

**Maritime College Alumni Association  
General Meeting Minutes for September 17, 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
- Chris Nystrom

**Past Presidents**

- Jennifer Barnes Hayes

**Chapter Presidents**

- Jamie Macnamara
- Jim Yahner
- Art Sulzer

**Maritime College**

- Doug Hasbrouck

**Staff**

- Saira Yoo, Director

**18:11**

**Call to Order**

John Valco greeted the Board.

**Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting**

Marissa Danzy requested additional time to review minutes as they were sent out to the Board very recently.

**Reports of Chapter Presidents**

John Valco discussed a recent Chapter Presidents meeting held last night.

Art Sulzer said they've raised funds and hope to still get the holiday party put together for the year 2020. Yesterday he attended another meeting with the charter school. They're in the process of securing a site for an additional charter school.

Jamie Macnamara is organizing a Jersey Chapter trap and skeet shooting event. The venue allows for adequate distancing. This would be a cash only event. The Chapter will not have to front funds to get the event off the ground.

### **Director's Report**

The new MCAA website has launched and there is positive feedback on it thus far.

Multiple Virtual Alumni Nights were held. Student attendance could be improved upon. Many great alumni volunteered to mentor.

### **Upcoming Events.**

#### **Golf Classic**

Registrations have already begun to come in.

#### **Additional Virtual Alumni Nights**

Saira Yoo said additional Virtual Alumni Nights are still to come.

MCAA Member email subscriptions were discussed.

Several other events are still in jeopardy of being canceled due to covid.

### **1826**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin Comerford discussed the MCAA budget.

He went through a month by month and year by year comparisons of balances, income and expenses.

Kevin described the impact of covid on revenues.

The Gerson family still intends to offer support to the Homecoming event at Paddy's on the Bay.

Kevin discussed fund performance.

Kevin discussed the MOU's and which funds may be used for pier-side training and which must go to Summer Sea Term.

He described Internal Controls documents he intends to complete by the end of 2020.

Scholarship Awarding was discussed. We did not hand out a scholarship for this in 2019 so two will be awarded in 2020.

Federal Payroll loan is expected to be forgiven which can amount to \$16,000.

### **1838**

#### **Maritime College Report**

##### **Pier Side Training**

John Valvo discussed Pier Side training costs and support in the form of financial assistance.

The Board and Doug Hasbrouck discussed how the MCAA should communicate the financial assistance provided to students. 212 students received some form of financial assistance.

A letter would be sent to students who received an initial \$500 of support and a second mailing would go out to those who received additional aid.

Doug Hasbrouck reported Covid testing on campus has begun. Less than 2% of the student body tested positive.

The first virtual Admirals Dinner has been organized. Doug thanked Annmarie Bhola for her support.

Doug also described the upcoming 2020 Commencement Ceremony.

Maritime Staff is working on an Archives system for photographs of Maritime College experiences.

## **1850**

### **Homecoming**

Kevin Danko explained that Homecoming would be virtual this year. He and the team are evaluating what variety of virtual events would be a draw.

Virtual class reunion events are likely to be held Friday evening of Homecoming weekend. Saturday morning, an online lecture series may be presented.

A day in the life of a student may be shown.

The Annual Membership meeting would then be held. A moderated forum would conclude this meeting.

If the events are wildly popular and exceed 100 people, the event could be shared on social media to accommodate additional people.

Broadcasting of Maritime College athletic events may also be broadcasted.

Kevin is seeking moderators and interviewees for these events.

Most of the interviews will be pre-recorded.

Kevin Danko will work with Saira Yoo to put together a schedule of events and solicitation correspondences.

## **1920**

### **By-Laws / Resolutions Vote**

Anthony DeSimone discussed By Law /Resolutions vote that recently concluded.

### **Board Member Spotlight Videos**

Marissa Danzy has already produced her Member Spotlight video.

Kevin Danko explained that initially we plan to put out a video for each Committee Chair.

John Valvo then said all board members would eventually be putting out a video each.

### **1925**

#### **Review of Committee Progress**

##### **Events**

Kevin Danko discussed the recent success of Virtual Membership Meetings. So much is currently in flux due to Covid.

Saira Yoo described the revamped process for the Ancient Mariner Golf Outing.

Final attendee numbers must be given to the Clearview Golf club prior to the event.

Saira expressed the need to bring on additional staff to prepare for the Ancient Mariner to facilitate a smoother event with social distancing.

#### **Public Relations**

Kevin Danko discussed rebranding including website development. He described the work required to get this rebranding completed. MaritimeCollegeAA.com is the address for the new site.

Anmarie Bhola expressed the need to call more attention to the donate button on the site.

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### **1944**

#### **Chapter**

Carl Hausheer discussed the recent Chapter presidents meetings. These meetings have been successful in allowing presidents to share experience.

#### **Finance**

Kevin worked with Fiduciary recently to adjust funds.

#### **Audit**

Anthony DeSimone discussed his progress in the role of Audit Committee Chair. John Valvo elaborated on Audit Committee functions.

#### **Membership**

Kevin Danko discussed Member Spotlight videos. The membership database was discussed.

Kevin explained that there were actually three databases that should be aligned.

Saira Yoo requested additional information on what data can and cannot be shared across databases.

### **Nominations**

Annamarie Bhola discussed nominations for the Board of Directors and Officers of the Alumni Association. This will be the first year that nominations will not be held on the floor of a Fall Networking Event.

### **Honors Committee**

Ted Mason discussed work on setting up the Honor recipients. Leonard Imperial is working with him on setup with medals.

Ted discussed the following award recipient candidates:

Mike Toner'65, Special Recognition

James Starace'81, Life Time Achievement

Griffith Lynch'88, Alumnus of the Year

**Motion** by Leonard Imperial and second by Mike Brown to approve the recommendations of the honors committee to be recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

**Motion carried.**

### **Legal**

Victor Corso described the ongoing work toward application for legal protections. He expressed concerns about the discretionary costs associated with legal evaluation of such protection. Victor would appreciate a more solid answer on whether or the Association would definitively move forward with protections for board members.

### **Scholarship**

Mike Brown said there was a lot of data cleanup required but there's a final screening of the Class of '67 academic award in a few weeks. Scholarship awarding of Pier-Side Training will require more evaluation and planning.

### **All Hands Committee**

John Valvo discussed the newly established team to work on promoting diversity. The Committee is working on how to be an Alumni Association for all.

### **Admiral's Dinner**

Admiral's Dinner is held next Tuesday evening. Registration is free for online participation.

### **Publications**

Marissa Danzy said the publications team is looking for content for future publications.

### **New Business**

Jim Yahner discussed the Long Island Chapter's hope of holding an outdoor event.

Ted Mason discussed the value of the Alumni Association and activities such as waterfront courses.

Mike Brown discussed the class of 67 academic award.

**2100**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Motion carried.**