



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2018**

Meeting held at:
SUNY Maritime College
6 Pennyfield Ave, Bronx, NY, 10465

Attending:

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

- Dan Gillette, '97 President
- John Valvo '83 Treasurer
- Mike Brown '82 2nd VP
- Anthony DeSimone – Secretary '06

Board Members

- Ted Mason '57
- Annmarie Bhola '98
- Mike Trotta '99
- John Bradley - Past President
- Christ Nystrom
- Admiral Michael Alfultus College President
- Ashley Scotti, SUNY University Relations
- Jim Yahner '86 (via phone)
- Jim Nordman '75 (via phone)
- Carl Hausheer (via phone)

FSMAA Staff

- Saira Yoo – Asst Director

18:05 Chapter Presidents Report

Long Island Chapter – Jamie Yahner discussed the planned chapter event. They usually get 20-30 attendees.

18:15 Meeting Called to Order by Dan Gillette

Previous meeting minutes discussed.

Waiting on a few more members to review the minutes before accepting.

Action: Field members for a Yes/no vote on accepting minutes.

New Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer given financial account authority recently.
Doing Business As (DBA) filings were discussed.
Voting is still out on new By-Laws until Feb 28th, 2018.

18:20 Introductions of all meeting attendees

18:25 Admiral Mike Alfuitis and Dan Gillette discussed previous meeting.

Admiral Prepared a meeting summary for review.

Areas for College and Association collaboration discussed.

Joint events were discussed.

Ashley Scott went over the 2018 homecoming date. She also described how the date is selected each year.

Alumni tailgating for KP game may be a new event.

18:35 Admiral Michael Alfuitis spoke about joint publication/magazine committee.

If the magazine does become a joint project, both the College and Association agree that the magazine should take on a new name.

Should the mariner still be a quarterly newsletter.

There was a discussion on perception of the Mariner having been a perk of membership and if would there be any significant pushback.

18:45 Homecoming events discussed and possibility of holding portions of the event on Campus.

Tying together HomeComing events. Possibly pairing the golf outing with the College evening event.

Action: Events committee to begin planning for Homecominghg

Venue selection for 2018 golf events were discussed.

18:50 Menu of Class gifts

Classes having reunion years should be presented a number of class gift options. Donors can give to College specific needs or to the Alumni Association. Options could include new simulators, shipboard weight room, etc.

The Association should no longer handle "unique" financially packaged gifts.

18:55 Admiral Mike Alfuitis discussed awards given by both Association and School.

He asked if there is a fear of some awards appearing watered down.

Ted Mason discussed the awardee search.

Admiral suggested a joint awards committee.

19:00 Alumni & College family waterfront day discussed.

Early June is a good month for this event since campus is relatively quiet.

Alumni tents for ship departures and arrivals.

Action: Events Committee to work with Ashley Scott and Saira to organize family and sailing event week after June golfing event.

19:08 Admiral Michael Alfultus on 'New alumni campaign'

When graduating and receiving the pin, the pin could be on a membership invitation card. "Welcome to the alumni association"

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Action: Membership committee to come up with cards for graduation pins to join Association.

Dan Gillete described Chapter Committee and appointed Carl Hausheer to head that committee.

19:15 Admiral on appropriation for new training ship for the College.

19:20 Victor Corso discussed membership 'momentum' and how affluent alumni be encouraged to get involved.

Scholarship Committee Report

Mike Brown Second VP discussed the scholarship process.

Applications for the Summer Sea Term Scholarship are due by February 28, 2018.

All discussed how to reach students to encourage applications.

19:30 Director's Report

Saira Yo has worked from a desk on campus several days each week.

She discussed the New Alumni Night.

There is consideration to have the New Alumni Night on campus.

March 15, 2018 may be a good date for the New Alumni Night because it is a week prior to a scheduled career fair.

19:40 2018 Awards Dinner was a success. We had approximately 290 people buy seats for the dinner while 250 attendees showed.

Action: Events Committe, Saira, and Ashley to discuss Spring Networking Night.

How do we improve the Spring Networking Event.

One idea is to have a job board there at the event.

Carl Hausheer has a networking event around the CMA event in Fort Lauderdale.

19:50 Treasurer's Report

John Valvo, Treasurer, reviewed the Operating Income/Expenses report.

Legal fees accounted for the most substantial change in our year to year expenses.

Dues were lower than budgeted for in 2017. Likely because of multi-year due payments accepted in 2016.

John discussed the Proposed Budget for 2018.

Action: Saira Yoo to provide a breakdown of Mariner expenses to Ted Mason of the Magazine Committee.

Action: John Valvo, Treasurer, to update travel expenses for Director travel to and from campus.

20:15 Dan Gillette, President, discussed the need to refocus on dues.

20:20 Committees

Dan Gillette, President, discussed Committees.

Action: Each Committee to come up with goals.

Membership Committee, Annmarie Bhola may want to set up class representatives. "# of active members and # is our goal"

Chapters Committee, Carl Hausheer - find ways to better connect chapter members with central association.

Events Committee, Anthony DeSimone to improve events budgeting process.

Scholarship Committee, Mike Brown has lead. Ted Mason suggested giving fewer but larger scholarships.

Mike Trotta to back up Mike Brown for scholarship work.

Finance Committee, John Valvo has lead as Treasurer.

Auditing Committee, Jesse Douglas has lead.

Honors Committee, Ted Mason has agreed to Chair the Committee.

Legal Committee, Jennifer Hayes has the lead.

Five minutes at the start of the next Board Meeting for each Committee.

21:00 New Business

Ted Mason discussed class scholarships. He would like to see better recognition of the gifts.

John Valvo discussed signature capabilities on the bank accounts.

21:05 Motion by John Valvo seconded by Mike Trotta to comply with Chase Bank's requirement, in addition to the President, add the Secretary as a signing authority for bank accounts.

Motion carried.

21:10 Dan Gillette discussed member interest in donating money for the rifle team.

The money may be better handled by the College since the Association would just be an extra step in the process.

21:15 Ted Mason discussed Sprain Lake rowing.

Motion by John Bradley and second by Dan Gillette to adjourn.
Motion carried.