



Maritime College Alumni Association

General Meeting Minutes – February 2022

Meeting Held on February 17, 2022 via Teleconference (Microsoft Teams)

Officers

Kevin Danko	President
Annmarie Bhola	1 st Vice President
Leo Imperial	2 nd Vice President
Tyler Reszoly	Secretary
Sam Reilly	Treasurer

Board Members

Vic Corso	Michael Paturas
Mike Trotta	Bridget Cooney
Ted Mason	Richard McClain

Past MCAA Presidents

John Valvo	Past President - 2020
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MCAA Staff

Jeanne Murphy	Executive Director
Matt Bonvento	MCAA Magazine Editor

Chapter Presidents

Art Sulzer – Philadelphia	Dennis Brennan – Southern California
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Dr. Michael Alfultis	President
Doug Hasbrouck	Vice President of College Development

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1807: Call to Order

- Approval of December Meeting Minutes
 - Motion put forth - **Motion carried, all in favor.**
 - Two abstains from Annmarie and Leo who didn't have a chance to review, motion still carries.

1816: Report from the College – Dr. Michael Alfultis

- Review of the college, regiment etc. expecting results
 - Campus climate task force, provided 16 recommendations, 10 have been implemented
- Summer Sea Term Schedule
 - Philadelphia planned for June 10-14.
 - Portugal June 26 - 30
 - Belfast July 14-18
 - They are planning alumni events in Philadelphia and hoping to have one in Belfast Ireland for the last leg. Working with the Titanic Museum in Ireland.
- Highlight where alumni can help with SST; cost for SST will be between \$12,500 (in-State) to \$15,000 (out-of-state).
 - Hoping to get the state to subsidize the SST. Asking for connections on state members to subsidize who may be working on the State budget
 - Looking for fuel donations to keep fuel costs down
 - Looking for Mates/Engineering/faculty for SST
- Fall event for the TSES VI getting towed away in fall, 2022 for an alumni event before the ship gets towed away
- Working on a homeport event in April 2023 for the arrival of the TSES VII

1825: Executive Director's Report – Jeanne Murphy

- Leo is stepping up as the chairman of the Events Committee
- SST Appeal is underway, need to raise approximately \$25,000 to donate the goal of 511K
- Jeanne has been meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee, they plan to share the findings at the June meeting.
- New Alumni Night taking place on March 24th
- Connecticut Maritime Conference (CMA) on March 29-31; working to tie something in
- Working with the SGA for the Spring festival (early April)
- The Alumni Awards dinner is taking place on April 29th at Tribeca 360 in NYC
- Calendar will be shared within the next week. Communication will be sent as a March update (e-blast). Will share on social media and share to the website.

1840: Chapters Update

- **Art Sulzer** - Philadelphia
 - Complete the 12th Annual Port of Philadelphia all Maritime Academy party, annual elections.
 - May have a Maritime Day in May
 - (6) \$2,5000 scholarships available from the Port of Philadelphia Maritime Society
- **Dennis Brennan** – Southern California Chapter:
 - Nothing to report.

1844: Scholarship Committee Update

- Large number of essays, they are looking for help to complete the grading
- Additional volunteers to read the essays. Send the emails to Nancy.

1847: Treasurer's Report – Sam Reilly

- Budget as of January 31, 2022
 - Net income YTD: -(\$10,263.93)
 - Loss is primarily due to not having a dinner. Income is lumpy and contingent on the events.
 - Overall fund is down due to recent market volitation.
- Budget highlights
 - Dues - \$5,160.00
 - Under 2021 budgeted number - \$70,000
 - Below 2020 - \$57,830
 - Below 2019 - \$81,750
 - Below 2018 - \$70,740
 - Underway fund - \$54,034
 - Sole donation of \$25,000 was received on Dec 31, 2021
 - Small Business Loans – Received \$32,284 in 2021
- **1851; Correction** from the 2021 financials, a loss of -(\$262.00) was reported, however there was as an adjustment of a -(\$10,000.00) because this money was incorrectly coded as Underway Fund.
- Need to receive a vote for the 2022 budget. Then the budget needs to be presented to the college. **Bring this to the March meeting for a vote.**

1901: Committees – Kevin Danko

- **Membership Committee:** Seth working to get the membership meeting going next month. Kevin spoke with him offline, Seth not able to attend this meeting.
- **1933; Audit Committee; John Valvo;** Officially have broken ties with the former audit and tax preparer. We have the new companies engaged heading in the right direction. Need to ensure we have corrective actions in place from the 2020 audit, formalize implementation dates.
- **Events Committee:** Leo has taken over as the Chair for this committee. Nothing to report currently.

- **1912; Honors Committee; Ted & Leo:** The honorees are aware of the new date. Need to consider who the honorees are for the next dinner in January, the board needs to approve the honorees for the selection. They would like to see diversity in selection of honorees. **Please send** any suggestions to the honors committee or Jeanne.
- **1901; Public Relations Committee; Rick McClain;** Looking to increase post frequency (where are they now and alumni spotlight posts), please send any post recommendations. Jeanne will be hiring a current student to assist with social media. Should push out to the Career Fair to the other alumni to encourage alumni participation.
- **1910; Magazine Committee; Ted Davis;** Publication is underway. The College has set the theme for successful graduates with a focus on female graduates.
 - The magazine schedule is not normally favorable for advertising of the major events.
- **1932; All Hands Committee; John Valvo;** Annmarie looking into the training program for everyone to go through.

1935: Unfinished Business – Kevin Danko

- No progress has been made on merchandising since last meeting. Kevin had a conversation with the admiral about college official specific branding centered around old & new TSES, but no outcome yet.
 - Still have some left over gear, discussing the next way to sell this.

1945: New Business – Kevin Danko

- Discussed the next in person meeting for this group, aiming for the meeting before the April awards dinner
 - Jeanne mentioned she would like the June meeting to be in person for when the strategic planning committee presents the findings.

1957: Motion to adjourn meeting

1958: Motion carried. February 2022 meeting concluded.

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