



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2014**

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

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

Dan Gillette '97, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Anthony DeSimone, '06, Board Member
Earl Baim, '80, Secretary	Michael Trotta, '99, Board Member
Matthew Devins, '97, Treasurer	Greg Tuthill, '86, Assistant Treasurer (by telephone)
Jose Femenia, '64, Board Member	Dan Lilly, '98, Board Member (by telephone)
Carl Hausheer, '79, Board Member (by telephone)	Annmarie Bhola '98, Board Member
Leonard Imperial, '01, Board Member	

Alumni Association Staff

Bridget Meenaghan-Bendo, '96

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

Pre-Meeting

- 1835 Chapter Reports. Carl Hausheer discussed past and future New Jersey Chapter events.
- 1840 Meeting Called to Order – Dan Gillette presiding. **Quorum Present. The June 14 Board Meeting Minutes were accepted.** Dan related that Charles Munsch had met with the new College President and his impression was very favorable. Plans will be made for a follow on meeting. Voting on the pending By-Laws change to allow Chapter President Board Voting was supposed to happen by July 30 but did not due to technical issues related to conducting the vote. So, the By-Laws change will be included as a question in the regular ballot. FSMAA must choose a new voting platform by December 2014 in time for the annual vote; Annmarie Bhola will take the lead for the Board in getting the necessary voting platform in place.
- 1845 Dan Gillette discussed the results of the recent Golf Outing. The Westbury Country Club did not charge FSMAA for the breakfast they provided on the originally scheduled event date, the event that day having subsequently been cancelled due to rain. The Golf Committee was very impressed with the venue. There was a discussion of eliminating postage costs in relation to the event in the future.
- 1900 Bridget Meenaghan-Bendo discussed upcoming social events. The Fall Networking and Nominating Meeting will take place at the Hound's Tooth Pub, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 37<sup>th</sup> Street in New York City. The

Ancient Mariner Golf Outing will be held at the Split Rock Country Club, Shore Road in The Bronx, on October 24. Jose Femenia advised Bridget to coordinate with Joe Barsin,'64 since that Class is having its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration the same weekend. There was discussion of various venues for the upcoming Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting.

- 1920 Discussion of Summer Sea Term Scholarships. It was noted that Paul Bamonte, who had handled financial aid, had resigned from the College. There was discussion of changing the scholarship selection process, as well as of the difficulties of coordinating giving with the College's other giving and aid programs. The Scholarship Committee will make a presentation to the entire Board of proposals to improve the process.
- 1945 Discussion of Registration of FSMAA's Logo, which was granted by the US Patent and Trademark Office on August 14, 2014. Earl Baim will work with Jim Maloney to draft a Board Resolution both restricting and giving permission for future use of the logo, the intent being that current users, such as the Chapters and FSMAA publications would be granted continued permission to use same. It was noted that Registration was received thanks to the pro-bono legal work of Patrick Walsh, Esq., '57 on FSMAA's behalf. Mr. Walsh has advised, via letter, that in the future the ® symbol should be used with the logo whenever it is used. FSMAA should renew its Registration every ten years, however the initial Registration renewal must be done six years from now; there is no fee for renewals.
- 1950 Mike Trotta discussed nominations for 2015 Officers and Board Members and mentioned the positions up for election. It was suggested that the Nominating Committee prepare a form letter for prospective candidates outlining their responsibilities to FSMAA should they be elected to serve. There was a discussion of the nomination period, and there was a discussion of trying to attract Board Members from out of the New York area, such as from Houston, where there are a lot of graduates and maritime jobs.
- 1955 Matt Devins discussed IT. The software and programs that will be used were discussed, including Razor's Edge, Quickbooks and MS Office, as well as planning the organization and storage of data. There was also discussion of the website, and it was noted that Bridget Meenaghan-Bendo had taken a Razor's Edge course. Matt also discussed the need to have all Board Members sign the Conflict of Interest Document for the 2013 period. There was also discussion of FSMAA finances. Dues income in 2104 is lower than 2013; there has to be a focus on those who did not renew their dues from the previous year. It was noted the cost of the Mariner had doubled, but sponsorships have increased to the point that FSMAA earned money on the previous two issues. FSMAA's account balance with Fiduciary Trust currently stands at \$6.642 million, while there is some \$108,000.00 in the operating accounts at Chase. There were various proposals discussed for FSMAA to raise money. A request has been made for FSMAA to provide funding for some sports at the College to replace funding from New York State which has been reduced recently; this request and FSMAA's response requires further discussion.
- 2040 New Business. Both Anthony DeSimone and Mike Trotta discussed FSMAA arranging or sponsoring of group recreational activities for alumni. Proposals include snow boarding and skiing, mountain biking and some type of regatta. Coordination with the alumni associations of other maritime academies was proposed. FSMAA should arrange or undertake these activities, provided risk of loss to FSMAA, due to low participation, is limited.

2045 Jose Femenia discussed revival of the program whereby FSMAA Members assisted the College in outreach to high schools and the like in order to recruit incoming Cadets.

2050 Meeting Adjourned. The next Board Meeting is planned for October 16, 2014.

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