

MARITIME COLLEGE **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



Maritime College Alumni Association

General Meeting Minutes – December 2021

Meeting Held on December 16, 2021 via Teleconference

Officers

Kevin Danko	President
Annemarie Bhola	1st Vice President
Leo Imperial	2nd Vice President
Michael Paturas	Secretary
Kevin Comerford	Treasurer
Sam Reilly	Assistant Treasurer

Board Members

Vic Corso	Carl Hausheer
Mike Trotta	Bridget Cooney
Ted Mason	Chris Nystrom
Ryan Modruson	

Past MCAA Presidents

John Valvo	Past President - 2020
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MCAA Staff

Jeanne Murphy	Executive Director
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Chapter Presidents

Jamie McNamara – New Jersey	Dennis Brennan – Southern California
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Maritime College

Admiral Michel Alfultis	Maritime College President
Doug Hasbrouck	Vice President of College Development

December 2021 Meeting Minutes

1804: Call to Order

- Approval of November Meeting Minutes
- Motion put forth - **Motion carried, all in favor.**

1806: Executive Director's Report – Jeanne Murphy

- Follow-up report on Alumni Relations Associate Candidate
 - The candidate did not accept a full-time position, but has accepted a part-time position with the MCAA
 - Will focus on receiving donations, entering them into the database, as well as assisting with the overall database migration
- Database Migration is currently underway
 - Jeanne and the College Development staff are working with the consultant with the expectation to go live with the merged database by mid-February 2022.
- Year-end Membership Drive is underway:
 - Year to date, yearly membership is at \$42,850 – Tracking to be in line with last year's final membership (\$57,000).
 - Alumni Awards Dinner- January 27, 2022 – Raised \$28,790 to date.
- Continuing messaging – Main focus on membership, as well as sourcing additional tables for the Alumni Awards Dinner

1815: President's Report – Kevin Danko

- Main focus currently is on 2022 Elections
 - Held virtual election last month – assisted with additional participation
 - Look for fellow alumni to be a part of committees going into the 2022 year
 - Membership remains the main priority
- Beginning in January, looking to move to a hybrid Board meeting model
 - January 2022 meeting will look to be held on campus for those who can attend
 - Remote capabilities will still be available for Board members who are not in the immediate tristate area

1820: Reports from Chapter Presidents

- **Jamie McNamara – New Jersey Chapter:**
 - Continued challenges due to COVID and restrictions within the state
 - Still aiming to hold annual “Bar Anticipation” event
 - Lack of outdoor events heading into the winter season – nothing officially on the books currently, looking to hold event in March 2022
- **Carl Hausheer – Chair of Chapters Committee:**
 - Jacksonville Chapter held successful golf outing
 - Carl will work in his new role in leading the chapter committees
- **Dennis Brennan – Southern California Chapter:**
 - January 6, 2022 – Happy Hour scheduled and all chapter members will be invited to attend
 - Not an official Chapter event

President Kevin Danko reiterated the importance of the Chapter in assisting with membership. Additionally, Kevin mentioned reviewing the waiver for events that we were unable to attend. Looking into voting rights for chapter presidents, but in order to do that, an email will be sent to all chapter presidents reminding them that:

1. Each chapter has at least 25 active memberships
2. Chapter President is subject to annual vote
3. Two events and two meetings held during the calendar year
4. Submitting annual certification as per the By-Laws (15 January)

1830: Treasurer's Report – Kevin Comerford

Budget as of November 30, 2021

- **Net income for the year : \$64,781**
 - Monthly loss of \$5,015
- **Funds**
 - January 1, 2021: \$11,746,195
 - December 1, 2021 : \$12,532,476
 - Withdrew approx. \$403,000 for scholarships this year.
- **Membership**
 - December 2021 brought in \$28,700
 - YTD: \$42,850

President Kevin Danko thanks Treasurer Kevin Comerford for his 10 years of service as he plans to step down at year end.

1840: Report for the College – Admiral Michal Alfultis

Main Three Imperatives that the College is trying to address:

1. Need to Increase Enrollment
 - a. Applications up slightly from previous year
 - b. Looking into invest in marketing campaign
2. Need to Improve Campus Climate
 - a. MARAD announced the resumption of Sea-Year
 - b. Maritime will be involved in this by not allowing Maritime cadets to join ships due to safety concerns for those who do not follow MARAD's policies
3. Meeting Needs of the Industry
 - a. Regiment Review process ongoing – strengths and weaknesses of the College Regiment
 - b. NSMV Update: Keel laying was last Friday
 - College hired a photographer and videographer to highlight the important of the event
 - c. Offshore Wind – Building relationships with industry partners
 - i. RFP out for 3rd party providers to provide training
 - d. Summer Sea Term – Ports have been selected (1 domestic, 2 international) – Single 75 Day Cruise
 - i. Will soon be announced to Cadets

- ii. Concern on pricing for SST due to the current economic environment - Admiral will meet with State Senator to try and receive an investment from the state to help offset the costs.
- iii. Looking into fuel donations to assist with costs

Admiral and President Kevin Danko plan to meet to discuss additional donor scholarships and involving the College in those discussions.

1905 – Review of Committee Progress:

- **Nominations– Mike Trotta:**
 - 282 members have voted in the 2022 election thus far in the 2 weeks voting has been open
 - 500 people voted in the previous 2 elections
 - Voting process will be closed out before years end, and announcement of new board members will be done before the start of the new year
- **Honors/Annual Awards Dinner – Ted Mason & Leo Imperial:**
 - On track for Annual Awards Dinner in January 2022
 - Medals this year have been completed, as well as pendant and cuff links will be on display for those who donate
 - Challenge coins will be handed out to each honoree
- **Magazine – Ted Mason & Leo Imperial:**
 - Magazine on track for dissemination, all items have been submitted and on schedule (End of 2nd week of January)

1920: Unfinished Business – None major to note.

1925: New Business – None major to note.

1930: Motion to Adjourn December Meeting. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: 20 January, 2022