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## Battlefield Park Alliance Hosts Members and Holds Elections

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The Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance held its annual meeting on Saturday, August 19th at Battlefield Park, where Alliance President John DiNuzzo reported on the organization's success over the past 12 months... During this time the Lake George Battlefield Alliance has seen a 78% increase in membership, and have hosted programs that have attracted as many as 152 attendees!

DiNuzzo also noted that the Battlefield Park Visitor Center seems very likely to exceed its attendance figure from last year, due to popular exhibits such as the diorama of Abercromby's 1758 flotilla donated by the Adirondack Experience, artifacts of Native Americans, an 18th Century British bateau provided by the State Museum, and a replica cannon loaned by Fort William Henry.

The Alliance membership elected the following individuals to serve on the organization's Board of Trustees:

- President: John DiNuzzo of Lake George
- Vice President: Francis Coccozza of Lake George
- Secretary: Peter Wuerdeman of Queensbury
- Trustee: Vinnie Crocitto III of Lake George
- Trustee: Jay Levenson of Ballston Lake

- Trustee: Bob Wilcox of Clifton Park

They will join the Alliance's current governing body incumbents: Rosemarie Earl the Treasurer, and Trustees Larry Arnold, Russell Bellico, Todd Earl, Margaret Mannix, Pat Niles, and Bruce Venter.

The day's events concluded with a presentation by Phil Giltner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, who shared the State's plans for the 250 anniversary of the American Revolution and highlighted the number of Revolutionary sites in New York – a number unequaled among the states.

DiNuzzo concluded his remarks by highlighting some of the events for the year ahead, and thanking volunteers: "It's been a terrific year for the Alliance, thanks to the member-volunteers who have worked behind the scenes with our board to bring great programs to fruition. Despite some challenges that all history organizations face, many unique opportunities – as represented by our excellent Visitor Center, the prospect of reintering in the Battlefield Park the remains of 44 Continental soldiers found in 2019 at Lake George, the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, and several other initiatives already underway – await us!"



*Russell P. Bellico, author and Alliance Trustee*



*Phil Giltner, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*