

STEAMSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

Official notice is hereby given to all members that the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held in-person & online via Zoom onboard RMS *Queen Mary*, Mauretania Room, 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, California 90802 on **Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 9:00 am Pacific Time.** CDR Andrew Coggins, Secretary

# BALLOT

Each member is requested to cast their ballot for new Board Members to take office in November 2024. Three Board Members are being elected to serve three-year terms and two are being elected to serve one-year terms. 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 2024 issue #330 of *PowerShips* magazine.

\* indicates present director or officer on the ballot below.

**NOMINEES FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS:**

**Mr. Nick Langhart\*** - Westminister, MA.

Nick grew up in Ohio and has a passion for maritime heritage and historic architecture. He holds a master's degree in Historic Preservation from Cornell University. He has been an instructor for the Evolution of New England Architecture at Fitchburg State, and has taught at Clark University and Worcester State University. Previously he was Property Manager for SPNEA/Historic New England. He recently retired from his role as library director at The Forbush Memorial Library in Westminister, MA. His expertise was instrumental in organizing the SSHSA library at the Ship History Center, and currently serves as SSHSA National Treasurer.

**Mr. Christian Roden\*** - Philadelphia, PA.

Christian was appointed to the Board in April 2024. He has worked in the museum, heritage, and education sectors, with a focus on maritime history. An author and scholar, he has facilitated conferences, led tours, and consulted on exhibits and interpretive materials. He's also a lecturer, with a focus on adapting his topics to each group or location. Christian holds degrees in American Material Culture from University of Delaware and Washington & Lee University. He also studied at St. Anne's College, Oxford and Ecole France Langue. He was a Fulbright Research Fellow to France based at Association French Lines in Le Havre, where he conducted a year-long research project on the cultural and political history of the ocean liner SS *Ile-de-France*.

**CAPT Terry Tilton** – San Diego, CA.

Terry grew up on a farm in Iowa, but as a young man he longed for the sea. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, 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 amassing and interpreting one of the finest collections of ship builder's plates worldwide. He is a researcher and author of several feature-length articles in *PowerShips*, most notably his extensive compilations on companies such as Ingalls Shipbuilding. He is also active as a researcher, author, speaker, and former officer in the Southern California Chapter of SSHSA. He's served as National Secretary on the SSHSA Board, and as a board member from 2014 to 2023.

**NOMINEES FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS:**

**Mr. Barry Eager\*** - Berlin, MA.

Barry is a retired public-school teacher. He’s also a local historian. He is involved in activities in the Town of Berlin, MA, a member of the cemetery commission and the historical commission, and specializes in collecting music and songs having to do with steamboats. He has a particular interest in coastal and inland steamers. He’s been an active SSHSA member since 1973 and is a Life member. Barry is a longtime volunteer, having served on SSHSA’s Board of Directors from 1977-85; 1996-2004; 2006-15; 2016 to present. He’s also served as an officer, as National Secretary 1989-2006, 2013-15 and is currently a Vice President, serving from 2016 to present. His **PowerShips** Heard on the Fantail column is found on the last page of each issue.

**Mr. Don Leavitt\*** - Baltimore, MD & Pine Island, NH.

Don is one of the world’s leading ocean liner memorabilia specialists, having operated his Nautiques maritime collectibles business for several decades. He is an author, feature writer and occasional columnist for **PowerShips** magazine. He’s been an SSHSA member since 2001, and was appointed to the Board of Directors in May 2015, then elected to a two-year term in 2016. Prior to joining the board, Don spent several years assisting as a volunteer; assessing, processing & organizing SSHSA ship brochures and the ephemera collection. Don served as Chairman of SSHSA’s first two Ocean Liner Dinner Fundraising events, was a National Vice President from 2016 -17, and was instrumental in the successful launch of the Full Ahead Capital Campaign, having been elected National President from 2018 through 2021.

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Nominating Committee: Mr. Dave Pickering, Mr. Eric Wiberg and Mr. Jimmy Zatwarnicki

**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 November 9, 2024, on such business as may lawfully come before the meeting:

CDR Andrew Coggins  CAPT Ben Lyons  Ms. Kate Vescera  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, and may be modified by letter addressed to the Secretary of SSHSA.

Member’s name \_\_\_\_\_ Member’s signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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@sshsa.org](mailto:info@sshsa.org). You also may fax the completed document to SSHSA at 401-463-3572.

**Unless attending in person, SSHSA must receive all ballots by November 8, 2024. Thank you.**