

**PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**TOM STATHAM PARK**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2011**

**President Tom Wilder** welcomed the 67 members and guests in attendance to the General Membership Meeting held at Tom Statham Park in Titusville, Florida and called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

In the absence of **Chaplain Cheryl Russell** the president gave the invocation and in the absence of **Sgt. at Arms Michael Young** the president led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The president introduced to the membership *Jacque Vowell*, *Canal Record* Editor and Nancy Van Siclen, Office Manager and his wife, Kathy Wilder, who were in attendance.

Tom Wilder announced that prior to the commencement of the meeting copies of the Membership Meeting minutes held on October 22, 2011 at Latino Y Mas, Ocala, Florida were distributed to the membership. Therefore, the membership was asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. JoElla Deakins made the motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by Bob Morrissey. Motion carried.

The September 2011 Financial Statement was also included in the packets and stands for audit.

Jacque Vowell, *Canal Record* Editor reported that she is working on completing the December issue and that this is the only issue that the “yellow pages” for the reunion will be in. She is hoping to have everything completed in the next couple of weeks and sent to the printer.

The president reported that in the October issue proposed Amendment #37 was published for the membership to vote on. The amendment pertained to the wording restriction with a board member only being able to hold any one position on the Executive Board for no more than two consecutive terms. The board was concerned with the ever dwindling number of persons interested in serving as an Executive Board member could possibly lead to vacancies within the Executive Board while current board members interested in continuing to serve being subject to removal after two terms. The ballots were counted by Joan Ohman, Ed Ohman, Jacque Vowell and Kathy Wilder at the meeting and Tom Wilder reported that Amendment #37 passed with the following ballot count: 133 ballots were received; 121 members voted yes; 5 members voted no; and 7 ballots were invalid. The president announced that the change in the amendment had been approved by the membership.

After reporting on the ballot count, Tom Wilder asked for a motion from the membership to destroy the ballots. Joan Ohman made a motion to destroy the ballots; it was seconded by Bob Forsythe. Motion carried.

Bob Zumbado representing the Panama Canal Museum reported that a few weeks ago the Panama Canal Museum and their partner the University of Florida held a board meeting in Gainesville. The Panama Canal Museum should have everything turned over to the University by the end of March 2012. The Museum office in Seminole will house the Exhibit room and the gift shop as of now until July 2012. The University has been digitizing everything that the Museum has on paper. Bob also reported that several of the Reviews have already been accomplished.

Tom thanked Bob and Kathie McConaughey and Bob and Frances Morrissey for arranging and hosting the picnic and presented them with a small token of appreciation from the Society.

The membership was reminded that the Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wine Cellar Restaurant in North Redington Beach and the 2012 Carnalito will be the weekend of February 3, 2012 at the Hilton Melbourne Beach Oceanfront in Indialantic. This will be our first general membership meeting in 2012 and will start off the year celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Panama Canal Society.

Door prizes were awarded.

Sonja Justice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55; it was seconded by Ed Ohman. Motion carried.

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**NANCY VAN SICLEN**  
**OFFICE MANAGER/SECRETARY**

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**TOM WILDER**  
**PRESIDENT**