

EXPEDITION MESSENGER

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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New Bylaws Adopted!

At the June 20th Directors Meeting, held at the Colburn House, the AEHS directors unanimously adopted a new set of bylaws. This was the first major revision of them since the establishment of the Society in the late 1960's. These changes had been discussed and debated for more than two years prior to their enactment. Under the former bylaws, it is the directors who are empowered to make such changes.

There are many minor changes made to modernize the bylaws, however there are four major changes of which the members should be made aware.

1. The new name of the governing body is changed from the Board of Directors, to the **Board of Governance**.
2. The four major officers, president, vice president, secretary and treasurer all become voting members of the new Board.
3. The Board is reduced in number from its present fifteen members to thirteen. This will include the four officers and nine directors.
4. The term of office for all officers and the nine directors shall be three years.

The new bylaws shall become effective at our upcoming Annual Meeting on September 17, 2016 with the election of a new Board of Governance.

Because of the importance of these changes, the new Bylaws are printed in this edition on pages 5-6 for all members to examine. If there are questions or comments, they may be directed to President Fred Clark or to the Secretary, Steve Clark. Their addresses are found elsewhere in this edition.

We hope the Society members will find these changes appropriate, even though dry reading.

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Nominating Committee Proposes New Slate

The nominating committee consisting of Norm Kalloch, Alan Burnell and Rocky Freeman has completed its work. At the September 17th Annual Meeting, the following slate will be presented to the membership.

On that date, the new bylaws [found on Page 5-6] will become effective. It will require a complete new slate of four officers and nine directors. All will be nominated for a term of three years. The slate is as follows :

President Frederick Clark, Winslow

Vice President Harold Freeman, Rangeley

Secretary Lucas Freeman, Readfield

Treasurer Alan Burnell, Eustis

Directors (9)

Stephen Clark, Scarborough

Robert Cunningham, Lincoln Ct. MA

Henry Dillenbeck, Winslow

Robert Donovan, Emden

Norman Kalloch, West Carry Pond

Clayton McLaughlin, Fairfield

John Parsons, Sussex, NJ

Laura Stewart, Manchester, NH

Kenny Wing, Eustis

Most are returnees from the previous Board, however we have one new and important member, Lucas Freeman who will assume the position of Secretary. Steve Clark will remain as Editor of the *Messenger*, our Society's newsletter.

The Board, most certainly feels that all members would like to sincerely thank the three directors who will be leaving the Board after many years of fine service. These are Thomas Desjardin, Guy Grant, and Jay Robbins. Thanks for jobs well done!

New Nominee for Society Secretary,

Lucas Freeman

“ Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, but raised in the Navy Way, I got to see much of the East Coast of the US and even Keflavik, Iceland all before I graduated from high school in Topsham, Maine.

After graduating from Mt Ararat, I went to the University of Maine at Farmington to study English. Instead of English, I found I was taking every Art class that UMF offered. Soon I had run out of choices and left UMF after two years for greener pastures in Amherst, MA at UMASS. That put me on the 5-year plan for college and the moment I graduated with an Art degree, all the loans I blindly accepted began to appear in the form of repayment coupons to some woman named Sallie Mae.

The best graphics design job I could get in Massachusetts was an unpaid internship, because you needed experience to get a real job yet no one was hiring someone with a lack of experience. I had discovered my first real life Catch-22. I went home to Maine and began working any job I could get my hands on. I worked various Rangeley based seasonal jobs from the transfer station to the Atlantic salmon hatchery in Oquossoc to being a house painter.

The seasonal work lifestyle was not for me and I disliked worrying about the next season's job. I asked Rocky if I should try to join the Navy and he eagerly took me to the recruiter in Auburn. Unfortunately I failed my first attempt at the testing required and had to go back 6 months later to try again. I eventually passed the entrance exam after much studying of airplane cockpit views and realizing that when trees get bigger I'm going down. When trees get smaller, I'm flying up.

It was around February of the next year I got the call from the recruiter and he told me to report to Pensacola in late April to be a Naval Flight Officer. I was then stationed from Florida to Texas to Maryland to Maine and then finally Virginia. I deployed to many countries and served during the 1999 Kosovo flare up and did multiple detachments in support of Iraq between 2005 and 2007.

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Did You Know That... Major Timothy Bigelow, later a Corneal, the so-called “Patriot of Worcester” (MA) was briefly thrown into debtor's prison after the war! Not a good way to honor one of our Revolutionary War heroes!