

## Annual Compact Meeting

### Minutes

The 2015 Annual Compact Meeting was held at the Toronto Skating, Curling and Cricket Club October 17, 2015. The meeting was **Called to Order** at 1:00 p.m. by Governor George G. McNeillie III. The **Minutes** of the October 25, 2014 Annual Compact Meeting were approved by acclamation. The **Mayflower Compact** was read by Corresponding Secretary Gary W. Bennett. The **Ancestral Roll Call** was read by Co-Historian Donna J. Denison with Brewster descendants topping the list with the highest representation. **Necrology** was read by Historian Susan E. Roser. We lost two members this year, Grace Taylor and Joan Stace-Smith.

### Officer Reports

**Governor, George G. McNeillie III** gave his report, as printed in the fall newsletter. He also acknowledged and introduced Barbara McGivern, a charter member and niece of our founder, Rev. James McGivern. **Historian Susan E. Roser's** report also appeared in the fall newsletter. She noted that she has approved 451 new members, #167 thru #618 and 108 supplemental papers in the last 22 years. We will have 26 new members this year.

### Captain and Publicity Chair, George G. McNeillie III

An application to the Canadian heraldic Authority for a grant of arms and badge has been temporarily shelved due to time constraints on my part, but we hope to get it back on track over the coming months. A grant of arms is considered an honour from the Crown and many lineage societies have applied for them.

We will be looking to set up a committee over the next year for the events leading up to the 400th celebration in 1620 and welcome volunteers.

### Actions of the CSMD Board from the meeting September 19, 2015

- a) That the financial statements of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants as at December 31, 2014 be accepted.
- b) That the financial statements of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants as at June 30, 2015 be accepted.
- c) To approve a new policy: that members who have not paid their annual dues for a particular year will be dropped from membership effective in January of the following year. A member may be reinstated at any time by payment of dues for that year. They may choose to pay for the years they have missed but are not obligated to do so.
- d) That we increase the review fee for applicants from \$20 to \$30, effective immediately, and that we increase the family member rate application fee from \$70CDN to \$75US, effective immediately.

e)To approve a new policy -- that the length of each edition of the *Canadian Pilgrim* newsletter will be determined by the content and may vary from possibly as few as six pages to as many as 10 pages, or more where circumstances warrant.

f)That the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants apply for an ISSN designation for Canadian Pilgrim and the CSMD website on the ISSN Register, managed by the International Standard Serial Number International Centre, and that ISSN designations be published in both publications, as recommended by the ISSN.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee, Gary W. Bennett, Chair**

The following nominees were elected by unanimous consent:

**Counsellor** - Sandy Fairbanks

**Elder** – Bob White

**Surgeon** - Dr. George Nye

**Members-at-Large:** Brent Rutherford, Susan Roser

**Historian** – Nathan Mean

### **New Business**

Call for volunteers for Publicity Committee for 400th Anniversary in 2020.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Member-at-Large Susan E. Roser

Approved by Governor George G. McNeillie III

**Guest speaker** – Professional genealogist and lecturer Susanna de Groot’s presented a talk on *Dead and Buried*, how we can gain a more complete and accurate account of our ancestors’ lives when we review all available death records.