



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for May 10th, 2018**

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

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

- Dan Gillette, '97 President
- John Valvo '83 Treasurer
- Mike Brown '82, 2nd Vice President
- Jennifer Hayes '80, 1st Vice President

Board Members:

- Ted Mason '57
- Annmarie Bhola '98
- Jim Nordman, '75
- Leonard Imperial '01
- Mike Trotta '99
- Victor Corso '83

***Chapter Presidents**

- Jim Yahner '86, LI Chapter President *
- Carl Hausheer '79, NJ Chapter Rep. *
- Marianne Sanderson, Carolinas Chapter President *
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Staff

- Saira Yoo, Director
- Bridget Bendo '96, Editor

College Representatives:

- RADM. Michael Alfultis, President *
- Aimee Bernstien VP
- Lori Kie *

*Attended by Phone:

18:10 Chapter Presidents' Report

Jim Yahner, LI Chapter President Report - Status Quo

Marianne Sanderson, Carolina's Chapter President Report – Next Meeting scheduled for July 21 in Chattanooga, TN. Admiral & Dan invited to attend

18:15 Call to Order

Magazine Update

- Combined publication between AA and College. Publication and distribution cost born by college
- Discussion on issuing AA annual report and election results in winter issue of Mariner before the annual member's dinner in January.
 - Timing issue – election completes 1st week in January. Is this enough time to publish?
 - Status of Audit – AA fiscal year ends at year end. Annual report numbers will be “un-audited” in January. Audit takes time. Cannot release audited numbers until following year. Discussion followed
 - **Decision was made to release unaudited financials**
 - **Decision was made to target 1st week of January to be ready to print**
- Format for Annual Report
 - Subsequent discussion of printing report vs publishing online? Board leaning towards printed version. Discussion of printing costs tabled for now
 - Discussion of distribution. All Alumni vs Members only?
 - **Decision made to send to All Alumni and College VIPs for first edition of joint magazine**
- **Magazine Name**
 - 10 names submitted by Aimee Bernstien. Names will be vetted and list reduced to 6 and represented
 - Aimee B – new name should include college name to promote Brand

1900 – President's Report

- 1st time in 18 years AA president invited to Graduation - Dan spoke of attending graduation, sitting on dais, speaking to graduating class and welcoming new alumni to AA. Every grad got a welcome card from FSMAA

1905 – Events Committee Update

- **Spring Networking Meeting – May 17th @ Pennsylvania 6**
 - All board members should register
- **Golf Outing**
 - 49 people registered so far. NEED MORE ATTENDEES
 - Need more sponsorship. Approach gCaptain for sponsorship and swag items. Need more donated items for raffles and giveaways
 - Saira to send constant contact evite to Amy and Admiral

1908 – Admiral's Report

- Report on Admiral's dinner which was successful
- Notification of Maritime Challenge quest for donations

1910 – Events Committee Update (Continued)

- **New Event on Campus for Ship Return – AA would like to have presence**
 - **\$2,500 budget**
 - **Can we offer food and if so, what type – Mike Trotta to speak to Chartwells (campus catering provider)**
 - **Need small tent, table,**
 - **Hand out flyer about AA, Save the date card for Ancient Mariner**

1915 – Treasure’s Report

- John V presented treasure’s report
 - Gross Income to date \$\$44,343 (44% of yearly budget)
 - Revenue on Budget
 - Dinner revenue not holding. Discussion of increasing ticket prices for Dinner
 - Revenue from Annual Golf outing will make or break
 - Expenses on Budget.
- **SST Scholarships –**
 - John V. presented summary report on SST. Final scholarship amount is \$249K (82 Scholarships)
 - Approx. \$5,800 excess which will go to 2019 SST Scholarships
 - Admiral discussed substantial increase in cost of SST due to fuel, food, and staff wages
 - Discussion on how to get the work out that cruise costs more so more donations are needed
- **Meeting with Merrill Lynch**
 - John V, Jesse D, and Ted M – had meet and greet with Merrill as part of plan to explore alternatives to Fiduciary Trust
- **Annual Dinner**
 - Discussion of dinner costs and possibly increasing ticket price to generate more \$\$

1935 - Membership Committee

- Discussion of need to simplify renewal process and to separate dues from donations
- Target date of June 11 to simplify sign up
- Website – Tune-up/Modernization of website is in progress by an alum Annemarie found who is doing the work pro bono

1945 – Assistant Director Search

- Dan, Saira, Ted and John V interviewed two candidates – Ruth Merrill and Suzette DiCecco. Discussion followed of each candidate’s strengths and weaknesses.
 - Merrill was seen as the stronger candidate for a future *Director’s* position if needed
 - DiCecco was thought to be a better fit for our current need of an *Assistant Director*. Also DiCecco lives in the Throgs Neck area.

1955 – Motion to offer Suzette DiCecco position as Assistant Director at \$20/hr. for 20 hours/week with 6 month probationary period (Mike T/ John V 2nd). Vote – Motion Passed

1800 – Old Business

- **Honors Committee** – still reviewing candidates, will announce at June Board Meeting
- **Corporate Resolution to change status of current officers w/ F.T.I** – Need to update list of FSMAA officers on record at FTI. All have to sign, then Secretary must Seal. In progress
- **MOU to Rebid Auditing Company** – MOU with SUNY requires AA to rebid Auditor periodically. AA will comply

1815 – New Business

- **Attendance Issues for Board Members** – Anthony DeSimone and Aimee Carter
 - DeSimone is missing due to night classes so decision was made to give him a pass
 - Carter – May have called into meeting and not been recorded as present. Check attendance record to see if she has actually missed 3 in a row.
- **Friday May 18th is National Maritime Day**

1820 - Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Leonard Imperial and second by Michael Trotta. **Motion carried.**