

**USS Benjamin
Franklin
SSBN 640
Association**



MINUTES



**2017-2019
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TO: SSBN 640 Shipmates
FROM: Jim Albert, *Secretary*
RE: Minutes of the Annual Meeting (11/4/17)
Date: November 6, 2017

The 2017 annual meeting of the USS Benjamin Franklin (SSBN 640) Association was called to order by President, Mike Breault at 0935 on Saturday, 4 November 2017 in Naples, FL. The meeting was attended by 38 shipmates.

Association Officers present (5) were: Mike Breault, President, John Kennedy, Vice President, Jim Albert, Secretary, Harry Bryant, Treasurer and Jack Hogan, Member-At-Large.

Association members present (33) were: John Adams, Jr., Les Bailey, Bill Bancroft, Tim Brady, Warren Brann, Tom Carty, Bob Christina, Ray Daly, Doug Drake, Gary Felt, Ken Gerling, Don Gorence, Jeff Griffin, Neil Howey, Wayne Johnson, Lou Logullo, Doug Megargle, Mark Miller, George Olsson, Kevin Owen, Tim Quinn, Ruben Rothchild, Paul Ruggles, Lenny Suschena, Ernie Schwartz, Rich Schaller, David Schrab, Frank Spina, Bernie Swartz, Jim Thompson, Charlie Trowbridge, Wesley Williams and Dick Young.

Reading of the Minutes of the September 2013 Meeting

A reading of the minutes of the annual meeting held in Charleston, SC in 2015 was waived and the minutes were accepted. There was no discussion.

MOTION: A motion was made by Jack Hogan and seconded by Wes Williams that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that there was a conference call on 16 March 2017 in to discuss the upcoming reunion. All Executive Committee members were present during the call. The discussion included special invitees, entertainment, the hotel venue, excursions, a fishing trip, getting Jeri Glass from the Reunion Brat and gifts & raffles associated with the upcoming reunion.

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MOTION: George Olsson made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Jack Hogan seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Harry Bryant, Treasurer, reported that there is currently \$7,621.18 in the Association's checking account as of 26 August 2017. Bills from the reunion will be paid for reunion activities shortly.

MOTION: Jack Hogan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Kennedy seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Membership Committee:

In the absence of Membership Chair, Len Exelby, Mike Breault reported that the Association now has over 146 lifetime members and no annual members. The reunion registration fee can help offset the cost of dues.

Bylaw Changes:

None

Executive Committee Election:

Mike Breault asked if there was anyone from the floor interested in serving on the Executive Committee for 2017-2019 as no one placed his name in writing for consideration.

Discussion ensued and John Kennedy decided he would not run again for another term. Mike Breault requested he become Vice President and Jack Hogan move to Association President. Secretary, Jim Albert, and Treasurer, Harry Bryant, indicated they would stay on if no one from the membership was interested in these two positions. Wes Williams placed his name for Member-At-Large to take the position held by Jack Hogan who has offered to serve as Association President. The nominations were closed

MOTION: Tim Quinn made a motion that the slate of officers remain on the Executive Committee for another two years with Wes Williams taking on the position of Member-At-Large. Lou Logullo seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

2017-2019 Officers are as follows:

Jack Hogan, President
Mike Breault, Vice President
Jim Albert, Secretary/Chaplain
Harry Bryant, Treasurer
Wes Williams, Member-At-Large

New Business

Reunion 2019- Mike Breault asked for ideas from the floor where to conduct the 9th reunion in fall of 2019.

Prior to this discussion Jack Hogan made a motion that we continue using the Reunion Brat to handle the details and organization of the next reunion. Jim Albert seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The following locations were suggested:

Las Vegas, NV, Puget Sound, WA, Portsmouth, NH and Savanna, GA. After much discussion, President Breault put it on the floor for a vote for the top three; indicating that everyone could vote for as many as they would attend with the count determining the final three. Once three were chosen, members could only vote once for their favorite.

The top three choices were: Puget Sound, WA, Portsmouth, NH and Savanna, GA. Portsmouth, NH received 23 votes, Savanna, GA received 20 votes and Puget Sound, WA received 15 votes.

The Executive Committee will provide the Reunion Brat with the three locations to begin the process of getting pricing and reporting back to the Committee with their findings so the Committee can make the best choice for the next reunion.

Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made by Paul Ruggles to adjourn at 1045 and seconded by John Kennedy. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.