

**Maritime College Alumni Association
General Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2020**

Meeting held at:

Teleconference

(All participants called in)

Officers

- John Valvo, President
- Mike Brown, 1st Vice President
- Sam Reilly, 2nd Vice President
- Anthony DeSimone, Secretary
- Kevin Comerford, Treasurer
- Annmarie Bhola, Assistant Treasurer

Board Members

- Carl Hausheer
- Ted Mason
- Kevin Danko
- Victor Corso
- Leonard Imperial
- Marissa Danzy
- Phil Kantz

Chapter Presidents

- Marianne Michaelsen-Sanderson
- Jamie Macnamara
- Art Sulzer
- Jim Yahner

Maritime College

- Michael Alfultis
- Doug Hasbrouck

Staff

- Saira Yoo, Director

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Call to order

Review of the march meeting minutes

Motion to approve March 2020 Board Meeting Minutes pending correction to 1952 fund.

Motion carried.

Chapter Reports

Art Sulzer the Delaware Chapter.

He recently discovered his father's Maritime College memorabilia.

Art discussed a potential project for alumni to gather past memorabilia and share interesting content.

Kevin Danko discussed the plans for the revamped website and how this new content could be included.

John Valvo asked Annmarie Bhola to explain how people could contribute content.

Phil Kantz suggested we consult the Maritime College Archives at Fort Schuyler to determine if there is any overlap.

Phil suggested forming a working group to look through content at the Fort

Jamie McNamara discussed the NJ Chapter.

Jim Yahner discussed the Long Island Chapter.

Marya-Anne Michaelsen Sanderson spoke about local events cancelations.

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The College

Admiral Michael Alfultis discussed the College's rolling plans for the Summer Sea Term.

The admiral is deeply concerned for the students and their families that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

The College will host a Facebook live event to discuss potential paths for execution of the Sea Terms.

Online programs are currently not a solution to STCW requirements of the Coast Guard.

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Directors Report

The Association canceled New Alumni Night. Saira Yu has reached out to students who registered for the event to ask for video journals of what they wanted to discuss. The Association hopes to achieve some networking between students and alumni.

Springfest is canceled.

Spring Networking Event is likely to be canceled.

Annmarie described how video networking sessions could be administered.

The Golf Classic is unlikely to occur on June 8th. Two backup dates have been discussed with the club.

Ancient Mariner and Homecoming events will have to be looked at as the summer progresses.

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Treasurer's Report

Kevin Comerford discussed the current balance sheet and budget.

John Valvo inquired about the net profit for the 2020 Awards Dinner.

Kevin reviewed specific revenues and expenses.

He reviewed our position relative to our goals.

Kevin discussed the Payroll Protection Program as part of the stimulus plan.

Ted Mason discussed the Payroll Tax Credit that could also be put into use.

Kevin, Annmarie, Saira and Marissa Danzy will try to complete this on Monday.

Motion by John Valvo and second by Annmarie Bhola to pursue application for the Payroll Protection Program.

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Finance Committee

Sam Reilly discussed the recent call with FTI, our financial manager.

Black Swan events like the COVID-19 crisis are difficult to plan around.
Investment Policy was discussed by Sam and Ted Mason.

Magazine Committee

Ted Mason discussed magazine production. He also described the Annual Report.
The Magazine Committee is on track.
Leonard Imperial discussed Committee mission statements to be listed in the Annual Report.

Public Relations

Kevin Danko said he and Saira had another call with the website developers for our rebranding efforts.
First effort is getting the homepage up to date.
Kevin discussed cross-promoting along with College efforts.
He discussed how video sessions can disseminate information about alumni's careers.

Admiral Michael Alfultis discussed College Commencement. Commencement may be virtual/online.

Membership Committee

Kevin Danko thanked Doug Hasbrouk and his team for their cooperation in the membership database.
Kevin described efforts to link identities in the varied databases and match record numbers.
He discussed the multiple phases required to identify and confirm identities.
Doug Hasbrouk stated that a significant percentage of records were successfully matched between databases of the College and the Association.
John Valvo asked if it was possible to prioritize classes for anniversary groups.
Kevin said progress is great so far.

Chapters Committee

Carl Hausheer discussed the membership status among chapters.
He discussed the CMA show.
There are some trade shows that he would like to have the Association coordinate with the school to coordinate participation.
John Valvo discussed Chapter President video conferencing and ways that they can work with the Association to grow their chapters.
The Board discussed non-voting member participation in Board Meetings.
Art Sulzer described potential paths to bringing in more chapter participation in Board Meetings

Honors Committee

Ted Mason spoke with Bridget Bendo and discussed individuals he would recommend for receipt of honors.

Legal Committee

Victor Corso discussed some pro-bono legal assistance the Association may solicit.
Victor reported on insurance brokers for the Association.
Ted Mason discussed Director and Officer Liability insurance.

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Unfinished Business

Anthony DeSimone discussed the Resolutions and By-Law Changes being proposed.
Marissa.
Kevin Comerford said to add the Annual Meeting Resolution to the email sendout.
Marissa Danzy asked for background for the By-Laws changes regarding Chapter rebates.
Art Sulzer discussed the perspective of Chapter Presidents.

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Ted Mason inquired about the Audit Committee's progress on the 2020 Audit RFP.
John Valvo has drafted the RFP and will distribute to the committee next week.

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Scholarship

Mike Brown discussed scholarship essay review process and completion of the associated administrative work.

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**Motion by Phil Kantz and second by Leonard Imperial to adjourn the Board Meeting.
Motion carried.**