



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2015**

meeting held at:  
Fiduciary Trust  
600 Fifth Ave.  
New York, New York

Officers – Voting Members Present (Name, Class, Position):

Dan Gillette '97 – President	Matthew Devins '97 - Treasurer
Mike Trotta '99 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President *	Ted Mason '57 – Asst. Treasurer
George Bonkowski '99 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Richard Bracken '56 – Past President (Phone)
Annmarie Bhola '98 – Board Member	Carl Hausheer '79 – Board Member*
William Kreppein '80 – Board Member *	Victor Corso '83 – Board Member
Jose Femenia '64 – Board Member *	Leonard Imperial '01 – Board Member*

Chapter Presidents

Marianne Michaelsen-Sanderson '95 – Carolinas Chapter\*

Alumni Staff

Maggy Williams Giunco – Alumni Director  
(\* attendance via phone)

1815 Chapter Reports –

- Marianne Michaelsen-Sanderson discussed Carolinas Chapter Fall 2015 Meeting and Dinner cruise scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015.
- NJ Chapter discussed Jersey Fall Networking Dinner with the Admiral scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Re-affirmed that anyone can attend Chapter events and need not be dues paying members.

1835 President Dan Gillette calls the meeting to order. **Quorum present.**  
President's Report- Dan Gillette

- Dan discussed an upcoming Florida trip to connect with Chapters. Friday September 25, he will be meeting with the NE Florida Chapter at Seven Bridges. Saturday September 26, he will be meeting with the South Florida Chapter.
- The Carolinas Chapter inquired about President/Board member presence at Carolina events.
- The FSMAA relationship with the college was discussed. A committee was formed: Dan Gillette, Earl Baim, Matthew Devins, Victor Corso, and Richard Bracken.
- Class gifts were discussed. Some class gifts either go straight to the college or go through FSMAA. There may be lists created by the school for items needing funding (e.g. weight room, lab, lathes, etc.)

#### 1850 Director's/Events Report - Maggy Williams Giunco

- Report on the regatta: The event was a success. Sailors gave positive feedback. Donations from several sources helped make the event profitable (\$500-\$1000 profit). Next year we cannot assume the same sponsors will have funding for us so additional sponsors must be found to facilitate a larger event next year. Bridget Bendo is working on a write-up on the regatta to appear in Sea Power Magazine and the Mariner. It was proposed that next year's regatta date be made earlier in the summer, possibly July.
- Home-Coming Weekend, Ancient Mariner, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015: The event brought in approximately \$10,000 profit last year and the association hopes to repeat that. Approximately 50 people have registered for this event thus far.
- Home-Coming Weekend, Paddy's On the Bay, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015: Approximately 50 people have signed up for this event thus far. Raising the price from \$10 per person to \$20 per person. The Gersons have donated \$5000 towards FSMAA Home-coming weekend activities. FSMAA pint glasses will be given out to attendees and available for sale.
- Nominations Meeting/Industry Networking Event, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Reichenbach Hall (5 W 37th St) was discussed as a possible location. The nominations meeting is to occur early in the afternoon (5pm-6pm). The networking event will start at 6pm. Like the sailing regatta, this event will be industry wide. Other service academies and maritime related industries will be invited. Alumni organizations should be contacted with event info when decided.
- Awards Dinner, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015: Discussions about pulling in sponsors and attendees. Some propose each member bring in several sponsors. Some propose pulling in sponsors should be done by those who volunteer for the task.
- Discussion on Chapter Voting rights: The FSMAA has a standard application for chapters to gain voting rights at board meetings. The Carolinas Chapter is the first to have turned in a completed application. The application is pending review.

#### 1915 Treasurer's Report – Matthew Devins

- Encourage growth in number of dues paying members.
- Remaining Vanguard funds are being transferred over to FTI
- This year the FSMAA has paid approximately \$7500 in credit card fees. Matt discussed giving donors the ability to pay fees along with their donations.

#### 1930 IT Report – Matthew Devins

- An online roster is expected to be prepared by homecoming (October) this year.
- The FSMAA has cut the MK Tech contract saving approximately \$4000 per year.
- Bridget Bendo's FSMAA site updates are great.
- Keeping Facebook posts and Tweets up to two times a day would be ideal.

- Keeping blast emails down to just a few each month is preferred.
- The college is appreciative of the FSMAA blasting requests for support of gaining a new training ship for Maritime. The FSMAA encouraged all to sign petitions to the Federal government to aid in this goal.

1935 Membership Report – Jose Femenia

- The membership committee requests a list of the 2014 Summer Sea Term Scholarship recipients to encourage new alumni membership.
- The board discusses credit card readers at events to get on-the-spot membership signups.

1940 Honors Committee Report – Richard Bracken

- The nominees for receiving honors at the next award dinner were very impressive. The Honors Committee has selected those to be honored at the 2016 Awards Dinner on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- The selection process was difficult. Two candidates were originally in a tie for one award.
- Richard Bracken motioned for a formal procedure for the honors selection process is to be released in the next month. Ted second, and all present on the board were in favor.

1950 Old Business

- Ted Mason reminds board that audit deadlines are approaching.
- The Board discussed FTI fees, the need for an investment policy statement and if rebalancing is right for us.

2000 New Business

- Leonard Imperial reminded the board that an order for shirts for the Ancient Mariner should be placed soon.

2005 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Anthony DeSimone '06, Member  
 Cc: All Board Members