

## **USS Bennington Association, Inc. Business Meeting Albany NY Aug 14, 2010 2010 Secretary's Report**

The USS Bennington Association business meeting was called to order on August 14, 2010 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Albany NY.

President Copeland asked for a moment of silence for our departed shipmates.

Bill Coughlin advised the association of the 2010 USS Bennington scholarship presentation at the Bennington VT high school and read a letter from this year's recipient, Chris Moyer. Secretary's report was read and accepted, and then Bill resigning his position as secretary effective with the close of the business meeting today.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Ponto. Copies of the financial report were placed on the tables for all Association members to read. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Mike reminded the membership to be sure to pay their dues because only paid up members are allowed to vote

Bill Copeland then advised the membership that Loren Weers had been nominated for the position of Secretary, Incumbent Ralph Clark was running for Vice President and incumbent Doug Corrao was running for the General Director 1. No further nominations were made from the floor. As the secretary, Bill Coughlin cast 1 vote for Loren Weers, Ralph Clark and Doug Corrao and they were so elected.

Coley McGowan (a member of the Memorial Committee) reported that their work was done and so the committee was abolished and \$2100 of the committee's funds were donated back to the Association

President Copeland then advised the membership that 42 crewmembers would be "marching" in the Battle Days parade on Sunday; a slight amendment was made by the Association as to "walking" instead of "marching". Bill also advised that about 30 crewmembers would be riding in the parade and was asked about parking. Bill said that there were no real good places to park so get there early and hopefully you can get parking near the firehouse.

Bill said that there would be a rehearsal at 2 pm for the side boys for the arrival of Admiral Paddock.

Moises Gonzales then gave us a run-down of our 2011 reunion in San Antonio which will be Oct 4-8 at the Tropicana Hotel on Riverwalk in San Antonio. He also advised that he has a website, and would be putting all the information on there probably after the first of the year.