



**General Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025  
Virtual via MS Teams**

**Officers**

<b>Steve Carbery</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Sam Reilly</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>George Gascor</b>	<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>

**Board Members**

<b>Kevin Albertson</b>	<b>Vin Melwani</b>
<b>Ted Mason</b>	<b>Mike Trotta</b>
<b>Kyron Cooper</b>	<b>Kit Mattikow</b>
<b>Vicky Hulick</b>	

**Past MCAA Presidents**

<b>John Valvo</b>	<b>Past President - 2020</b>
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**MCAA Staff**

<b>Maggy Williams Giunco</b>	<b>MCAA Staff</b>
<b>Saira Yoo</b>	<b>MCAA Staff</b>
<b>Taylor Netchert</b>	<b>MCAA Staff</b>
<b>Don Gale</b>	<b>Magazine Editor</b>

**Chapter Presidents**

<b>Art Sulzer (Del Val)</b>	<b>Ashley O'Brien (Tampa Bay)</b>
<b>Rich Merhige (South Florida)</b>	<b>Edward Hulick (Hampton Roads)</b>
<b>Greg Wagner (Houston)</b>	

**College Staff**

<b>John Okon</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Jennifer Mahoney</b>	<b>VP Institutional Advancement</b>

**April 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**1802: Call to Order**

**1803: Roll Call**

**1804:** Prior meeting minutes unavailable for approval; deferred to next meeting

**Report from SUNY Maritime College President: John Okon**

- Giving Day (NEW): Tue Apr 22 (noon) → Wed Apr 23 (noon). First annual “birthday week” 24-hour campaign. Ask: like/share/tag; return at launch; any gift size.
  - Industry Symposium: Wed Apr 23 (noon–5p). Alumni industry leaders on fuels, sustainability, nuclear, workforce; feedback loop for curriculum updates.
  - Engineering Advisory Board: Tue morning (week of Apr 22). ~20 industry leaders reviewing engineering curriculum.
  - 50 Years of Women in the Regiment: Panels Wed night/Thu morning; keynote: Stacy Alexio '04; Heritage Hall panel.
  - Inauguration: Thu April 24 3:00 pm (Chancellor + SUNY Board Chair Dr. Meryll Tisch attending).
  - Athletics Hall of Fame: Thu April 24 6:00 pm – induct 6 honorees.
  - Accepted Students Day: Sat Apr 26; attendance tracking >1,000 guests; deposits/apps up ~17–20% YoY.
- USCG Audit: Mon Apr 29 – Thu May 1; program in good shape.
- Commencement: Fri, May 23; two honorary degree recipients invited (pending SUNY final confirmation).
- Training Ship: Post 70-day maintenance; all 835s cleared; SST departure Sun May 25; ports include: New Orleans, Ponta Delgada (Azores), Norway; ship returns July 29.
- Searches: Provost finalists this week (decision ~2 weeks). Commandant of Cadets on campus the following week.
- Strategic Plan Finished: Focuses on five goals, a new vision, and updates the core values: Loyalty, Valor, and Leadership (copy to be shared with the Association).

**Report from President MCAA: Steve Carbery**

- Golf Classic (June 9)
  - Event Caddy storefront launched

- Prior sponsors being contacted; Admiral-level and Master sponsorship commitments in.
- Holding single-golfer registration initially to prioritize sponsors.
- High-value sponsor opportunity: *Creekside Halfway House Sponsor* (table, slideshow, heavy traffic).
- Silent Auction: This year includes online bidding; board urged to solicit items (tickets, vacation stays, experiences).
- Slack channel active for outreach; templates provided; board members will be assigned prospects.
- Almbase database integration with Raiser’s Edge is ongoing.
  - Work continues to integrate AlmaBase and Raiser’s Edge for automated sustaining-member access control. Soft launch with Board members prior to public rollout.
- Planning for Spring Event at Penn 6 (May 8): Sponsorships at the \$2,500 level.
- Sporting Clays Oct 6 at Hudson Farm—announcement planned at Golf dinner.
- Coordination for the New Orleans alumni event during the ship visit, June port call
  - Greg Wagner (Houston) to help lock the venue once headcount/time/budget provided, coordinate with Seth & staff. Industry Ship Repair conference overlaps: separate alumni and industry receptions planned on/around June 10–11.

**1835: Report from Treasurer:** George Gacser & Sam Reilly

- Treasurer Agenda –
  - Proposed Budget 2025
    - Gross Income YTD - \$8,597.17
    - Net Income YTD - \$47,981.96
  - Proposed Budget Highlights
    - Dues YTD - \$6,980.00
    - Annual Alumni Dinner - \$135,019.89
    - Gross Revenue from Events - \$117,008.86 YTD
  - Accounts
    - Chase Accounts: \$611,264.06
    - Business Checking 1: \$179,667.09
    - Business Checking 2: \$65,705.01
    - HY Savings: \$365,891.96
    - Funds Available for SST 25: \$478,000

## Reports from Committee Presidents

- **Annual Report - George Gacser**
  - Final proof approved of 2023 report; digital distribution pending communication schedule.
  - Next step: refresh the donation-page for clarity.
- **Bylaws Committee - Art Sulzer**
  - Need to review and finalize Chapter section updates with Chapter Presidents.
- **Membership Committee – Seth Lucas**
  - Chapter updates from Tampa, Houston, Philly, South FL, Hampton Roads.
- **Social Media/PR Committee – Rick McClain/Taylor**
  - Active campaigns around Giving Day and Golf Classic.
  - Active on these Platforms: LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, X.
  - Exploring short-form video and potential YouTube presence.
- **Scholarship Committee – John Valvo**
  - Record year: 153 awards totaling \$569,440.
  - Top full-ride awards to 1/C Deck and Engine.
  - Multiple class scholarships (1965, 1983) and memorial awards were distributed.
  - Award letters and photos to follow (target May 19–20).
- **Swag Committee – Vin Melwani**
  - Blanket sales raised \$5,336. Two remaining for display.
  - Upcoming sales for graduation and holidays.
  - Hats/polos reopening via short store.
- **Governance Committee – Kevin Albertson**
  - Implement state-mandated sexual harassment training for compliance (Target February 2026)
- **Magazine Committee – Ted Mason/Don Gale**
  - Recommendation to return to the normal publication schedule.
  - Need for broader alumni contributions.
  - Reaffirm 50/50 editorial partnership with College.
- **Audit Committee – John Valvo**
  - Audit engagement confirmed



**Old Business**  
**None**

**New Business**  
**None**

**2010: April 2025 meeting adjourned.**

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