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Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2015
meeting held at:
SUNY Maritime College
Ft. Schuyler
Bronx, New York

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

Dan Gillette '97 – President
Ted Mason '57 – Asst. Treasurer
Annmarie Bhola '98 – Board Member
William Kreppein '80 – Board Member
Jose Femenia '64 – Board Member*
Carl Hausheer '79 – Board Member*

Charles Munsch '73 – Past President
Earl Baim '80 – Secretary
John Donnelly '01- Board Member
Victor Corso '83 – Board Member
Leonard Imperial '01 – Board Member
Anthony DeSimone '06 – Board Member

(* via telephone)

Chapter Presidents

John Knause '91 – Baltimore Chapter*

Alumni Staff

Maggy Williams Giunco – Alumni Director

Invited Guests

RADM. Michael Alfultis, USMS, Ph.D., President, SUNY Maritime College
Aimee Bernstein, Vice President for University Relations, SUNY Maritime College
Ashley Scotty, SUNY Maritime College Director of Development

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

- 1805 President Dan Gillette calls the meeting to order. **Quorum present.** Introductions of Board Members and SUNY Maritime College attendees.
- 1810 Adm. Alfultis' presentation. Discussion of challenges facing the College, including budget, student retention, enrollment management, improving training cruises, and replacement of Empire State VI. Regarding replacement of the training ship the Admiral advises he and other maritime academy presidents are supporting a plan to have new training ships purpose built. He indicates he has met with twenty U.S. Senators or their staffs and forty members of the U.S. House of Representatives support commencement of design; he has visited Washington, D.C. approximately monthly to advance this initiative. The remainder of the discussion regarded improving retention of students at Maritime College.

- 1840 Adm. Alfultis ends his presentation. Discussion of establishing Career Nights and a Mentoring Program at the College to be assisted by alumni. The Admiral would like to connect groups of two classes to each other (one graduated and one at the College) as a basis for the Mentoring Program.
- 1850 Dan Gillette invites the Admiral to attend FSMAA's Golf Outing.
- 1855 Adm. Alfultis and FSMAA staff depart. Break in the meeting for refreshments.
- 1915 Meeting resumes. Discussion of Scholarships. 85 SST '15 scholarships were awarded. The details of awarding the scholarships were discussed. It was noted Empire State sails on May 15, 2015.
- 1930 Discussion of FSMAA membership and dues. **A motion was made that dues would be waived for all graduates until January 1 of the year after the person graduates. Dues would then be \$60.00 per year for each year thereafter. Motion Carried.**
- 1935 Jose Femenia discusses membership. Discussion of membership data. Jose says he believes the level of membership is unclear and he is very concerned about this. A discussion of the database with Maggy followed.
- 1940 Discussion of Honors Committee. Seven to ten candidates are sought.
- 1945 Discussion of Activities. Anthony De Simone is planning a sailing regatta for alumni.
- 1950 Discussion of Admiral's Dinner.
- 1955 **A motion was made to spend \$1,000.00 for an advertisement for FSMAA in the Dinner Journal for the Admiral's Dinner. Designs of the advertisement to be proposed by Maggy and subject to Board Approval. Motion Carried.** Maggy will distribute proposed designs via e-mail for review and approval.
- 2000 Financial Report – Ted Mason. A meeting was held with Fiduciary Trust regarding FSMAA's endowment investment holdings and return on investment. Discussion of the audit. Discussion of Bessemer Trust as a possible alternative to Fiduciary Trust. Discussion of attendance at annual Marine Society of the City of New York Dinner on behalf of FSMAA by Ted Mason and Mike Trotta; it was noted this was successful in improving FSMAA's relations with the Marine Society.
- 2025 Discussion of FSMAA's College Fund and using same to repair or replace gym equipment on Empire State. Following discussion, it was deemed best to table this issue until the return of Empire State from the 2015 cruise as too little time remains to improve the gym equipment before Empire State's departure. Discussion of using College Fund for a speaking program at the College.
- 2035 Director's Report. Maggy updates the Board on progress and details for the Golf Outing. She is in need of Silent Auction Items. She is planning to extend the Cocktail Hour and have dinner in a buffet format. Further discussion of Database.
- 2045 Dan Gillette read a thank you letter from Adm. Alfultis for FSMAA's granting of the Hardship Scholarships requested by the College earlier in 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2050 Discussion of FSMAA's budget. The Board proposed that Dan Gillette prepare a budget for his travel to Chapter events. Discussion of FSMAA's representation at the annual SNAME meeting, which will be held in Providence, RI during the Autumn of 2015. The President's travel budget will be discussed at the May, 2015 Board Meeting.
- 2100 Meeting Adjourned.

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