



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for Feb22, 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
- Anthony DeSimone Asst Treasurer
- Matthew Devins, '97 Treasurer

Board Members:

- Michael Brown, '82
- Jim Nordmann, '75 secretary
- Ted Mason '57
- Victor Corso, '83
- Annmarie Bholá'98
- John Valvo '83
- Bill Kreppein '80
- Richard Bracken '56

Attending via Phone:

- Carl Hausheer '79 – Board Member & New Jersey Chapter
- Anna Silva – SE FL Chapter
- Nick Orfanidis – NE FL Chapter
- Art Sulzer – Del Val Chapter

Alumni Staff

- Maggy Williams Giunco – Alumni
Director

Minutes:

18: 20 Chapter reports:

- North Florida - Art Sulzer – Hosted annual event for Maritime & Kings Point alumni in Feb., Next event in March, Possible event Port Of Philadelphia May 23.
- Florida – Anna – Meetings Yacht World Mar 1st, March 15 Alumni & Sea Trade March 15. Possible Admiral to attend in March
- New Jersey – Carl – Next meeting Apr 6, Remark: SUNY ship in New Orleans in May 19th.
- Nick – Last meeting mid Nov 2015. Annual golf event with Kings Point pending

18:28 Call to order

Minute's approval

- Need to circulate and approve past minutes
- Jim and Anthony to review and distribute
- Approval by Survey Monkey

18:30 Annual Approval of voting chapters.

- Maggy have confirm Carolina and NJ chapters have at least 25 active members

Motion John Valvo "I move to accept NJ and Carolina renewal of voting chapter"

2nd motion – Mike Brown

Motion passed - All agreed, no opposed, no abstained

18:32 FSMAA Assistant Directors position:

- Assistant director's position open as Jessica Hitchen left. Need replacement who will remain long term.
- John Valvo and Mike Trotta will lead search. Position allows up to 18 hours @25 hours/wk. Can Use Saira Suhwardi Yoo in Parlin, NJ as temp.

Motion Anthony "I move to hire Siara at previous rate until permanent staff can be hired"

2nd motion – Annmarie

Motion passed, no objections, no abstentions

18:46 Scholarships – Mike Brown

- Launch Scholarship application process Feb 8th Deadline was Feb 19th midnight for all applications. Estimate that received 80-100 applicants.
- Dan – concern that we have about 50 applicants less than last year. Believed due to tighter deadline as well as the usually point of contact used at college was not used. Need to close the gap.
- Dan – Need to have SOP with defined dates that will be followed consistently year over year.

Motion – Annmarie "I move that we extend scholarship deadline 1 week"

2nd motion – Anthony

Motion passed, no objections, no abstentions

19:08 – Scholarship funding – Matt

Matt discussed SST Scholarship fund and scholarship appeal mailing.

19:12 – Membership – Bill Kreppein

SOP to be reviewed, currently have opening on membership committee.

19:14 – Awards Dinner – Maggy

Attendance: 246 persons - operated on budget. Overall profit exceeded previous year's.

Improvements needed:

- Membership meeting before dinner was only attended by 7 persons. Too noisy, could not hear. Need to find a way isolate membership meeting in future
- Would like to provide better direction and guidelines for speakers.
- Timing of the serving of Dessert, many people left before served. Need to bring out dessert earlier

19:29 – Events Committee – Anthony

- Looking for spring social venue. Target late April – Mid May. Note location has to be central to three mass transit hubs in Manhattan; PA, Grand Central, Penn Station.
- Regatta sailing week will be hosted and funded with Navy league. Propose last Thursday in August.

19:43 – New Alumni Night –

- Target date Apr 6th, need to avoid during finals and after graduation. Suggestion to invite new alumni and LAST YEAR's SST winners.
- Date time and details to be worked out by: Maggy, Anthony, Bill K, Mike B.

19:58 – Account and Finance – Matt Devin's

- Marnier remains big issue. Revenues from advertising were discussed. We would benefit from more advertisers. Annmarie to help with recovery plan
- Dues income was good Last month. Up 10+% but below last year
- All accounts and costs forecasted for CY17 expected to be within 2-3%. exception being "fees" up \$17,000.

Motion – Matt "I motion to accept budget as proposed with a goal net of \$11,250 based on an Income of \$454,575 and expenses of \$443,325"

2nd motion – Ted

Motion passed, no objections no abstentions

20:11 Krom Sscholarship - Ted

New terms introduced with a scholarship to be awarded every year not every 4 years.

20:22 Old Business – None

20:23 – New Business – None

20:29 – MOU update – Dan

- MOU negotiations continue. Most recent contract to be reviewed by NY State Attorney General and Comptroller. Continues to look promising

20:49 – Meeting Adjourned