

**Maritime College Alumni Association
Board Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2019**

Meeting held at:
President's Conference Room
SUNY Maritime College

Officers – Voting Members Present (Name and Position):

- Jennifer Barnes-Hayes, President
- Mike Brown, 1st Vice President
- Kevin Comerford, 2nd Vice President
- Anthony DeSimone, Secretary
- John Valvo, Treasurer

Board Members

- Kevin Danko
- Ted Mason
- Annmarie Bhola
- Victor Corso
- Mike Trotta *
- Carl Hausheer*

Chapter Presidents

- Marianne Michaelson-Sanderson*
- Jamie McNamara*
- Robert Rose*
- Jim Yahner*

College Staff

- Admiral Michael Alfultis
- Doug Hasbrouck
- Jim Maloney
- Ashley Scotti

Staff

- Saira Yoo, Director

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Call to order

Treasurers Report

John Valvo discussed the operating budget.

Henry Jacob's donation and fund were discussed.

We were contacted by John Callahan about incorporating funds into the class of 65 however that fund only is applicable to the 2nd class cadets. In looking for other funds it can be combined with for bookkeeping purposes it was found that the MOU for Class of 65 scholarship does not align.

The class of 53 sea term fund aligns with the Henry Jacob's donation intent and may allow for combining FTI funds while maintaining original MOU intents.

The Board discussed long term goals of further consolidation of the funds.

Ted Mason then proposed updates to the MOU associated with the Henry Jacobs Trust MOU:

“WHEREAS - Class of 1953 sponsored a endowment dedicated to Summer Sea Term Scholarships as has the Henry Jacobs Trust.

WHEREAS - It would minimize the administrative burden if the two endowments were merged and managed to the same criteria

WHEREAS - Class of 53 representatives, Chet Ehrman'53 and Stuart Fitz'53 approves such merger

BE IT RESOLVE - That MCAA merge the funds and manage them to the following criteria:

- A full time student in a USCG license program
- Good academic standing with at least a 2.5 GPA
- Good conduct record
- Have completed freshman year, including completion of the first Summer Sea Term (SST)
- Scholarship must be used solely for second and third year SST
- Financial need may be a consideration”

Motion by Ted Mason and second by John Valvo to approve the updates quoted above.

Motion carried.

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Jennifer Barnes Hayes, John Valvo and Saira Yoo met with the auditors to discuss the auditing process. The auditing committee would like to bring the auditing process to completion earlier in the year.

The finance committee met with our fund manager, Fiduciary Trust to discuss performance of the Association's portfolio.

Fiduciary takes on a conservative approach due to low risk requirements of our organization.

The reporting structure of our investments presents the greatest current challenge for our Association.

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Chapter Reports

Marianne Michaelsen-Sanderson discussed the NE Florida chapter. She discussed the Chapter's participation in a Maritime / Kings Point golf outing.

Marianne discussed coordinating a larger event for Charleston after homecoming Event in Atlanta in June July or August. It will likely be a meet and greet.

Jim Yahner discussed the Long Island chapter. Good turnout for the Amityville Maritime Day event which was held on May 22. The chapter will hold another event in Mount Sinai.

Carl Hausheer discussed the New Jersey Chapter. The chapter had a successful meeting in Belmar.

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Kristoffer Schatz, Maritime College's athletic Director discussed the Athletics Board. There is paid membership. They are looking to expand. They have met four times thus far this year. They are building a database of any former athletes among the alumni. The hall of fame is being returned to Maritime. The event will occur October 18th, 2019, the Friday of Homecoming weekend.

There was an Athletic Advisory Board networking event earlier this year. There is a hope that the Advisory Board and the Alumni Association will pursue joint events.

Kristoffer discussed the Maritime Athletics website.

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Jennifer Barnes Hayes discussed a video created by Annmarie Bhola to showcase.

Jennifer asked the board to consider moving the change of Board date to September each year. She would also like the board to evaluate the purpose and mission statement of the Association.

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Admiral Alfuldis discussed mechanical issues with the Empire State IV. The College is strongly pushing for repairs. There are no safety issues reported.

Construction on the new ship will begin one year from the date of selection of the yard.

380 new MUGS and approximately 500 total students.

The reception for the Empire State IV in Manhattan was a tremendous success. It was a missed opportunity for the Alumni Association. The College and the Association must think more holistically about event organization.

Alumni Association representation at the upcoming Maritime College Baltimore event would be beneficial to building the ties between the Association and the College.

Saira Yoo will tie in with local chapters to encourage participation.

Member identification for events helps promote membership for the Admiral's Council. It could also work for the Alumni Association.

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Saira Yoo discussed Homecoming 2019. Team members will need to be assigned tasks to ensure that the Association activities go smoothly. Saira will coordinate with the Events Committee.

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The Board watched the Scholarship Recipient video produced by Annmarie Bhola. It thanks the Alumni for supporting students for the Summer Sea Term.

Committees

New Committee assignments have been distributed.

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Golf Outing

Saira Yoo discussed the Golf Outing. The rain date of July 8th, 2019 is set.

Only 6 golfers backed out and requested refunds.

The raffle was discussed.

Honors Committee

Ted Mason discussed the need for more nominations.

The Golf Outing is an opportunity to solicit nominations for honorees.

July 15th will be the cutoff for nominations.

Next meeting in September, committees will propose annual plans.

Old business

None

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New Business

John Valvo congratulated Leo Imperial, Ted Mason and Bridget Bendo on their contributions to the Annual Report.

Mike Brown reports the class of 1967 is looking to revise their fund. They would like to develop a scholarship for the fall and spring semesters. They may look to change the fund MOU.

John Valvo explained that assigned representative for a fund's MOU must be included in any document.

Admiral Alfultis explained scholarships for room and board are often more advantageous since academic scholarships from the Association may reduce financial assistance from other sources.

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Motion by Leo Imperial and second by Mike Brown to adjourn.

Motion carried.