

MARITIME COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Maritime College Alumni Association

General Meeting Meetings – January 2021

Meeting Held on January 21, 2021 via Teleconference

Officers

John Valvo	President
Kevin Danko	President-Elect
Annmarie Bhola	Assistant Treasurer/ 1 st Vice President Elect
Sam Reilly	2 nd Vice President/ Assistant Treasurer Elect
Leo Imperial	Board Member/ 2 nd Vice President Elect
Michael Paturas	Secretary Elect
Kevin Comerford	Treasurer

Board Members

Carl Hausheer	Ted Mason
Phil Kantz	Marissa Danzy
Mike Trotta	Rick McClain
Bridget Cooney	Ryan Modruson
Chris Nystrom	

Chapter Presidents

Michael Flood - Houston	Art Sulzer - Delaware
Zhen Shao - Con Edison	Jim Yahner - Long Island

MCAA Staff

Saira Yoo – Director	
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SUNY Maritime College

Michael Alfultis	President of Maritime College
Doug Hasbrouck	VP of Development

1807 - Call to Order

Outgoing President John Valvo calls the January 2021 meeting to order and puts forth a motion to approve December 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion Carried.

1810 - Administrative Duty Discussion

Outgoing President John Valvo asks Director of the Maritime Alumni Association Saira Yoo to leave the call briefly, so the Officers, Board Members and other members of the Alumni Association can discuss 2020 year-end bonuses and salary increase.

Kevin Comerford, Association Treasurer, shared his thoughts on the 2020 financial year and proposed year-end bonuses for the 3 staff members. (2 employees and 1 contractor)

Motion to propose the following bonus incentives and vote:

- Saira – Director - \$1,875 bonus & 3% pay increase (\$53,000 - \$55,100)
- Denise – Bookkeeper- \$375 bonus & increase in hourly pay to \$17 an hour.
- Kamal – Contractor - \$375 bonus & no change to the \$2,000 a month already received

Motion Carried.

1822 - 2021 Officer & Board Member Election Results

John Valvo officially hands over the Presidential duties to incoming President Kevin Danko.

Full 2021 Election results discussed:

- Annmarie Bhola elected 1st Vice President
- Leo Imperial elected 2nd Vice President
- Mike Paturas elected Secretary
- Sam Reilly elected Assistant Treasurer
- Rick McClain elected to the Board of Directors
- Bridget Cooney elected to the Board of Directors
- Ryan Modruson elected to the Board of Directors

1824 – Meeting Agenda

Chapter President Updates:

- **Art Sulzer – Delaware Chapter**
 - Nothing new to report, as events and outings have been quiet due to COVID-19. Chapter is aiming to hold their first event on May 22, 2021, also known as Maritime Day. The Chapter also plans to give out 5 cadet scholarships for SST.

- **Jim Yahner – Long Island Chapter**
 - Rebuilding board membership on Long Island. Will look to get together as a group in the near future pending COVID. Working on outreach via the Chapters Facebook page.
- **Zen Shao – Con Edison Chapter**
 - Nothing new to report.

1827 – Directors Report – Saira Yoo

Membership renewals continue be received via mail from year end. First round of reminders by email for those who have not yet renewed will be sent next week. Events Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for next week as well, looking to put together more virtual events, particularly around the topic of alumni mentoring. Year-end giving statements will be sent out this upcoming Monday, hard copies will be sent to large donors with a personalized thank you note.

1833 – Treasurers Report – Kevin Comerford

End of Year budget is down \$25,000, primarily due to cancelled events, such as the Golf Outing as a result of COVID-19. The association applied for the Paycheck Protection Program Small Business loan in the amount of \$16,231 which was approved and will be applied into the 2021 budget.

Membership dues are down for the year, with a total of \$57,830 in 2020. This figure is a decline from 2019 (\$81,750) & 2018 (\$70,740) respectively.

The Association funds are up, started the 2020 year with \$9,852,000 and ended the year with an increase of over \$1.8 million to \$11,746,000.

Summer Sea Term Scholarships stands at \$362,000, in addition to \$18,000 of appeal money from 2019 that was not used as result of the cancelled summer sea term. Additionally, the appeal for 2020 gained \$75,000 and the mailer for 2020 added \$5,300.

In total that brings the money available for SST Scholarships to over \$451,000 with the target price being \$500,000. All money will be available towards scholarships for cadets during the 2021 SST.

Proposed 2021 budget will be sent out in the coming weeks with a proposed budget of \$70,000, to be voted on amongst the Alumni Association. Following MCAA approval, it will be brought to College for their approval by March 2021.

Finance Committee will be meeting with Fiduciary Trust tomorrow to review annual report.

1849 – Admirals Report – Michael Alfultis, President of Maritime College

MARAD funding approved by Congress for the #4 Training Ship (Texas A&M). Working with the administration to ensure funding is not dropped for the #5 ship. Steel cutting will happen next week for the #2 Training Ship.

Maritime College has final design review meeting with ship builders next week.

Admiral is beginning to document the milestones of NMSV, working Maritime College library to archive all applicable documents. Additionally outlying a series of articles of how we got to this point, including efforts from former Presidents of the College. This also will include working the Trump Administration on gaining shipbuilding support and talk about how it was funded and came to fruition. Finally it will finish with the design and construction portion of the vessel.

Face to Face instruction begins next Monday, January 25th with all students reporting back to campus.

The College is working to get students vaccinated, working with SUNY and the Chancellors office on that initiative.

Looking ahead to SST 2021 and what that could look like and what steps will need to be taken in order for it to be successful.

1858 – President Review – Kevin Danko, President of MCAA

Each Committee will be chaired by at least 1 board member and include 1 other board member. Aside from that, the remaining seats will be non-board members. All board members are asked to reach out to 3 alumni to gain their interest in assisting with that process. (Action item for the MCAA)

1900 – Committee Review

Events Committee:

- Annual Dinner – Postponed to April 2021. Decision must be made to decide if the dinner will be held as proposed or further delayed.
- Mike Trotta has been asked to become the new Chair of the Events Committee
- Focus on virtual opportunities and mentorship
- June Golf Outing- On schedule & date is reserved
- Homecoming 2021 – Begin to start planning and how will the MCAA be involved
- Working to put together MCAA Calendar

Public Relations Committee:

- Focus remains on how we get out information out to Alumni & Membership
 - Social Media platforms
 - Magazine
 - Mailing
- MCAA website cleanup
- Templates on advertising and documentation/sharing good work and events by the association to membership
- Communication Campaigns – Working on how do we communicate, how often? More consistent communications across the board.

Membership Committee:

- Alumni Membership #1 priority for President Kevin Danko
- Theme is to return back to basics and relate with members
- Focus on phone calls to members and engaging with them
 - Look to establish Class Leaders
- Work on adding value and building connection with Alumni
- Establish Membership Database (College & MCAA combined)
- Increase on involving nonmembers to assist in engagement overall

Chapters Committee:

- Hosted meeting recently with Chapter Presidents
- Will discuss on the frequency of meetings with Chapter Presidents; monthly or quarterly.

Finance Committee:

- Meeting with Fiduciary Trust tomorrow to review funds and annual report

Audit Committee:

- Not present.

Nomination Committee:

- Mike Trotta to become Chair of Nomination Committee
- Nothing further to report

Honors Committee:

- Need to decide on Distinguished Alumni Dinner by end of this month, make it a virtual event or postpone till January 2022.
- Honors and Events Committee will meet next week to discuss the topic.

Legal Committee:

- Not present, however they are working the membership database agreement.

Scholarship Committee:

- Met this week, reviewed the timeline of review process for scholarships.
- Aggressive timeline from the closure of applications to the time to review, grade and approve cadets.
- Need more volunteers from the board and non-board members to assist in reviewing cadet applications over the course of 2 weeks in February.
- Chapter Members to have at least 1 member to assist in the grading process.

All Hands Committee:

- Diversity & Inclusion Training for the Board
- Waiting on decision from the committee to approve training and bring a recommendation to the Board by next month's meeting.

1954 – Unfinished Business

Tabled.

1955 – New Business

Establish new committee to focus on the new training ship and the 150 year anniversary of the college in 2024.

Work on 100% identification of all Maritime College alumni by 2024/2025.

Focus on establishing more Alumni Association items to disseminate out to members (i.e. cuff links, watches, clothing, etc...)

2013 – Recap of Action Items

- Events & Honors Committee to meet next week regarding Distinguished Alumni Dinner
- Each Board member to reach out to 3 alumni members for participation in committees
- Art Sulzer and Kevin Danko to get together on a list of Class Leaders
- Annemarie Bhola will set up meeting with reviewers for SST Scholarship
- Presidents Meeting
- All-Hands Committee- Will meet to decide on plan for diversity & inclusion training before next month's Board meeting.

Next Board meeting will be held Thursday, February 18, 2021.

2023 – MCAA President - Motion to adjourn meeting.

2025 – Motion Accepted, January 2021 meeting concluded.

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