



Maritime College Alumni Association

General Meeting Minutes – April 2022

Meeting Held on April 21, 2022 via Teleconference (Microsoft Teams)

Officers

Kevin Danko	President
Leo Imperial	2 nd Vice President
Sam Reilly	Treasurer
Timothy Ireland	Asst Treasurer
Tyler Reszoly	Secretary

Board Members

Victor Corso	Ted Mason
Seth Lucas	Michael Paturas
Phil Kantz	Richard McClain
Mike Trotta	

Past MCAA Presidents or Board

John Valvo	Past President - 2020
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MCAA Staff

Jeanne Murphy	Executive Director
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Chapter Presidents

Art Sulzer – Philadelphia	Dennis Brennan – Southern California
Carl Hausheer – Chapter Ambassador	

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1803: Call to Order

- Approval of March Meeting Minutes
 - Motion put forth - **Motion carried, all in favor**, motion carries

1805: Chapters Update

- **Carl Hausheer** – Chapter Ambassador / Jacksonville
 - Ray Strack has agreed to help out, but not be the Chapter president. Pete Bacci will continue to run the annual golf outing with Kings Point
- **Art Sulzer** – Philadelphia
 - Next event is June 11 when the Empire State is in town. Secured the Seaport Museum 4th floor for a reception from 4-7.
 - Cadets will be able to attend the Museum for free.
 - Will be arranging tours to the shipyard to see the new Training Ship
- **Dennis Brennan** – Southern California Chapter:
 - Question on the status for Chapters formalizing their status. Need to understand the status for members in the area to understand who can vote within the Chapter
 - **Action Item**- Art recommends having a separate Chapter President meeting to get the Chapter presidents onboard

1831: Executive Director's Report – Jeanne Murphy

- Student Intern has been hired for 10-12 hours per week. Graduating in May.
- Margaret is working in the Fort part time. Primarily entering checks into the database.
 - The full-time associate alumni association role has been posted on LinkedIn.

1835: Presidents Report– Kevin Danko

- Discussed the Regimental review report. The Admiral spoke with the 1/C regarding the report. There was going to be a redacted report released, but then the decision was made to release the full report. G-Captain got their hands on the report and posted it to their news site.
 - The Admiral requested the audit and plans to address the issues found.
- Been working on funding for SST funding to mitigate the increasing cost. There is a possibility to get some funding fuel through a discretionary fund, should know in about 1-2 weeks.
- New York State has a cadet appointment program which is a scholarship that covers cadet tuition. \$1.2 million dollars was funded for this program pending the Government sign-off.
- Starting next month in May, the plan is to resume in-person Board meetings with the Microsoft Teams options.

1852: Treasurer's Report – Sam Reilly

- Budget
 - March 2022
 - Net income for the YTD – (\$39,202.52)
- Budget highlights a. Dues – \$1,260 received in Mar 2022
 - \$9,100 received YTD.
 - Under 2022 budgeted number - \$70,000
 - Underway Fund - \$3,016.48 (YTD)
 - June Golf
 - Annual Alumni Dinner - +\$3,620 for March, \$4,200 YTD (\$30,220 brought in in December)
 - No January dinner in 2021 – rescheduled for April 29th
- Funds January 1, 2022 - \$12,926,718.19
 - March 31, 2022 – 12,064,158.56 -7.40% (955K)
 - SST 22' - \$439,921.69 available cadet scholarship (4% of 3 year average account balance)
- Sam mentioned that he met with FTI earlier in the month to review the fund and their lookout for the year.

1908: Committees

- **Scholarship Committee;** John Valvo; reviewed the 2022 SST Scholarships. There were a few issues that came up but have been resolved. Total contribution of \$504k to be given to 98 students for SST (less 1 from last meeting because the cadet is not going on SST).
- **Events/Honors Committee:** Leo Imperial & Jeanne Murphy;
 - Alumni awards dinner on 4/29. Currently at 201 seats sold. Looking for approximately 40 more people to attend, asking the board for help. Next year we recommend having the dinner in January again.
 - Golf outing June 13th, registration has gone live.
 - Spring Networking event is not going to take place this year because of the conflicting events.
- **Magazine Committee;** Ted Mason; Current magazine is in good shape; articles have stuck to the theme of inclusiveness.
 - Delivery date has been moved out to 6/30/2022. This was a request on behalf of the Admiral. Concerned about this because we won't be able to advertise for the Golf Outing which is the biggest fundraising event of the year.
 - Need to align the magazine release dates to best promote scheduled events.
- **Audit Committee;** John Valvo; have the new auditor (Buchbinders) who are in process of obtaining the working documents from the previous audit company. Working through getting the requests through.

- **Membership:** Seth Lucas; Asking for list of alumni. Seth posted a poll on the Fort Schuyler Shipmate Facebook page, received a lot of responses. Only about 30% of over 4,000 members were current members of the Alumni Association, with 45% previous members and the remainder were never members.
 - Seth reached out to some of the former members who were concerned that their dues don't go to the cadets. The money is used for operational expenses to enable fundraising.
- **PR Committee:** Richard McClain; Some activity on the social media for events, spotlights etc. Have been reaching out to some alumni from a provided roster to engage alumni for a spotlight.
 - Discussed working with Jeanne for updates to the website

1959: Unfinished Business – Kevin Danko

- Nothing to report

2004: New Business – Kevin Danko

- The five-year Memorandum agreement with the college needs to be renewed. Need to work to address this and make any updates.
- The meeting in June will be in person (at the college) and a review of the strategic plan will take place.

2006: Motion to adjourn meeting

2006: Motion carried. April 2022 meeting concluded.

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