



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes for Mar 28, 2018**

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
- John Valvo, '83 Treasurer
- Mike Brown '82 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Jennifer Branes Hayes 1<sup>st</sup> VP

**Board Members:**

- Ted Mason '57
- Jim Nordmann, '75
- Chris Nystrom '92
- John Bradley '83
- Brian Houst '02

## FSMAA

- Saira Yoo – Director

## **SUNY Maritime College**

- Adm Mike McAulfitis
- Ashley Scottie

## **Attending by Phone:**

- Carl Hausser
- Victor Corso
- Aimee Carter
- Jim Yahner
- Nick Orfanesis
- Vic Corso
- Mike Trotta

## **Chapter Reports:**

- Marianne – Planning Spring/Summer Chapter Meeting Admiral Requested to join. Prepayment being accomplished through website. PayPal payment to Marianne
- Long Island/Jim Yahner – Next get-together Apr 12 at Melville, L.I. Facebook page created for L.I chapter. Typical turn out for chapter meeting 20-25 attendees.
- New Jersey/Carl Hauser – Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. Admiral requested to speak at fall chapter meeting
- Florida/Nick Orfanesis – Last chapter meeting Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Admiral participated 26 people attended. Next meeting Early May at Golf Driving range. Need updated database, current database is 25 years old, lacking new members and recent grads.
- Baltimore/ Brian ?? – Mar 15 last meeting. 85 people at St. Pat's parade. Next meeting Apr19th.
- ConEd/Mike Brown – Intern program has 10 cadets participating, will get 6 credits toward degree. Next meeting mid-Apr. Social to be planned.

## **6:16 Call to Order by John Valvo.**

Last meeting minutes – not available at meeting

**6:16 DBA & By-Laws Update/Jim Maloney** – Doing Business As (DBA) “Maritime College Alumni Association” applied for in New York State other states; New Jersey to follow. Jim Maloney to handle. Eventually DBA name will be used on Merchandise.

Voting by Laws – Approved

**6:19 SST/Mike Brown** – Last minute push doubled applications. Received 251 Application and Essays received; Breakdown as follows:

212 qty = 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
39 qty = 2<sup>nd</sup> class  
28 qty = Pfleging  
35 qty = Sembler  
187 SST Application

55 disqualified for CUM and/or Conduct.

Class of '65: 4 selected; 2 Engineering, 2 Deck

Discussion: should amount be raised and number of scholarships offered be reduced? Table Discussion.

Admiral's remark; Large backlash regarding extending deadline. Cadets who meet deadline felt misled and/or penalized for meeting the deadline. Admiral requests that Deadline is held. In future College will help in making the process easier but moving it to an using online method rather than paper. College is also willing to help make application simpler.

### **6:35 Logo-Branding Change Dan/Saira/Ashley**

Meet Mar 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss new logo (example shown), will use ship logo. FYI College expects to change its own logo in next few years.

John – Need to check how FSMAA logo can be used to maintain trademark. Two different logos' being looked at 1 for stationary 1 for other uses.

Admiral- will revisit what logo limitations might be present in MOU. Might have to set up restrictions.

### **6:45PM Events/Saira:**

- **New Alumni Night:** Approx. 70 attended including 20 Alumni. Overestimated turn out. Generally positive remarks. Ted surprised there were a lot of cadets without job offers. Admiral received good feedback. Dan – not everyone will be entering shipping need to encourage cadets to look at more diverse careers. Aimee Carter to host panel discussion about career diversity. Suggestion should New Alumni night be "Career Fair" and move event to Manhattan? Admiral: Some cadets that can't get internship, it will affect their graduation, is it possible to have Career fair for Internship?
- **Spring Networking,** need to set date, May 17<sup>th</sup> decided, May 10 board meeting. Location under discussion. Chris Nystrom to look at Corporate sponsorship through his employer EDW.
- **Golf Outing** – Being held up by Logo discussions. Date Jun 11<sup>th</sup> at Old Westbury.

### **7:09PM Treasury Update/John Valvo;**

- New simplified format much appreciated by all.
- Marnier will move to coproduced publication with college, so funding/cost will change.

**Motion Jennifer Branes Hayes "I Motion to Accept Budget as written"**

**2nd motion: Ted Mason.**

**Motion passed; no objections, no abstentions.**

Operating Expense/Income: "In the Black" year to date.

Dan: Need to increase membership and dues up; any ideas are welcomed. The membership "Bump" expected because of acceptance of MOU didn't materialize. Can't rely on social media. Can Chapter Presidents help?

Discussed about having paper roster once again. The combining of FSMAA and College data base must occur first before a paper-based roster can be considered.

**7:28 Mariner Update: Ted:**

April 10<sup>th</sup> face to face meeting with college to occur. Joint format to be created – moving along. Names for publication under consideration. Dan concerned about process to select name, needs criteria. Magazine committee to revisit.

**7:39 PM Honors Committee/Ted:**

Process is late, no nominates at this point. FYI: Alumni of the year must be Alumni; however other honorees can be outside of college.

**7:45 Chapter Map/Karl Hawser:**

Karl developing a spreadsheet with map that will show where chapters are and their participation.

**7:50 Assistant Directors Search Update**

Very weak response 2 resumes received, not good candidates. Can college look? Other resources? Catherine Gibbs School? Goals and pay not compatible.

**8:02 Old Business**

- Working on homecoming, looking at Friday for Golf, and a Hornblower Cruise, continue with tailgate party end Saturday with Networking
- FTI accountants don't recognize Jesse and John Valvo. Board resolution needed to resolve. Jennifer will handle through legal committee.

**8:08 New Business**

Preparing for audit: Ted/Jennifer/Jesse Audit committee, must do RFP

Next meeting Apr 19 at College

**8:14 Motion to Adjourn – John Valvo.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Trotta