

The Steamship Historical Society of America, Inc.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

Official notice is hereby given to all members that the Annual Meeting will be held at California Maritime Academy, 200 Maritime Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590 on **Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 9:00 A. M. Pacific Time**
CDR Richard Paton, Secretary

BALLOT

Each member is requested to cast his or her ballot for the new Directors to take office in May 2009. Six Directors are being elected to serve three-year terms. One Director 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, of course, write in other members' names if you choose. The names of present Directors may be found on page 83 of the Spring 2009 issue of *Steamboat Bill*.

Nominees for three-year terms:

VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN SIX.

* indicates present director

- J. Michael Alderson Louisville, KY. Marketing & Communications Executive in Non-Profit Management Industry; Avid steamship memorabilia collector & expert on the Ward Line; Sustaining member of SSHSA, joined in 1997.
- Charles D. Bieser* Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Attorney. Travel Agency owner. Previous SSHSA Board Member 1973-77 & former columnist in *Steamboat Bill*. Keen interest in Great Lakes passenger steamers. Member since 1964.
- Barry W. Eager* Berlin, MA. Local historian & retired Teacher. Previous SSHSA Board Member 1977-85, 1996-04 & Secretary 1989-2006. Chairman of Southern New England Chapter & Life member of SSHSA; first joined in 1973.
- Ann Eberle* Voorheesville, NY. Fmr. Chair of Hudson Valley Chapter; author of multiple *Steamboat Bill* articles; descendant of Hudson River steamboat Captain Jeremiah J. Austin. First joined SSHSA in 1975.
- John F. Hamma La Mesa, CA. Distinguished career in Naval Engineering, Shipbuilding & Repair including 20 years as commissioned naval officer & 25 years as project engineer / consultant. M.S. MIT, B.S. U of M. Member since 1968.
- Richard D. Rabbett III Boston, MA Administrator in higher education with experience in all levels of organizational planning and development; past officer & founding member of *SS United States* Conservancy. Member since 2006.
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Nominees for one-year term:

VOTE FOR ONE

- Robert C. Cleasby* Cranston, RI. Teacher, musician, choral conductor and historian; Program Director Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Assn. SSHSA National President since 2004; SSHSA Vice-President 2000-04; Joined SSHSA in 1968.
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Nominating Committee: CDR Richard Paton, Chairman, Mary Payne, William McLin

PROXY

I do hereby appoint, and designate below, any one of the following members of the Steamship Historical Society of America, Inc. to vote for me as my agent and proxy at the annual meeting of the SSHSA in Vallejo, CA on May 16, 2009 on such business as may lawfully come before the meeting:

- Donald Eberle Bob Foley Ed Arini
- _____ _____ _____

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

Member's Name _____ Member's signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: You may cast your ballot in either of two ways:

- Vote by mail**, in which case you must MARK THE BALLOT (top), MARK and SIGN THE PROXY (just above), and send the two, attached, to: SSHSA Chief Teller
1029 Waterman Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914
To allow time for counting ballots, please mail early enough to get there by May 11, 2009.
- Vote in person**, if you attend the meeting. In this case, RETAIN THIS BALLOT and BRING IT WITH YOU. If you vote in person, do not fill out or sign the proxy.