



**Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2014**

meeting held at:
Fiduciary Trust
600 Fifth Ave.
New York, New York

Officers – Voting Members Present (Name, Class, Position):

Charles Munsch '73 – President
Ted Mason '57 – 2nd Vice President
Matthew Devins '97 – Treasurer
Earl Baim '80 – Secretary
Michael Trotta '99 – Board Member
Victor Corso '83 – Board Member *
Dan Lilly '98 – Board Member*
(* attendance via telephone)

Jose Femenia '64 – Board Member
Greg Tuthill '86 – Board Member
Matt Herrington '94 – Board Member
Leonard Imperial '01 – Board Member
Annmarie Bhola '98 – Board Member
Carl Hausheer '79 – Board Member*
Anthony DeSimone '06 – Board Member*

Alumni Director

Maggy Williams Giunco

Chapter President

Marianne Michaelsen-Sanderson '95 – Carolinas Chapter

Invited Guest

A. J. McAllister '80

NOTE: All times shown below are given to the nearest five-minute interval.

Pre-Meeting

- 1815 Chapter Reports. Carl Hausheer noted New Jersey Chapter has no specific dates for future events at this time, but plans an event for late November. He also noted he will be going to Woodbridge High School to a career fair on behalf of College recruiting; the College's admissions office arranged this with him.
- 1820 Charles Munsch: discussion of current College charges for tuition and fees.
- 1840 Meeting called to order. **Quorum Present.** Minutes of October 2014 Board Meeting adopted with corrections.

- 1845 President's Report. Charles Munsch noted he has met with Adm. Alfultis, the new College President, several times, and is very favorably impressed. He put FSMAA at the Adm's disposal to aid the College. A future meeting is being planned between Adm. Alfultis, Charles Munsch and Dan Gillette. Charlie noted the time for offering Summer Sea Term Scholarships is rapidly approaching; any changes to FSMAA policies regarding them will have to be adopted by the December Board Meeting.
- 1850 Discussion of scholarship issues ensued. The consensus was in the future FSMAA should not try to adjust its award amounts to individual Cadets to compensate for awards made by the Faculty Student Association (FSA) as the administrative burden of doing so is too great for FSMAA. There was also consensus that in the future the roles of FSMAA and FSA should be clarified and distinguished, as in the past, so as to eliminate possible duplication of activities.
- 1900 Discussion of Alumni Appeal for Spring of 2015. The goal of the appeal will be to surpass last year's results.
- 1910 A.J. McAllister discussed support for the College Hockey Team. The school had recently eliminated the Hockey Team for budgetary reasons, but temporarily reinstated it due to concern expressed by friends of the team. Each Cadet playing hockey must now pay \$2,000.00 for the privilege; there are 22 players on the team, which will now be designated a "club sport." A sustainable financial plan is needed by June, 2015, so that hockey can be permanent and achieving that will require a fund raising effort. The purpose of A.J.'s visit is to bring this to FSMAA's attention. \$60,000.00 is needed by the end of 2014, and \$40,000.00 more by June of 2014 for hockey to continue. John Bowie ('82) is A.J.'s partner in this effort; they would like to coordinate their activities with FSMAA so as not to work at cross purposes. The College will not contribute money for hockey after this year; it will continue to contribute transportation. There was further discussion of coordinating FSA vs. FSMAA. FSA can contribute to 'club sports'; FSMAA's current funds are overwhelmingly restricted to scholarships only. Per its charter, FSA cannot earn a profit; it was proposed to suggest to Adm. Alfultis that in the future, FSA support clubs and FSMAA provide scholarships. It was also noted that FSMAA could be a vehicle for tax deductible donations to support the hockey team, although, if this were to be done, for administrative reasons, FSMAA would prefer that someone from hockey coordinate and bundle the donations rather than having FSMAA staff take on this burden; FSMAA Past President Steve Carbery, a former College hockey player, was mentioned as a possible person to be approached to take on this task. There was discussion of things FSMAA can do now, including mentioning Hockey Team events on FSMAA's website and in the Mariner, and possibly placing an advertisement to raise money for hockey in the next Maritime Navigator. FSMAA can also provide the names of likely donors. Another idea was to have FSA match donations to FSMAA for the Hockey Team.
- 2000 Ted Mason discussed the Class of '57's 57th reunion, which was held in Annapolis, MD. Discussion of sextants; FSMAA donated one third of them and FSA donated two thirds of them.
- 2005 The Secretary had no report.
- 2005 The Treasurer had no report. Matt Devins noted dues income has to be augmented and a mailer has to be sent. Maggy noted an appeal was sent electronically recently. Matt also noted we are replacing the current debit card for the staff with a new, low limit, credit card for reasons of financial security. **A motion was made that the Board authorize issuance of one credit card, to be assigned to Maggy Williams Giunco, Alumni Director, for FSMAA business, with a credit limit of \$5,000.00. Motion carried.**
- 2015 Director's Report. For the 2015 Golf Classic Maggy is working with the Old Westbury Country Club to reduce costs. The cocktail hour may be extended and dinner eliminated; the cocktail hour would be followed by dessert. There will be a Networking and Nominating Event and Meeting on November 6, 2014 at the Hound's Tooth Pub in Manhattan. For 2014 Homecoming's Ancient Mariner Golf Outing 117 people have signed up. Two people took beer sponsorships. The cost per golfer is \$115.00. FSMAA's events for Homecoming weekend are Friday: Ancient Mariner Golf Outing, and Saturday: a reception at Paddy's (pub outside the College gate), the cost of the reception having been donated by the Gerson family. Maggy plans a dues mailing to the membership before Thanksgiving. Discussion of the 2015 Annual Membership Dinner; last year's venue, Tribeca-360 is asking \$140.00 per person so Maggy is considering other venues: she wants to keep the cost to FSMAA below \$130.00 and keep the event in Midtown Manhattan. The

consensus was to keep the price for each participant no higher than \$150.00 each. Possible dates for the event will be either January 29 or February 5, 2015.

- 2030 Mike Trotta reported on Nominations. There is an opening for Assistant Treasurer. Dan Gillette will run for President. Candidates for First Vice President, Second Vice President, Assistant Treasurer and one Board Seat are needed. Dan Lilly will step down as a Board Member and there are two other automatic vacancies on the Board, due to end of terms. It was reported that Bill Kreppin and Ed Moore want to run for Board positions. Ted advised he can run for the Board or for Second Vice President as needed. Mike will announce the vacancies and need for candidates at the Ancient Mariner Golf Outing. It was proposed to also try recruiting people from out of town. It was noted candidates should sign the Conflict of Interest Policy before running for election.
- 2040 Annmarie Bhola will handle the ballots and election. She will use surveymonkey for this.
- 2045 Discussion of database improvements. Maggy is still working on this, using Raiser's Edge.
- 2050 Discussion of future membership activities, including bowling, bacci, and using Meet Up to arrange informal get togethers, mostly in Manhattan.
- 2055 Matt Devins discussed IT improvements. Use of new MS Office will occur within two weeks. We can offer a free domain name at no cost to FSMAA.
- 2100 Old Business. We must have the vote for the proposed change in By-Laws to allow Chapter President Voting.
- 2105 Leonard Imperial spoke about arranging a Standup Paddleboard event at the College for Homecoming in 2015 or in September of 2015. He has discussed this with Capt. Smith who is receptive to the idea.
- 2110 Further discussion of hockey proposal
- 2115 Meeting Adjourned. The next Board Meeting is planned for November 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl J. Baim, Secretary
Cc: All Board Members