

**Maritime College Alumni Association
General Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2019**

Meeting held at:

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1 Pennsylvania Plaza 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10119

Officers – Voting Members Present

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

Board Members:

- Mike Trotta
- Kevin Danko
- Ted Mason
- Carl Hausheer
- Sam Reilly
- Victor Corso
- Christ Nystrom
- Leonard Imperial

Chapter Presidents

- Art Sulzer
- Dennis Brennan
- Marianne Michaelsen Sanderson
- Jim Yahner
- Zhen Shao

Past Presidents

- John Bradley

Staff

- Saira Yoo, Director

College Staff

- Doug Hasbrouck

18:00

Call to order

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by John Valvo and second by Victor Corso to approve October 2019 MCAA Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried.

Chapter Presidents Report

December 4 is the New Orleans event.

Jamie will be going to the Virginia House of Hope Event.

Parents Association has an event December 6 at the First Class Mess Deck.

Dennis Brennen in San Diego, California says the chapter held had two meetings. They have 57 members on their list. Approximately half are active. They look forward to getting another meeting going. Saira's been helpful in getting meeting invitations out to alumni.

Dennis would like to see chapter affiliations be included in the alumni database. Saira explained there is a field for chapter affiliation in the database but will only show if someone identifies themselves in one.

Art discussed the Dinner in Philadelphia December 18. It will be a joint event with the other Maritime colleges.

The Farmingdale event was well attended.

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Treasurer's Report

John Valvo reviewed the Treasurer's Report. He said we may need to bring on additional staff for the end of year due to the increased workload from new membership.

He then discussed the Underway Fund.

John then discussed revenues from events.

The venue for the 2020 Golf Classic has been set. John would like the Golf Committee to evaluate venues for future years.

Old Westbury is increasing prices this year. The Association had engaged in negotiations to settle on a price.

The Ancient Mariner golf outing was discussed.

John reviewed expenses.

Funds are doing well, in line with the general market.

Kevin Comerford has stepped up to group funds for consolidation.

The annual audit has been completed and should be delivered to the Association within a week.

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Nominations

Mike Trotta discussed Board Member Nominations.

He reviewed which seats are up for nomination this year. All Officer positions are up annually.

He discussed floor nominations and signed petition nominations.

Mike mentioned a request he received to live-stream Alumni events such as nominations.

The Board and Chapter Presidents discussed live-streaming. Consensus was to live stream the Homecoming General Meeting and potentially the Awards Dinner.

Funds Discussion

Keven Comerford discussed progress in improving transparency into the status of funds.

Unrestricted funds will be consolidated.

He described a resolution to combine the Alumni House Fund and the Valiant Fund.

Motion by Ted Mason, second by Leonard Imperial to approve the 'Resolution Regarding Closing the Alumni House Fund and Putting the Money into the Valiant Fund' (Appendix 1).

Motion carried.

Kevin then discussed the Gerson's family desire to transfer a portion of their funds being moved into the Valiant Fund to the Pusatere Fund.

Motion by John Valvo and second by Kevin Comerford to withdraw \$1,500 from the Valiant fund towards the Pusatere Fund.

Motion Carried.

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Honors Committee

Ted Mason said we should create brochures for each of the recipients.

We need a list of friends and associates of the Honorees.

We need to try to reach an additional set of sponsors.

We can invite all American Cup Recipients.

A Committee for the Dinner will be established.

Saira discussed member outreach for sponsorship.

Leonard Imperial discussed medals and engravings.

He then described the ribbons to be used.

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Events Committee

Kevin Danko sat with Doug Hasbouck and Ashley to discuss opportunities to synergize with the College.

Whether it is an Association event or a College event, there should be representation of both parties.

Kevin described how people ask, "What am I getting out of this partnership between the Association and College?".

The Association should work on improving how it presents what work is under way.

He then described month by month, College events that members of the Association should attend.

A Night of Alumni Events may occur on February 22, 2020. The College has a basketball game that could be live-streamed. Chapters can be encouraged to meet at various locations to group-watch. He said the event would be a strong way of promoting outreach outside the NY area.

Jennifer discussed a potential art gallery event.

Kevin then discussed Association presence at the CMA in Stamford.

Victor Corso mentioned the plan to share event information between the College and Association.

April 9, 2020 is Spring Fest on campus. There is potential to have Alumni connect with current students there.

April 2, 2020 is Ring Night. The Association should have representation there.

May 1, 2020 is Spring Graduation at Maritime College.

Kevin described new membership building opportunities.

May 4, 2020 is the ship departure date. There is a potential to have VIP alumni viewing position.

Ship return date is still in flux.

Indoctrination graduation is a good opportunity to foster relationships.

Jennifer mentioned giving Summer Sea Term swag such as batteries and headphones.

John Bradley discussed the Superbowl event on campus that the Parents Association sponsor.

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Web/IT

Kevin Danko discussed Maritime College Alumni Association web domain, Instagram, Facebook, Youtube, etc. names.

The same information should be available on all platforms.

The Alumni Association FAQ is nearly completed.

We would also need some feedback mechanisms.

Kevin is working with Ted to put together a brief history of the Association.

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Unfinished Business

Annamarie Bholá asked about bios for the Awards Dinner. Saira reports that she has two out of three bios currently.

Condensed versions of the bios may be used for promotional messaging.

She then discussed getting Board Nominee information for voting purposes.

Mike Brown spoke with Kevin Fox. Kevin is interested in starting a scholarship fund.

Mike also discussed a classmate of his who lives in Denmark. This classmate discussed student and teacher exchange and is looking for ways to offset the costs of such an exchange program.

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John Valvo discussed funds use for scholarships. A lot of donations for scholarships come in when the dues letter goes out.

Victor Corso asked about the status of database merging. Doug Hasbrouk said the College is waiting on funding for a specialist to aid in the process.

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Motion to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Appendix

1. Resolution Regarding Closing the Alumni House Fund and Putting the Money into the Valiant Fund

November 13, 2019

WHEREAS two “Unrestricted” Funds held by MCAA exist and are accounted for separately, as follows:

(1) **Alumni House Fund**, Number 141010268, with a balance as of 10/17/19 of \$13,630.98

(2) **Valiant Fund**, Number 141010295, with a balance as of 10/17/19 of \$552,749.63

WHEREAS there appears: (a) to be no advantage to keeping the small Alumni House Fund open; and (b) that the money can be better and more efficiently managed by Fiduciary Trust by closing the Alumni House Fund and putting this money into the Valiant Fund; (c) there is no MOU for the Alumni House Fund;

WHEREAS both accounts are **Unrestricted**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of MCAA approves the dissolution of the Alumni House Fund with all the money being put into the Valiant Fund, resolves and confirms that it will continue to observe the account classification as indicated, and hereby directs the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to act accordingly.