

NNEC President's Report

The Northern New England Chapter held its Annual Meeting on October 15, 2005, at the American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont, where the members voted on a change in chapter officers. Betty Hall will not continue as first vice president due to her pressing responsibilities as the President of the New Hampshire Archeological Society. David Coughlin will move from second V.P. to fill Betty's position. Victor Rolando was elected to the second vice president position. The other officers will continue to serve the chapter in the same rolls as before: Dennis Howe, President; Carolyn Weatherwax, Treasurer; and David Starbuck, Secretary. Prior to the meeting, members toured the renovated museum and witnessed demonstrations of many of the early machines in the museum's large collection. Sue Richardson (NNEC-SIA), who serves on the museum's board, presented a slide program featuring archeological excavations of the remains of an early grist mill that once operated near the museum. The meeting was followed by lunch at the Harpoon Brewery and a visit to the glass-blowing works of Simon Pierce.

The chapter will host with Plymouth State University the 18th Conference on New England Industrial Archeology on February 18, 2006. A call for papers is contained in this newsletter. I volunteered to be the paper chair and David Starbuck is coordinating at the University. Please feel free to submit a proposal for a paper. The conference always features non-professionals and professionals in the program. It is the opportunity to share research that is considered important.

The spring tour of the NNEC will be held in the Burlington, Vermont, area, organized and planned by Victor Rolando. The program and date is to be announced.

Dennis Howe



*The American Precision Museum,
Windsor, Vermont*