the SSHSA Board for three-year terms in 2016 & 2019. He's a professional mariner who's been sailing ships and oceangoing tugboats around the world since 1978. He's currently employed by The Vane Brothers Company as captain aboard an oceangoing tugboat. He and his wife Lori both served in the U.S. Coast Guard and formerly owned and operated the research vessel *QUEST*, conducting oceanographic and shipwreck research in the Northeast United States & outer continental shelf waters. An avid diver and researcher, CAPT Takakjian has conducted extensive historical research on New England shipwrecks, resulting in the location of more than 70 previously undiscovered shipwrecks.

**NOMINEE FOR ONE-YEAR TERM:**

**CAPT Terry Tilton** \* - San Diego, CA.

Terry has served on SSHSA's board for eight years & is eligible now for one more year. He grew up on a farm in Iowa, but as a young man he longed for the sea. He attended and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, serving 25 years as a Naval Officer and completing a career qualified to command any ship in the Navy. He collects unique maritime artifacts, including one of the finest collections of ship builder's plates. He is a researcher and author of several feature-length articles in *PowerShips*, most notably his extensive compilations on companies such as Ingalls Shipbuilding & his most recent article featuring the Delta Line. He is also an active participant as researcher, author, speaker, and former officer in the Southern California Chapter of SSHSA.

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Nominating Committee: Mr. Tom Ragan, Chairman, Ms. Darshell Silva & Mr. Nick Langhart

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**PROXY**

I do hereby appoint & designate below, any one of the following members to serve as my agent & proxy at SSHSA's annual meeting on October 8, 2022, on such business as may lawfully come before the meeting:

Mr. Barry Eager  CDR Andrew Coggins  CAPT Jimmy Zatwarnicki  other \_\_\_\_\_

And especially I authorize & instruct such proxy to cast my vote for SSHSA Board of Directors as marked on this ballot. This proxy is revocable at my will, & may be modified by letter addressed to the Secretary of SSHSA.

Member's name \_\_\_\_\_ Member's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** You may cast your ballot in one of three ways:

- 1) **Vote by mail**, MARK THE BALLOT (top), MARK and SIGN THE PROXY (just above), and send to: SSHSA Chief Teller, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886.
  - 2) **Vote in person**, if you attend the Annual Meeting. **RETAIN THIS BALLOT and BRING IT WITH YOU.** If you vote in person, do not fill out or sign the proxy.
  - 3) **Vote electronically.** You must fill out the ballot and proxy with signature, then scan the completed document and email it to [info@sshhsa.org](mailto:info@sshhsa.org). You also may fax the completed document to SSHSA at 401-463-3572. **SSHSA must receive all ballots by October 07, 2022. Thank you.**
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I. 10:05 Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions – President, Don Leavitt

10:06 Determination of Quorum – Secretary, Andrew Coggins

26 members on Zoom call. 50 proxies received. Bylaws require 25 members, Quorum met.

II. 10:07 Call for the Ballots – Executive Director, Matthew Schulte

III. 10:08 Approval of Minutes - 2019 Annual Meeting –Secretary, Andrew Coggins

MOVED: Andrew Coggins

SECONDED: Jimmy Zatwarnicki/Ted Scull

APPROVED: Unanimously

IV. Reports:

10:09 President, Don Leavitt

President discussed accomplishments of the past year. Stated SSHSA is moving to SSHSA 2.0. Cited decision to move to a professional management staff and the impact of digital media on SSHSA's transition into future. Sees SSHSA well poised for future.

10:11 Treasurer, Nick Langhart

SSHSA is in a healthy financial state. Treasurer reported the grants received and that \$30K Posner Challenge was met. Noted building acquisition as the financial highlight.

10:12 Executive Director, Matt Schulte

Executive Director thanked all who helped over the past year, especially, the Posner Family and Foundation, in the "Full Ahead Campaign, SSHSA's first capital campaign. Mentioned that SSHSA has

received lots of objects for the Collection as a result of COVID cleaning and the building acquisition as the SSHSA home. Ongoing projects include restoration of the Committee Structure, an external audit, and grant submissions. Mentioned we now have 3 websites:

General, Educational, and Full Ahead

Concluded with a special thanks to the staff for their hard work.

10:17 Archivist, Astrid Drew

Astrid explained what she does. She's been with SSHSA for 13 years.

10:21 Membership, Bryan Lucier

Bryan explained what he does. He thanked all the members for their support, raised \$160,000 from memberships in 2020. SSHSA has emerged from 2020 stronger than when it went in. Bryan has been with SSHSA for 6 years.

10:21 Education, Aimee Bachari

Aimee reported from Ireland. She explained what she does and how she's been promoting Ship History.org. She covered redesign of the education website, improvements in accessibility, and establishment of a new program called "Ships." They're posting on social media Monday-Friday and host a Friday Film Night on YouTube. Aimee has been with SSHSA for 4 years.

10:25 Fundraising, Michele Berard

Michele explained what she does and noted accomplishments of moving the Ocean Liner Gala to virtual and the "Full Ahead" Campaign. Gifts increased from 482 in 2019 to 694 in 2020 and from \$345,000 to \$808,000, respectively. She noted philanthropy is 80% of SSHSA's income. Michele gave a special thanks to Karen Weavill for her help.

Matt concluded by thanking other staff with "Power Ships," all volunteers, and the committees' leaders.

## V. Election of Directors

10:31 Barry Eager, Don Leavitt, Doug Tilden, and Eric Wiberg were elected to three-year terms and Terry Tilton was elected to a one-year term. The outgoing President thanked Dr. Lawrence Miller for his 9 years of service on the board.

## VI. Other Business

10:33 Award Presentation to Mr. Hilary Russell

Award was presented by outgoing President, Don Leavitt, as new President Pat Dacey couldn't attend meeting due to a death in the family. Mr. Russell expressed his thanks and deep appreciation to SSHSA for the Award.

10:40 YouTube clip of Immigration video

Collaboration of Aimee Bachari and Ted Scull. Focused on Italian Immigration to US. Upcoming video to focus on emigrating to the U.S. on the SS United States.

VII. 10:49 Approval of the Lawful Acts of the Board of Directors since the 2020 Annual Meeting of Members (29 August 2020 in Warwick, RI)

MOVED: EricTakakjian

SECONDED: Doug Bryan

VIII. 10:51 Adjournment

MOVED: Carl R. Nold

SECONDED: Jimmy Zatwarnicki

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew O. Coggins, Jr.

Secretary October 23, 2021

# Treasurer's Report

## Steamship Historical Society of America

October 08, 2022

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For the fiscal year 2021 and as of December 31, 2021 we had posted ordinary income of \$ 1,036,660 against expenses of (\$ 646,368), for a net profit/loss of \$ 390,292. With other income of \$55,336 and other expenses of (\$42, 515) our total net income grew to \$403,114

Account Balances as of 12/31/21 compared to 12/31/20:

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Checking &	\$		
Savings	\$	713,127	387,744
Investments	\$	114,231	116,947
SubTotal	\$	827,358	504,691
Total	\$	827,358	504,691

Submitted,

Nick Langhart  
Treasurer