



Maritime College Alumni Association

General Meeting Minutes – October 2022

Meeting Held on October 20, 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

Michael Paturas	Ted Mason
Mike Trotta	Vic Corso
Seth Lucas	Phil Kantz
Bridget Cooney	

Past MCAA Presidents

John Valvo	Past President - 2020
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College Staff

Douglas Hasbrouck	VP of Development
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Chapter Presidents

Dennis Brennan (San Diego)	Carl Hausheer (Chapter Ambassador)
Jamie McNamara (New Jersey)	Art Sulzer (Del Val)

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1804: Call to Order

- September Meeting Minutes – Kevin will distribute the September meeting minutes separately asking to review and accept via email. They were not distributed in enough time ahead of the meeting to approve on this meeting.

1806: Presidents Report – Kevin Danko

- Some of the administrative items are moving a little slow right now with the departure of Jeanne. No agenda distributed ahead of the call.
- Jeanne has resigned from the MCAA and is no longer with the group at this time. Kevin met with Jeanne to a transition of key duties.
 - Maggie has agreed to help with events only as a search for a new Director occurs (Maggie is a previous Director)
 - Looking to engage the Board Members for additional help with events
 - Finance – Kevin is working with Kamal to ensure that we keep track of finances that Jeanne was attending too. This includes membership and donations, some electronically and some via mail. Kevin and Sam have access to the MCAA accounts to move money as needed, Kamal is also involved in these items.
 - Working to get access to Jeanne's MCAA email and forward emails
 - Notification of transition - suggesting a notification is sent to membership that things will be moving a little slower than average

1814: Report from the College – Douglas Hasbrouck

- Admiral could not attend
- Doug apologized for how the situation played out with Jeanne moving from the MCAA to the College. Helping to support the MCAA as needed for Homecoming, anything they can do to help please let Doug know.
- With merged database, the College can assist pulling data for the MCAA. Dennis mentioned that the recent data provided still did not have zip codes and other requests were not completed. Doug said to involve him on all related database questions. Suggest putting this on hold until a new Director is brought onboard.

1830: Chapters Update

- Art Sulzer (Philadelphia) – Busy couple of months, they were able to host a reception for the new Empire State. Additionally, they had their annual golf outing.
- Dennis Brennan (Southern California) – nothing to report.
- Jamie McNamara (New Jersey) – talking with Kings Point about doing something at Haley' in the first week in November. Finalizing the details, wondering who to send for a blast. A few of the chapters have create facebook pages for their chapter.

1837: Treasurer's Report – Sam Reilly

- Budget (information as of September 30, 2022)
 - \$19,507.41 YTD
 - Net income YTD – (\$47,207.82)
- Budget highlights
 - Dues - \$620 for September
 - \$13,980 received YTD
 - Under 2022 budgeted number - \$70,000
 - Underway Fund - \$5,509.89 (YTD)
 - June Golf - \$25,785.69 – still working through this number
 - Annual Alumni Dinner - \$50,270.87 (includes the 25k from McAllister)
 - Ancient Mariner - \$12,690.00
 - Total Revenue from Events: \$91,745.56 (net)
- Funds January 1, 2022 - \$12,926,718.19
 - September 30, 2022 – \$9,578,787.88 down -23.60% (approx. -3.046mil)
- The market is down over the last year, everything is down across the board. We need to continue holding our positions as 'long term' investors.
- Phil Kantz – joining the Finance Committee

1850: Review of Committee Progress

- **1850: Events – Kevin Danko**
 - Homecoming
 - Friday – Ancient Mariner, please let Kevin know if you can volunteer, discussed logistics for refreshments.
 - Saturday Morning – Class reunion events and Pass and Review. Following that, the annual meeting will be held in the Special Events room.
 - Saturday Lunch - Then there is tailgate outside of the gym with some of the MCAA swag. Want to ensure we are encouraging membership in addition to selling swag. Discussed having beer to increase engaging alumni.
 - Saturday Afternoon - Then there is a Patty's event from 4:30 – 7:30 pm ET. The big ask is to come down and help where possible.
 - Fall Networking/Nominations Meeting
 - The previous venue (Reichenbach Hall) has had some steep price increases, discussed having a small fee to the participants to offset the cost. We are budgeted at \$20/person but the cost is expected at \$48/person. John said that he will offset the cost increase (\$28) from the budgeted amount, so people don't need to pay. Looking at the second Thursday in November, November 10th.
 - Annual Dinner
 - Last Thursday in January 2023. Deposit has been made, going back to Tribeca 360. Gave us the same exact rate from 2022, no increase. Moving to Thursday instead of Friday. Leo will evaluate the cost versus ticket price.

- Need to get events on the website – not current. Kevin will work with Maggie to get upcoming events added. The website is hard to find on google – need to go through the College page.
- **1905: Honors Committee – Ted Mason**
 - The Admiral recommended the option of honoring additional honorees who are College Staff to draw in more alumni.
 - Discussions occurred regarding recognizing individuals from the OBMG or the organization itself.
 - **Motion** for honoree's
 - Alumni of the year - Peter Vecchio, Current Chair of the Marine Transportation department
 - Special Recognition - Robert Cook from the Organization of Black Maritime Graduates (OBMG).
 - **Motion carries.**
 - Leo will call Peter and Kevin will call Robert. Need to ensure the honorees get added into the magazine ahead of the dinner.
- **1922: Magazine Committee – Ted Mason**
 - Don Gale (editor) is working very hard and making great progress.
 - Most of the content for the next issue is already drafted.
 - Schedule for publication (in-hand) is somewhere in early January (9th of January). The control of this release is in the hands of the College. Stressed concerns over getting the magazine out in time.
 - There was a meeting at the College, agreed that editors talk to editors for a streamlined process/communication.
 - Send any potential magazine content to the Magazine Committee or the editor.
- **1928: PR Committee – Michael Paturas**
 - Since the last meeting, posted where are they now, ship departure and unfortunate passing of a shipmate.
 - Maybe get an update from the captain to provide updates, okay to reach out directly to the Captain (Captains Corner..)
 - Doug can connect us to the SUNY point-of-contact to re-share posts
 - Alumni Spotlight - asking the group to put forth some additional recommendations for interviews
- **1930: Audit Committee – John Valvo**
 - Audit is progressing, hoping to have everything complete by end of month to have ready for filling on November 15th
 - Going in the right direction, once the Management letter and recommendations are received an action plan will be created based on the findings.
- **1934: Membership – Leo Imperial (includes Unfinished Business)**
 - Had a few meetings since last call, biggest question is to how to move forward non-dues paying members.
 - For Homecoming, Leo mentioned that they are hoping to have a scan-code to read it, sign up with the choice of pay or don't pay.
 - In summary, the proposal will break out the key differences between a dues and non-dues paying member. Key Highlights:
 - Non-paying due members will not have the ability to vote, serve on the board, no printed copy of the magazine/annual report.

- Art mentioned Tier membership for special recognition, Leo is proposing a quick change to incorporate non-paying dues.
- 1945 – **Motion** to make an amendment to the By-Laws
 - John abstained, **motion** carries
 - **The updated verbiage needs to be sent out to the Board and go for a vote before implementation.**
 - The projected verbiage needs further work
- Nominations – 3 board members and all the Officers are up for nominations this year.
 - If you want to run for an Officer position, email Mike within the next week.
 - Board members up for re-election are Phil Kantz (wants to re-run), Ted Mason (wants to re-run) and Mike Trotta
 - Nominating meeting in the fall
 - Kevin will not be running as President next year

1953: New Business

- Nothing to Note

1953: Motion to adjourn meeting

1954: Motion carried. October 2022 meeting concluded.

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