

**ANNUAL REPORT 2009
SCHOONER ERNESTINA-MORRISSEY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 24, 2010
NEW BEDFORD WHALING NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
VISITOR'S CENTER
33 WILLIAMS STREET
NEW BEDFORD, MA**

Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Inc. (SEMA)
P.O. Box 2995
New Bedford, MA 02741

MISSION:

The Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Inc. (SEMA) is a 501c(3) not-for-profit corporation with the purpose of raising funds to provide for the maintenance, equipment, manning, programming and operation of the Schooner *Ernestina ex Effie M. Morrissey* as a sail training vessel, school ship, and educational enterprise.

SEMA DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

Mary Anne McQuillan, President
Julius Britto, Vice President
Robert Hildreth, Secretary
Eric Schoenfeld, Treasurer
John Buddy Andrade
John Bullard
Marc Pires

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

ORGANIZATION:

The Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Inc. (SEMA) was incorporated in Massachusetts on October 10/28/2008. Early in 2009 President Mary Anne McQuillan and Vice President Julius Britto began to work with Christopher Davis, an intern at the Community Development Clinic at the Southern New England School of Law (now University of Massachusetts School of Law at

Dartmouth). In the fall, Linnea R. Michel, Esq. Clinic Supervisor / Graduate Fellow, continued the work with SEMA. With CDC's assistance, SEMA's Bylaws, Conflict of Interest Policy, and various state and filings were prepared and filed. A timeline follows:

- Bylaws (attached) were adopted on April 19, 2009
- Conflict of Interest Policy (attached) adopted on April 20, 2009
- Short Form PC for 2008 filed with the Attorney General of Massachusetts on April 20, 2009
- Received Certificate for Solicitation form Attorney General of Massachusetts on May 4, 2009.
- Filed SEMA's Annual Report with the Secretary of State's Office on November 1, 2009.
- Filed form 1023 for Recognition of Exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on 11/19/2009. (narrative attached) (received determination letter January 30, 2010)

FINANCES:

- With donations from John Bullard, Julius Britto and Mary Anne McQuillan a bank account was opened at Sovereign Bank.
- In November, Bob Hildreth offered a \$10,000 challenge to SEMA to raise a matching amount.
- On December 9, 2009 SEMA voted to engage the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts as our fiscal sponsor. Funds received from the fundraising challenge will be deposited in the existing "Ernestina Fund" Julius Britto and Mary Anne McQuillan will be added as agents to the fund and Paul Brawley removed.
- Fred Zinger, a volunteer with previous non-profit experience, offered to maintain financial records and provide monthly and annual reports.
- Mary Anne McQuillan and Annie McDowell with the advice of Paul Brawley prepared and mailed or emailed a challenge letter to nearly 1000 friends of Ernestina. Directors made personal appeals to acquaintances on the list.
- As of December 31, 2009, SEMA had received \$12,539.00 from the challenge.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

In October, SEMA received notice that Paul Brawley and Annie McDowell dcr employees working at Ernestina would be laid off. At a SEMA meeting on October 16, 2009 Bob Hildreth offered a \$25,000 challenge to allow the employment of Paul Brawley. The directors voted to hire Paul Brawley Brawley to perform various duties as assigned by SEMA from November 1, 2009 until

June 30, 2010 for compensation equivalent to his current DCR salary. Mr. Brawley declined the offer.

During 2009 Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association made great progress toward accomplishing its mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne McQuillan