



Maritime College Alumni Association

General Meeting Minutes – February 2021

Meeting Held on February 18, 2021 via Teleconference

Officers

Kevin Danko	President
Anmarie Bhola	1 st Vice President
Leo Imperial	2 nd Vice President
Michael Paturas	Secretary Elect
Kevin Comerford	Treasurer
Sam Reilly	Assistant Treasurer

Board Members

Carl Hausheer	Ted Mason
Mike Trotta	Rick McClain
Bridget Cooney	Ryan Modruson
Chris Nystrom	Victor Corso

Past Presidents

John Valvo	Past President
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MCAA Staff

Saira Yoo	Director of Alumni Affairs
Matt Bonvento	MCAA Editor

Chapter Presidents

Marianne Sanderson – Carolinas	Art Suzler – Delaware
Zhen Shao – Con Edison	Jamie McNamara – New Jersey

SUNY Maritime College

Michael Alfultis	President of Maritime College
Doug Hasbrouck	VP of Development

1806 – Call to Order

President Kevin Danko calls the February 2021 meeting to order and puts forth a motion to approve the January 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion Carried.

1809 – Special Board Meeting Minutes – Executive Director Interview

Motion put forth by President Kevin Danko to approve Meeting Minutes from the interview of nominee Jeannie Murphy for Executive Director.

Motion tabled until the March 2021 meeting so the Board can fully review and approve.

1810 – Administrative Duty Discussions

President Kevin Danko puts forth suggestions to the Board on the following topics:

- Tighten up board meetings (1-1:30 hour timeframe)
- Status Reports from Committee Chairs; focus on accomplishments during the previous month (top 1-2 items) and then expectations to accomplish in the upcoming month
- Limit discussion piece by fellow Board members, more recommendations and suggestions to committees to explore and investigate over the course of the next month

1813 – Meeting Agenda

Chapter President Updates:

- **Art Sulzer – Delaware Chapter**
 - Nothing new to report. Scholarships have been established for students to apply for Summer Sea Term.
- **Jamie McNamara – New Jersey Chapter**
 - Nothing to report. Looking to host an event in April, pending COVID.
- **Zhen Shao – Con Edison Chapter**
 - Company is slowly beginning effort on recruiting interns – Covanta. Beginning to bring those opportunities remotely for current students.

1816 – Directors Report – Saira Yoo

General Updates:

- Mail has slowed down
- Beginning to work on monthly membership reminders
- Finalizing year-end giving statements

- Following up with all committees throughout the last 2 weeks
- Working with President Kevin Danko on the next SST Appeal

1819 – Admirals Report – Michael Alfultis, President of Maritime College

The Admiral shared with the Board the College's COVID Metrics:

- Low confirmed case numbers in Jan., higher numbers during the first 2 weeks of February.
- Overall, Maritime College has a 1.5% positivity rate
- 73% regiment, 23% civilian
- Freshman & Senior classes represent largest % of positive cases
- Primary Concerns:
 - Activity in Dorms
 - Off Campus Activity
- High degree of focus on mental health issues for entire campus
- MCAA to assist in sponsoring an event to improve overall student body moral

1833 – Treasurers Report – Kevin Comerford

Proposed budget for January has been sent to the Admiral and the College.

Synced up Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which was approved in January and added \$16k to income (loan forgiven), putting the association up \$10,000 for the month. Additionally, the MCAA picked up \$3,500 in dues and expenses were \$10,000.

Overall the funds started the 2021 year at a total of \$11.7 million and now stand currently at \$11.6 million.

Application filled out and approved for second PPP for \$16,053 and that money will be deposited into Chase account this week.

Summer Sea Term Scholarships, \$454,000 available for SST and the Class of '65 is sponsoring \$32,000 out of their fund, \$4,000 per student (4 Deck & 4 Engine Cadets). Puts the SST total to now \$486,000 out of a goal of \$500,000.

General Updates:

- Working with Assistant Treasurer Sam Reilly on new and improve performance summaries from Fiduciary Trust reports.
- Class of '73 – Looking to establish a scholarship fund and a meeting will be set up next week to further discuss.
- Finalizing annual report for next week.
- New Executive Director position will begin on March 1, 2021.

1839 – President Review – Kevin Danko, President of MCAA

Reminder for each committee to reach out to 3 alumni (non-board) to gain their interest in joining and assisting various committees.

Committee Leadership Updates:

- **Legal Committee-** Jennifer Hayes (Chair) and Vic Corso to assist.
- **Membership Committee-** Ryan Modruson, Chair
- **Chapters Committee-** Carl Hausheer, Chair
- **Scholarship Committee -** Annmarie Bhola, Chair
- **Nominating Committee-** Mike Trota will step back as Chair, when needed.
- **Finance Committee-** Kevin Comerford, Chair
- **Events Committee-** Mike Trotta, Chair
 - **Honors Sub-Committee of Events-** Steve Carberry
 - **Golf Sub-Committee-** AJ McAllister
- **Public Relations Committee –** Rick McClain, Chair
- **Magazine Committee –** Marissa, Leo and Ted will all help to lead the committee
- **All-Hands Committee -** Annemarie Bhola, Chair
- **Audit Committee -** John Valvo, Chair

1843– Committee Review

Events Committee:

- New Alumni Night: Tentative for March 25th
- Spring Networking Event: Tentative for May 14th
- Golf Outing: June 14th , COVID Dependent
- Ship Arrival/Departure- TBD, COVID Dependent
- Ancient Mariner Golf Outing & Homecoming
 - *Ancient mariner: October 15, 2021*
 - *Homecoming: October 16, 2021*
- Awards Dinner: POSTPONED due to COVID; January 2022
- Event for current students on campus: TBD

Public Relations Committee:

- Work on more constructive outreach, improve on value and content.
- Track metric performance on social media.

Membership Committee:

- Exploring multi-year memberships and the benefits that would come with that
- Establishing donation categories, working to create criteria for what people would receive for specific donations

Chapters Committee:

- Working with LinkedIn Groups for each Chapter
- Getting more involved with charity events
- Following up with Chapter Presidents on how frequent they will meet with Kevin Danko

Finance Committee:

- Summarizing fund reports for the active funds
- Letters to write for annual report by next week
- Working with Class of '73 for 50 Year scholarship fund

Audit Committee:

- Anthony DeSimone will assist Chair John Valvo on the committee
- Main focus is getting out proposal for auditors
- Working on getting Audit RFP's issued by next month's meeting
- Create better logs of previous documentation handed over to auditors to hold them more accountable
- Lessons learned from previous findings and recommendations

Nominations Committee:

- Nothing right now, more updates to come in August.

Honors Committee:

- Discussed the postponement of the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner
- Feedback and discussions with alumni was that postponing the dinner until January 2022 presents a better overall opportunity for proper recognition to the honorees and to have the event in person for effective fundraising.
- Editor of the Magazine will work on conducting in-depth interviews with the honorees.
- All honorees agreed that moving the dinner until the following year was the appropriate decision.

Legal Committee:

- Continuing to work on membership database with all applicable parties

Scholarship Committee:

- Update on board reviews for cadet SST applications
- Board members who volunteered urged to finish their reviews before deadline, Feb. 22nd

All Hands Committee:

- Pushing a recommendation on a company to provide the Diversity & Inclusion training for the Board
- Looked into other training potentially offered through the SUNY system, but recommendation is to move forward with Annemarie's suggested company
- Will work on recommendations on when Board should complete and finish the training

Magazine Committee:

- Need to acquire adequate material for future magazines, heavy focus on pictures from past and future alumni events
- Working on Annual Report for 2020 and looking for input from individuals by the deadline of March 15th

1940 – New Business

- No new business to discuss.

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

1943 – Motion to adjourn meeting.

1943 – Motion Accepted, February 2021 meeting concluded.

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