

**Maritime College Alumni Association
General Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2020**

Meeting held at:
Teleconference
(All participants called in)

Officers

- John Valvo, President
- Mike Brown, 1st Vice President
- Sam Reilly, 2nd Vice President
- Kevin Comeford, Treasurer
- Annmarie Bhola, Assistant Treasurer

Board Members

- Carl Hausheer
- Mike Trotta
- Ted Mason
- Kevin Danko
- Victor Corso
- Leonard Imperial
- Chris Nystrom
- Marissa Danzy
- Phil Kantz
- John Bradley – Past President

Chapter Presidents

- Art Sulzer
- Jim Yahner

Maritime College

- Michael Alfultis
- Doug Hasbrouck

Staff

- Saira Yoo, Director

18:07

Call to order

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

The minutes should be revised to include Marissa Danzy.

Pending the addition above:

- **Motion** my Phil Kantz and second by Ted Mason to approve February 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.
- **Motion carried.**

Chapter Updates

Art Sulzer discussed the Delaware Valley Chapter.

All planned events have been put on hold due to the Covid-19 crisis.

May 20 was planned for a rowing regatta and annual maritime day dinner at seaport museum.

Kevin Comerford discussed the New Jersey Chapter.

The most recent chapter event hosted 16-18 people. Captain McManus was in attendance.

The chapter's April event has been canceled or postponed.

Jim Yahner discussed the Long Island Chapter.

The chapter cancelled the March 26 event in Massapequa. The chapter is still uncertain but is still hopeful for the May 21 gathering, as well as a casual gathering in June.

Director's Report

The Summer Sea Term Scholarships were discussed.

The New Alumni Event was canceled. The Association may try to reschedule, but is unsure.

The Spring networking status is tentative.

The Golf Classic was discussed. All are hoping it will stay on track. Will schedule another call for next week and have Valvo included

Saira will be working with various committees on adjusting to the current crisis.

Treasurer's report

Kevin Comerford discussed the Association's budget.

The 2020 Budget was reviewed and presented for a vote.

Motion by Ted Mason and second by Leo Imperial to approve the 2020 Budget.

Open for discussion:

- Phil Kantz inquired if and how the COVID-19 impact could be incorporated into the budget.
 - This is a standard budget. It has not been adjusted for COVID. The impact is uncertain.
- Leo Imperial asked about payroll increases from 2019.
 - The Assistant director resigned last year which reduced the figures for 2019
 - Raises for 2020 were discussed.
 - The Association is considering alternative staffing options.
- Ted Mason discussed dues year over year.
 - Kevin Comerford stated that the 2020 Budget takes a conservative stance on revenues.
- Sam Reilly said it seems like people really haven't adjusted to the situation at hand. In reality, this year will probably be different than anything anyone can expect. We can hope to have things remain the same, but we have to be prepared for big differences.
 - Kevin Comerford replied May events are probably going to be canceled. The Golf Classic may need to be rescheduled to the Fall.

Motion carried.

Scholarship Fund Summary

The fund is short of the SST goal. With the ongoing crisis, we will likely not meet that goal.

The Association is not yet clear on the status of the 2020 Summer Sea Term. The Board will wait for the Admiral to discuss later in the meeting.

Summer Sea Term Scholarships

Mike Brown reports all essay grading is complete. Raw score numbers coming in within the next day or two.

The Admiral discussed the potential outlook for the Summer Sea Term.

- Students moved off campus this week. Classes were suspended so that students could move off campus.
- 2/3 of classes moved to distance learning format
- Graduation will be postponed
- Not likely that SST will depart on May 4, but cadets must complete a 100 day Summer Sea Term before next summer.
- Mike Brown opened a discussion on when to pay out 2020 scholarships. The Association will work with the College and coordinate when they actually send the bills out. All will be determined based on when the College decides to set the Summer Sea Term.
- Ted Mason discussed the possibility of the Association raising less funds for the Summer Sea Term due to the COVID-19 crisis. The size of the scholarships may have to be reduced or the number of scholarships disbursed may be decreased.
- John Valvo explained there is time to decide how the Association will proceed with scholarship distribution.
- The possibility for a secondary appeal for Summer Sea Term scholarships
- The College's communications department will be sending out an announcement to alumni next week to provide an update on Sea Terms.
- The Association should consider a virtual New Alumni Night.
 - Students can ask questions through a teleconferencing format.
 - Have students pick which mentors they want to talk with, powerpoint presentations, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PR is working on a website and rebranding from FSMAA to MCAA.

Data Integrity

- Working with college on data integrity (data comparisons and linking records). As they continue, the goal is to have linked records between the college and MCAA. Any updates could be shared and uploaded into each other's databases.

Membership levels

- Discussions are ongoing.
- The potential plan would keep \$60 level as baseline
- The team would consider adding a few different membership options with perks.

Events

- Most of our event schedule has changed and likely will for the rest of the year.

- Virtual events may come about.

Chapters

- Hampton Roads to become a voting chapter
 - **Motion** by Leo Imperial and second by Marissa Danzy to approve Hampton Roads as a chapter with voting rights.
 - **Motion carried.**
- Houston to become a voting chapter
 - **Motion** by Leo Imperial and second by Marissa Danzy to approve Houston as a chapter with voting rights.
 - **Motion carried.**
- Carl Hausheer expressed interest in Phoenix to form a chapter, but nothing has materialized as of yet.

Magazine

- Ted Mason discussed the committee progress. They had a productive conference call. They have a definitive master schedule for the year, which addresses both magazine and annual report. They will get face-to-face meetings on the calendar.
- The committee wants to stick with a hard copy version of the Annual Report.
 - John Valvo requests the committee discuss this further. There are benefits to changing the format to electronic.
 - Marissa Danzy is setting up a schedule for membership to call for content throughout the year.
- Ted Mason discussed the newsletter.
 - John Valvo suggested a possibility of incorporating the newsletter into the new Association website. Perhaps videos being put out could be part of an ongoing electronic newsletter. We're evolving into getting messages out to the masses.

Honors

- Ted Mason discussed the Honors Committee. Steve Carbery took over as Chair. He has been giving SOP by Ted and is ready to go.
- Ted said there's difficulty in identifying potential honorees.
- Ted recommended honorees to the committee.

Legal

- Victor Corso reports he received an application for D&O insurance from a broker.
- Ted can work with Victor on this, using policy for the Navy League as a reference.
- Victor will check in with The Hartford on D&O policy that they may offer us.

Bylaws Changes and SOPs

- Anthony, Valvo, Comerford and Annmarie will work to get these finalized.
Anthony will package all information together and send it out.

Mike Brown further discussed Scholarships.

Motion by TedMason and Second by Mike Brown to close the 1952 Fund.

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion carried.