

## **Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce- January 13, 2009 – Franconia Inn- Annual Dinner & Meeting**

Frank Grima called the meeting to order at 6:45.

Board Members present: Maxine Aldrich, Orlo Coots, Bob Tortorice, Frank Grima, Annie Salter, Todd Aldrich, Steve Allen, Carleen Quinn and Executive Director Barbara Ashley.

More than 100 members, employees and special guests were also in attendance. Special guests included Executive Councilor Ray Burton, Senator John Gallus, Representative Kathleen Taylor, and Adjutant General Kenneth R Clark of the New Hampshire National Guard and retired Sgt. Major James E. Goss, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, New Hampshire Committee. Rev Lyn Winter gave the invocation and Sgt Major lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

\*Secretary's Report. Maxine Aldrich motioned to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Bob Tortorice. Passed

\*Treasurer's Report. Bob Tortorice made motion to accept report. Annie Salter seconded. Passed.

\*President's Report- Frank gave update of all of the achievements the Chamber accomplished in 2008, including the new website redesign, adopting the strategic plan and increasing membership numbers and extensive collaboration with other area chambers

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Team reports were presented by Frank Grima (marketing), Theresa Spear (website), Bob Tortorice (collaboration), Orlo Coots (membership) and Steve Allen (events).

\*Election of Officers and Board of Directors and Alternates. Bob Tortorice made motion for the Secretary to place 1 vote for the slate. Motion was seconded by Maxine Aldrich. Passed. New Officers elected for a 1-year term are Frank Grima- President, Bob Tortorice- Vice President, Todd Aldrich- Treasurer, Orlo Coots- Secretary. Directors elected to a 3-year term are Jean Sauls, Steve Allen and Bob Tortorice. Alternates elected for a 1-year term are Cort Roussel, Greg Keeler and Barbara Serafini.

\*Frank thanked Gene Frechette and Tom Palmer for their years of service on the Board.

\*Bob Tortorice made a motion for the meeting to adjourn and was seconded by Frank Grima. Adjourned at 7:30.

Next Meeting- 10:00 am Tuesday, February 10, 2009- Woodsville Guaranty Bank - Franconia