



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for Jan 12, 2017**

Meeting held at:
Fiduciary Trust Company International
280 Park Ave, New York, NY, 10019

Attending:

Officers – Voting Members Present (Name, Class, Position):

- Dan Gillette, '97 – President
- Mike Trotta, '73 – 1 st Vice President
- Anthony DeSimone Asst Treasurer
- Matthew Devins, '97 Treasurer

Board Members:

- Michael Brown, '82
- Jim Nordmann, '75 (acting secretary)
- Ted Mason
- Richard Bracken '56
- John Donnelly

Attending via Phone:

- Marianne Sanderson – Carolinas Chapter
- Jim Yahner '86 – Long Island Chapter
- Victor Corso, '83 – Board Member
- Annmarie Bholá – Board Member
- Bill Kreppein '80 – Board Member
- Carl Hausheer '79 – Board Member & New Jersey Chapter
- Anna Silva – SE FL Chapter

Alumni Staff

- Maggy Williams Giunco – Alumni
Director

Minutes:

6:21 – Chapter Report:

- LI Chapter: Jim Yahner – Next Chapter meeting Mar 2 or 9th
- Carolinas Chapter – Marianne Sanderson – Expect phone meeting End Apr Possible
- NJ chapter – Hauser – Had 15 people Jan 5th meeting. Looking at event with Admiral latter this year.

6:28 Call to Order:

Recognition of Earl Baim:

Earl Baim served the FSMAA Board since 2003 and will resign this month. The Board recognized Earl Baim many years of service and his help getting FSMAA through so many years of challenges.

18:29 College situation:

MOU:

MOU still exists in a draft form. Both parties seem to have an understanding of what a workable solution will look like. Such an agreement will require review and approval of Both New York State Attorney General (AG) as well as the Comptroller. Dan will make himself available to the Admiral, AG, Comptroller for explanation if requested.

College Sponsored Alumni Directory:

The recent mailing and email by the college regarding Alumni directory appears to be “business as usual” and has no bearing on the MOU discussions.

Staff Position open at FSMAA:

Unfortunately, Jessica Hitchen moved on from her position as assistant Director of FSMAA. Dan has asked that if anybody can recommend a candidate to please do so. Dan will approach the membership asking for recommendations also, if nothing heard FSMAA will post the job on the typical Job sites: Indeed, Monster, Etc.

18:59 Directors Update – Maggy

- Auto renew – launched but not fully solved. Will continue to work out issues.
- Awards dinner- Winners announced Nov 27, Tickets to go on sale Dec 5th.
 - Approx. 180 signed up, need 250 to meet the financials obligations
 - Dan request that some capability to sign up, renew and/or solicit funds for SST be available during the dinner. Ted Mason to enlist help from Erica and other volunteers from Navy League to accomplish.
- Membership Renewal mailing – Response better than last year, averaging approx. 70/wk. until recently, now approx. 30/wk. Exact numbers not stated.

19:08 Events Committee – Anthony DeSimone

- Anthony to start taking post graduates calluses which are in conflict with FSMAA Thursday meeting. Dan and Maggy to look at and proposed other days of week to accommodate Anthony’s schedule.
- Merchandising:
 - Two proposal from 2 vendors proposed: Zazzle and Protector.
 - Both operate with a similar set up. Pay for up front set up fees and then drop ship upon order
 - Motion – Anthony “ Motion to spend up to \$300 for embroidery set up fee and other associates fees with Zazzle”
 - Objections 2 John and Matt
 - No Abstentions

- All others Agreed
- Motion passed with 2 objections, no abstentions

19:28 Scholarship committee – Mike Brown

- Used Survey Monkey to field candidate questions , two questions lead selection;
 - What was your greatest challenge
 - What do you deserve this scholarship
- Essay Questions to be released first week Feb, due back Mar 1st
- Need to commit date of when winners are announced, last year was Apr 1st. College waits for our announcement

19:36 Membership Committee – Bill Kreppein

- By Laws need to be amended to recognize associate membership.
 - No further meeting with a parent’s association, next meeting March.

19:29 Treasury update – Matt Devins

- Income from Membership up: \$90K (2016) vs \$ 77.5K (2015), however still below 2014 \$100K
- Finalizing audit – overall looks good; “Preliminary – good standing”
- Income from Marnier down \$17K (2016) vs \$35K (2015). Note that there were only 2 issues in 2016 vs 3 issues in 2015.

19:46 Nominations – Mike Trotta

Not Final until Jan 15th :

Officers – 1 year term

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| • President – Dan Gillette | • Secretary – Jim Nordmann |
| • 1 st VP – Michael Trotta | • Treasurer – Matt Devins |
| • 2 nd VP – Michael Brown | • Asst. Treasurer – Anthony DeSimone |

Board Members - 3-year term

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| • Annmarie Bholá ‘98 | • John Valvo ‘83 |
| • Jennifer Barnes Hayes ‘80 | • Jesse Douglas (to be co firméd) |
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20:16 ConEd Chapter

The issue of whether to recognize ConEd as a “Corporate Chapter” was debated heavily.

Arguments for:

- ConEd employs many Maritime grads, and hires many Maritime students
- There are a large number of Maritime Grads currently at ConEd providing an opportunity to encourage support for FSMAA
- ConEd is a big supporter of Maritime college

Arguments against

- Establishes a precedent that once established will have to be followed

- Potential (either real or perceived) of a conflict of interest
- By-laws not drafted with Corporate chapter in mind
- Conflict with not-for-profit corporate regulation not verified
- Adds another complication with MOU discussion with NYS AG

The issue was eventually put to a motion to recognize ConEd as a chapter with 3 provisos’

1. The ConEd chapter would have no voting rights
2. The ConEd chapter would be a “Beta” release i.e. a pilot
3. All 31 members of the ConEd chapters would need to be verified as active members

Motion: Earl Baum *“I motion that to accept ConEd chapter [as non-voting as a pilot] pending verification of the active status of the ConEd chapter members*

2nd Motion – Dick Bracken

In Favor

Opposed

Abstain

Mike Brown

Dan Gillette

Jim Nordmann

Bill Kreppein

Matt Devins

Dick Bracken

Mike Trotta

Ted Mason

Anthony DeSimone

Carl Hausheer

Earl Baim

Marianne Sanderson-Michaelson

Ann Marie Bhola

Victor Corso

Vote Not recorded – Left Early

John Donnelly

Attending but does not have voting rights.

Jim Yahner

Anna Silva

Maggy Williams Giunco

21:12 Old Business: Should FSMAA fund/construct a memorial to Rich Pustere? – No outside of FSMAA responsibility is to SUNY Maritime

21:15 Motion to Adjourned

Motion passed