



**General Meeting Minutes – April 2024**

**SUNY Maritime College -TSES VII Conference Room – Main Deck**

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<b>Don Gale</b>	<b>Magazine Editor</b>

**College Staff**

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**Chapter Presidents**

<b>Art Sulzer (Del Val)</b>	<b>Dennis Brennan (Southern California)</b>
<b>Jim Yahner (Long Island)</b>	<b>Carl Hausheer (Chapter Ambassador)</b>
<b>Jamie McNamara (New Jersey)</b>	

## **March Meeting Minutes**

**1800: Call to order**

**1802: Roll Call**

**1807: Approval of the March Meeting Minutes.**

**1809: Introduction of New Staff**

- Everyone has received, approved, and accepted. Maggie will be the Director, Saira is the Director of Operation, Denise Tiernan is on boarding, and will be on the office Mondays Tuesdays and Fridays. John Valvo is off the hook with handling mail. Taylor Netchert – comes from an events and communications background. Will be handling social media.

**1812: Updates from Admiral Alfultis**

- Updates on the following: Regimental External Review, Fiscal Situation, SUNY mandate for fiscal responsibility.
  - Regimental External Review – Released on March 2024; On Spring of 2022 there was cadet focused group. Which they reviewed and prioritized there external review.
  - Cadet Leadership has had 20 action and initiatives.
  - Cadet focused group will continue; address the change and the school is doing the work.
- Struggles on enrollment and budgets:
  - Start of the academic year had the Path of Fiscal wellness with the four pillars are:
    - Carefully manage our cost and expiditures
    - Increase revenue from alternative sources
    - Increase federal and state support
    - Increase enrollment
  - Making progress in all areas.
- Selected a new mariner in director of professional development James Spear.
- Received 1.2 million dollars in grant in offshore wind. NYS only operational training center.
- Estimating in 2 million dollar in revenue
- Raising funds in our games funds.
- Federal Government is fully funding the fuel for Summer Sea term. Last year we received 1.1 million dollars.
- Senate Bill has 4 million dollars for the summer sea term.
- Admirals position for the next president is for them to lean support on additional support for summer sea term and reduce the cost of the license program, to allow them to be achievable for more new Yorkers. We need to continue the narrative of making the program equitable and desirable for new Yorkers. Allow the state budget to cover the personnel, feds cover the fuel, then the only thing left is the tuition, room and board.

- At least 400 new students last Saturday and with a total of 1000 students in campus. Retention numbers are back to pre covid numbers.
- Working with the alumni association on the Admiral farewell tour. Next one is Houston and New Orleans. The future of the relationship with the college and the alumni is stronger.
- Proud of the accomplishment that we have achieve through getting the new ship, setting up the foundation, getting through covid, and strengthening the alumni association relationship.
- The Coast Guard was here last Wednesday, and they were in awe of the ship.
- To promote the opportunities that the college provide, and we will do great with enrollment numbers.
- Update on the training ship: the plan is working well down below. The issue is internet and spare parts.
- Staffing issues. Captain Morgan has a list of what he needs.
- DOT and MARAD network issue.

### **1835: Report from President MCCA: Steve Carbery**

- An unfortunate event of the passing of Officer Jonathan Diller '14. Queens community response team 105<sup>th</sup> precinct was shot on duty. We have since had an unbelievable outpouring of support and donate to the family. Draft MOU was set up and formed and created a Memorial Fund and sponsored by Rick McClain. Donations from John Valvo and Rick. We have received the blessing from Stephanie Diller, Jonathan's Wife, talked over the terms of the MOU. Several other entities that donated, like the SGA. The top 1<sup>st</sup> class cadet will receive the first Diller fund which comes to \$6,000.
- The Presidential search and the candidates were on campus visit. Had a tour with Mark Wolley. The candidates met with the faculty and the students in a casual setting. They then did a presentation to an open forum which was live streamed. An hour of presentation to field questions from the audience. After the candidates met with the search committee.
- Update on the January incident: The student is no longer wanting to meet with the alumni association.
- One hand appeal is ready to roll.
- Adimiral's week is May 20<sup>th</sup> , May 21<sup>st</sup> is the Retirement Celebration.
- Graduation is May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Training ship departure Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Our MOU has gone up to SUNY, Doug is waiting on them. Parent's Association and the Foundation has sent their MOU.
- Recruiting and Admission assistance, Dinner with the Dr. Jennifer Waters, the Provost. Wants to use alumni to recruit. We need to formulate a plan with a committee.
- Alma Base still owes us a demo. Plan a retreat, still have follow ups for dinner.

### **1900 Report from the Director: Maggie**

- Fielding calls for the fund. Many don't know how to truly donate. They have chosen to re donate the fund that we are forming. We still need to discuss the funding situation.

- New Jersey event was fantastic. Very well attended.
- We are taking donations for the Houston event.
- Need to be strategic with how we announce the scholarship funds.
- The communication of the groups throwing the event needs to be better.
- Staffing onboard has been complete and Taylor has done a good job with coordinating with Saira with Social Media.
- Ordered equipment for new employees.
- Potential new dates for the alumni recruiting. Easier access if it's in the Campus. Still needs more discussion.
- Golf Classic – Meeting with AJ McCallister. The price per golfer is going up. We are trying to keep the single admission the same. Received BMW sponsorship for a hole in one.
- Ultimate we are working to do a morning and afternoon shotgun of

### **1830 Report from Treasurer: George and Sam**

- Contract services budget will need to be updated.
- Our events are what's driving our success.
- Budget:
  - Gross Income YTD - \$9,336
  - Net Income YTD - \$63,792
- Budget Highlights
  - Dues \$5,780 YTD 2024
  - Annual alumni dinner \$118,178.00
  - Total revenue from Events \$120,232 \$260K budget
- Funds
  - YTD (4.17.24) +2.20% (12,766,590)
  - Current Allocation 68.69.36% / 22.94% Fixed income / 8.37% Short Term
- Accounts
  - \$403,702.32 Chase Accounts
  - Business Checking - \$118,150
  - Business Checking 2 - \$142,253
  - HY Savings - \$143,298

### **1935: Committee Reports:**

- Bylaws Committee – Ted
  - Completion in homecoming.
  - Adding new articles of definition.
  - Chapter voting rights.
  - Chapter involvement
  - Dues paid status.
  - Board involvement
  - Voting eligibility
  - Chapter liaison

- To meet with the chapter president in the near future. To discuss how to engage with the chapters. And get the chapter president's report.
- Defining what a chapter.
- Events Committee – Greg
  - Spring networking
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> Admiral's Retirement Celebration
  - June 4<sup>th</sup> Training ship departs.
  - Golf Classic – June 10<sup>th</sup> This year target will seek higher than last year.
    - Push for new sponsors
    - Get at least one sponsor
  - October Homecoming
  - Fall networking
  - Biggest focus is on the golf classic.
  - Sponsors tied with the ho
- Magazine Committee – Ted
  - Fort Schuyler Magazine in good form
  - 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter release is prepared. The bulletin
  - The Next one is end of April.
  - Press release is catered for the commercial use. Don drafts and sends it out to Dennis.
  - Magazine will be mailed end of June/early July.
- Members and Chapters Committee – Seth
  - Chapter events – working with everyone and reaching to as many chapter as we can.
  - We are getting record attendance.
  - Chapters are the key
- PR social media – Rick McClain
  - Quantity over quality.
  - Improvements and standardization.
  - Diller post out in a quick passion.
  - Leverage the ebb tide SOP and brought it up from the committee and no feedback. Should be the policy we follow. There should be mandated consistency.
- Scholarship Committee
  - We need to act on the opportunity the issuance or the award for SST scholarship. To see the money of the alumni awarded.
- SWAG Committee – Leo
- Governance Committee – Earl
  - To plan and meet with Steve.

## **1955: Chapter Updates**

- New Jersey - Jamie
- Delaware Valley – Art
- Southern California - Dennis
  - Nothing to report

- Long Island – Jim
- Hampton Roads – Ed Hulick

### **2000 Unfinished Business**

- Nothing to report.

### **2001: New business**

**2002: April 2024 meeting concluded.**

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