

# Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2014

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

## Officers - Voting Members Present (Name, Class, Position):

Charles Munsch, '73, President Ted Mason, '57, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Earl Baim, '80, Secretary Kevin Comerford, '83, Treasurer Annmarie Bhola, '98, Assistant Treasurer Anthony DeSimone, '06, Board Member Daniel Gillette, '97, 1st Vice President Victor Corso, '83, Board Member James Maloney, '80, Board Member Matthew Devins, '97, Board Member Greg Tuthill, '86, Board Member Richard Bracken, '57, Past President

## <u>Chapter Presidents</u>

Marianne Michaelsen-Sanderson, '95 – Carolinas Arthur Sulzer, '74 - Delaware Valley

# <u>Alumni Director</u>

Maggy Williams Giunco

#### **Invited Guest**

Kevin Martell, Managing Director, Go Vanguard firm

NOTE: All times shown below are given to the nearest five-minute interval.

### 1815 Chapter Presidents' Reports

- Marianne Michaelsen-Sanderson said she will attend the FSMAA Annual Meeting/ Awards Dinner in New York next month She is planning a Chapter "get together" in Atlanta in the near future.
- Art Sulzer reported Delware Valley had their Christmas Party in Philadelphia and 65 people attended. Joseph Williams will be doing a book signing in Philadelphia in March. "Empire State" is planned to be visiting Philadelphia from May 22 through May 25; Delaware Valley will sponsor a Friday night reception.
- Meeting called to order. **Quorum Present**. The December 2013 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as written. The November 2013 Board Meeting Minutes were approved with a correction. The October 2013 Board Meeting Minutes were not distributed at this time.

- Dan Gillette discussed the Golf Outing. He plans to promote this affair at the Awards Dinner. He would like to add some people to the Golf Committee. It was reported Steve Lyons would like to be on the Committee. Last year's net income was about \$68,000.00.
- Kevin Martel discussed his IT firm, Go Vanguard, for consideration to be FSMAA's new IT contractor. He distributed a copy of minutes of a January 8, 2014 meeting he attended with Annmarie Bhola and Maggy Williams Giunco. He discussed the services his firm provides, his firm's understanding of FSMAA's requirements, and his firm's approach to meeting them. There will be one or two more meetings between himself and the web committee. He stated that there would be no charge for "discovery" (i.e. learning FSMAA's processes) and that FSMAA would receive his proposal by its March 2014 Board Meeting, if not sooner.
- Discussion of the Summer Sea Term Scholarship Application prepared by Dan Gillette. Charlie Munsch can obtain "year of entry" data for Cadets. Discussion of other details of the application and obtaining data regarding applicants as well as verifying information applicants provide.
- President's Report. Discussion of voting by Chapter Presidents; the matter has to be moved to resolution. It was agreed any Chapter having twenty-five or more active members should have its President admitted to Board of Directors voting. Such Chapters will also be required to have a formal procedure for electing their President. Art Sulzer requested that proposed resolution be presented to the Chapter Presidents for their input; this request was agreed to. Charlie Munsch will prepare a proposed resolution in time for the next Board Meeting. Discussion of relationship between SUNY and FSMAA. SUNY now agrees FSMAA can remain a Delaware Corporation and a 501.c.3 Not-For-Profit Corporation. FSMAA must explain how it will meet the "original contract and guidelines." Interim College President Capetto was said to want an agreement with FSMAA. The College Administration hopes to select a new President by July, 2014. Discussion of the College's announced "Young Alumni Event" planned for Long Island in the near future.
- James Maloney will distribute the existing legal analysis of the "original contract and guidelines" to the Board for review, so that the Board is prepared to discuss the matter with the College.
- 1950 Treasurer's Report. Kevin Comerford said Budget and Fund Accounting said for the upcoming SST Scholarships were not available at this time. It was proposed to advertise the available SST Scholarship amount as soon as possible, when finalized.
- Discussion of Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner. Dan Gillette scoped out the venue and discussed details of the event he was working on. Maggy Williams Giunco advised 136 people had signed up to attend at this time and that there were from twenty to twenty-five Cadet sponsors. She noted subscription is ahead for this year as compared to the previous year at the same time. Discussion of fund raising at the event.
- Discussion of Election Results. Jose Femenia will replace Michael Trotta as a Board Member. There will be no other changes. It was stated that 423 people had voted. There was discussion of asking Board Members who do not participate to a great extent to step down on favor of Michael Trotta, who does. Charlie Munsch will inform Michael Trotta of the election results and inform him that an effort will be made to retain him on the Board. It was decided that the results of the election would be published in the format of the person's name and the percentage of the vote they had obtained.
- 2010 Discussion of Proposed New Conflict of Interest Policy. James Maloney will draft a new policy and have it ready for the March 2014 Board Meeting.
- Alumni Director's Report. Maggy Williams Giunco reported the dues mailing is in progress. Donation receipts for 2013 were discussed. Discussion of clerical procedure for receipt of payments. Discussion of solicitation of Life Members for donations to defray costs; it was noted there are sixty-two Life Members. Discussion of 2014 First Class Night; acceptable dates would be April 10 or April

24, venue to be Michael's Turner Club as in previous years. A scholarship annual appeal letter, to be written by Charles Munsch, will be distributed soon. Scholarship annual appeal pledge cards will be distributed at the Annual Meeting/Awards Dinner and placed on the dinner tables. Maggy proposed a "retreat" for the Board. A calendar of events for the entire year should be prepared and posted for the membership. Discussion of Alumni House, telethon and estate planning.

2050 Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Earl J. Baim, Secretary Cc: All Board Members