



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes for Sep 7, 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
- Jim Nordmann, '75 - Secretary
- Matthew Devins, '97 - Treasurer
- Mike Brown '82 - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Mike Trotta '99 - Vice President
- Anthony DeSimone '06 – Asst Treasurer

**Board Members:**

- Ted Mason '57
- Annmarie Bhola '98
- Bill Kreppein '80
- John Valo '83
- Leo Imperial '01

**FSMAA**

- Maggy Giunco – Director

**Guest:**

- Pamela Mann – legal counsel (in attendance till 7:00PM)

**Attending by Phone:**

- **Called in late? Jim Yahner '86**
- Victor Corso
- Carl Hausheer '79

**6:09 – Meeting called to order**

**6:10 MOU situation – Pamela Mann**

Two Changes requested and submitted

- Waiver Letter – Looking for exception to NYS NPRA regulation as they conflict in part with Delaware Corp regulation

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Comments: FSMAA amended by-laws in 2104 and considered NYS NPRA in those amendments. By-Laws will be amended again once MOU is approved.

Overall the feeling is that there are enough safeguards to protect FSMAA interest and independence with the current proposed MOU.

Next steps

- Board agree to language
- Board to back in its entirety
- Ask for endorsement vote on MOU
- Send to FSMAA membership for vote

Need letter outlining FSMAA position on MOU for membership within 2 weeks. Membership vote to be conducted by survey monkey

### **7:11 Other Business**

**7:13 Seat Left by John Donnelly** - Need to fill FSMAA board seat left by John Donnelly.

Proposed that Jesse Douglas be offered John's old seat.

Motion: John Valo – "I nominate Jesse Douglas to take John Donnelly's Open seat"

Seconded– Leo Imperial

Motion carried: All approve, No Opposed, No abstentions

### **7:17 Honoree for Awards Dinner – Ted Mason**

Review Committee: Dick Bracken, John Bradley, AL McAlister, Ted Mason

Dedicated Service – Jim Maloney '80

Motion: Mike Trotta "I nominate Jim Maloney for Dedicated Service Award "

Seconded– John Valo

Motion carried: All approve, No Opposed, No abstentions

Life Time Achievement – Mike Chalos '70

Motion: Mike Trotta "I nominate Mike Chalos for Distinguished Alumnus of the Year ' award.

Seconded– John Valvo

Motion carried: All approve, No Opposed, No abstentions

Dan to approach each nominee to get their acceptance ASAP

(Note: both nominees accepted)

### **7:54 FSMAA Update – Maggy**

Paddy's-by-the-Bay event at Homecoming. If MOU is approved should we move on campus? Need to get more details as to how late Paddy's on Bay can be booked and then cancelled.

Octoberfest event – Anthony

Examining several venues: Hofbrau, Habanero, Bourbon St. – Remark from Matt: need to be cost conscious while we are considering. Anthony to look at other options. Suggestions: Prefect Pint, Pig & Whistle, O'Loneys. Look at reducing food offering to curtail costs. Decision date - not defined.

8:00 Sailing Event – Leo Imperial

Cancelled for this year. Look at next year

**8:05 – Membership – Bill Kreppiein**

Need to divide up list of FSMAA members who have not re-uped and have all board members reach out. Once MOU approved should incorporate into communication to previous members about this new opportunity. Advise if they want a vote it will be necessary to be a member.

**8:17 Treasurer’s Report: Matt Devins**

Look at securing FSMAA Corp Platinum credit card to gain more benefits

Motion: Matt Devins “I motion to upgraded current account to Platinum status”

Seconded– John Valo

Motion carried: All approve, No Opposed, No abstentions

Cautionary note on expenses: FSMAA has incurred additional legal expenses this year and Marnier advertising income less than previous years.

**8:22 – Search for Assistant Director FSMAA – Mike Brown/John Valvo**

Several resumes received via INDEED, no resume received via word of mouth. Five candidates under consideration. Mike/John will post to other websites. John/Mike will bring recommendation to next board meeting.

**8:26 New Business;**

Alumni in need: Should FSMAA get involved with raising funds for alumni who might need assistance because of frequent hurricanes. While a good effort there are concerns that such a program might set a precedent that will lead to potential conflicts of interest. Recommended that FSMAA redirect to other fund raising programs in play: SUNY Impact Fund etc.

**8:39 Old Business – None**

**8:40 Motion to adjourn - John Valvo**

Seconded: Mike Trotta