

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REUNION #47**

**March 31, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Warrenfeltz at 1000

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Master of Arms.

Chaplin Pat O'Brien led us in prayer.

Two Bell ceremony and the reading of the Necrology was conducted by Chaplin Pat O'Brien. We have said farewell to 32 of our shipmates and 10 spouses in the past 18 mounts.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting at Savannah, GA were read and approved as read.

President Warrenfeltz reported that First Vice President Lore Casperson is unable to assume the Presidency in July. Second Vice President was asked if he would fleet up and he agreed to do so. Ed Straten will relieve President Warrenfeltz on July 1, 2023. Larry thanked Ed and Patty Straten for their hard work on putting this reunion together on this fine cruise.

First VP had nothing to report and was very pleased on this reunion.

Second VP Report that the photo taken earlier today is good and will be delivered to each cabin before we dock back at Miami. He is still trying to arrange a tour of the bridge, for vet only. You will be notified if it will take place. Celebrity Summit will be giving all members a tote bag as a thank you gift.

Secretary/Treasurer Report please see EXECUTIVE BOARD minutes.

Historian Report please see EXECUTIVE BOARD minutes.

Aerograph Editor Report please see EXECUTIVE BOARD minutes.

Web Master report all is going well.

President Larry Warrenfeltz gave an at a boy to the members of the Pensacola Chapter that worked so diligent putting this Reunion together.

Finance Chairman Report please see EXECUTIVE BOARD minutes.

Scholarship Chairman Mike Gilroy is pleased with how the AMS is disturbing NWSA funds each year. AMS selects two students and presents them money for their education in the name of NWSA.

Nominating Committee Chairman Pat O'Brien reported he currently has two nominees for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice presidents, Tom Berkeridge and Tim Kenefick. Nominations were open from the floor. Not receiving any additional nominees from the floor the nominations were closed. Tom Berkeridge is our new 1<sup>st</sup> VP and Tim Kenefick is our new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

Old Business Printing of the Aerograph will be folded into new Business.

New Business S/T recent report on our dwindling funds caused more than a few emails on the future of NWSA and in particular on the printing and mailing of the Aerograph. Dick Thayer and Dennis Ruth along with several others were active in this discussion. Dick Thayer took the floor with some comments. He

and Dennis have noted that more than a few of our members are in their 60s or 70s+ and with that in mind the sunset of our association is not so far away. It is felt that our members should be thinking of that day and adding any inputs on this sunset they have. Rob Josephs opinion is that there is not enough communication between members of the association and the Executive Board. He suggested that the reunions are not as they once were, and we should hold the 50<sup>th</sup> as the last reunion. There was a good discussion on the possible use of the Zoom software for future meetings. President Warrenfeltz will draft a document addressing these various topics and disseminate it to the EB members, past presidents and those who were active in the discussion via emails.

#### Other new business

Reunion #48 Tom Berkeridge has agreed to host the next reunion at the Villages, FL around May 2024.

Tom will accept all the help members are willing to volunteer for.

Several announcements were made before adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.