



General Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2024

Meeting Held Virtual via MS Teams

Officers

Steve Carbery	President
Greg Tuthill	1 st Vice President
Leo Imperial	2 nd Vice President
Justin Dela Cruz	Secretary
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George Gacser	Assistant Treasurer

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Ted Mason	Jim McEnteggart
Richard McClain	Vin Melwani
Michael Paturas	Mike Trotta

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John Valvo	Past President - 2020
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Saira Yoo	MCAA Staff
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College Staff

John Okon	President
Doug Hasbrouck	VP of Development

Chapter Presidents

Art Sulzer (Del Val)	Dennis Brennan (Southern California)
Jim Yahner (Long Island)	Carl Hausheer (Chapter Ambassador)
Jamie McNamara (New Jersey)	Zhen Shao (Con Edison)

December Meeting Minutes

1806: Call to Order

1809: Roll Call: Justin Dela Cruz

1810: Approved November Meeting Minutes

1811: Admiral Okon:

- Strong Academic Year. Building out the fiscal plan. Using shared governance. New Vision, Mission, and Values.
- Three Core Values: the two on our seal Loyalty and Value. Will be adding Leadership.
 - Loyalty, Value, and Leadership.
- We will be working through the goals and objective. Holding ourselves accountable to drive change and the institution. Lots of work on that.
- Happy to share and get more eyeballs on it.
- Steve and I are still struggling with the why of the school. We have the initial discussion, and the why is still getting hashed out. The “Why” is very important.
- Fiscal Stability Plan. On plan to execute the Fiscal Plan. We are in strong shape. Right now the linear approach to the budget, through November with 42% Execution Rate.
- The Regimental Reset: A month ago had a open forum. New structure for the Cadets. It is a hot mess right now. No strong command or guidance. We are instituting a new structured organization. Complete overhaul with rules, code of conduct, and governance. New structure and updated manual to start growing the regiment. We are not gonna get their next year. But we are comfortable with making progress.
- Admission has really good signals. YTD up 18%. Last year was a high water mark. Our marketing and PROP. Up on commitments. The traditional students are growing. Overwhelming are joining the Regiment License Program is up 40%. Engineering Open house and ship tour has improved the health of the Program.
- PROP had the 1st iteration. Another PROP on Campus. Very early in the race. The overwhelming support is awesome from the Alumni.
- Dr. Todd Lidh has taken on the role as the Acting Provost. Will be seeking my network to find the next Provost.
- We need to kick off a large campaign. Hold the information, McAllister Towing they made a \$2.5 million pledge. Full towing simulator, and refresh. To be used for the 1600 Ton license and below.
- Hiring a Dean of Athletics and Dean of Students. That will build out a cabinet, which aligns the full cabinet. Excited to get that going.
- Shared the “Prospectus” on the founding of the school. The 1st charter is stored in the Stephen B. Luce Library. Amazing reading.
- Encourage the end of the year giving.
- Requesting the Chapter Presidents help with the Giving.
- Wanted to thank John Valvo for the Audio and Visual help with the Winter Commencement.

- Jennifer Barnes-Hayes will be the guest Speaker at winter commencement. I'm sure the graduating class will rally around her story.
- Academic side, we will need to take a hard look on the cyber security curriculum or lack thereof. The maritime industry is highly susceptible to Cyber, and we need to be stronger within that industry.
- Fiscal Stability Plan: we have decided based on the shared governance recommendation to disestablish the three (3) school system. Not going into effect until 2025-2026.

SST 2025 Schedule & Ports Announced:

SST staff report on 12 May
 Pre-cruise starts 19 May
 Depart Fort Schuyler 25 May
 Arrive Fort Schuyler on 29 July
 "Post Cruise" ends on 1 August.

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Arrive New Orleans (1st port) 8 June
 Depart New Orleans 12 June
 Arrive Ponta Delgada, Azores' (2nd port) 25 June
 Depart Ponta Delgada, Azores' 29 June
 Arrive Bergen, Norway (3rd port) 12 July
 Depart Bergen, Norway 16 July
 Arrive Stapleton anchorage 28 July
 Arrive Fort Schuyler on 29 July
 "Post Cruise" ends on 1 August.

1833: Report from President MCAA: Steve Carbery

- The ballot was sent out on Survey Monkey and it has been approved. Ready to go out by the end of the week.
- MOU will finally have that set up and ready for signature. Practically the same as before. Memorialize the office and the signature. Motion for the board for the MOU to allow Steve and Admiral Okon to sign. **Approved.**
- 150th dinner – to solicit attendants, sponsorship and ads. Lots of room for the stage and cocktail hour. The dinner area is much larger. It feels more unified than the other room. Been having conversation with the Admiral Sobek's team. Sal Mercogliano will be talking into the history of the school. Annemarie Bhola will be working on creating a video for the dinner.
- Going back and forth with Almabase. Kevin Albertson has been helping out with the details and contract. Need some effort to get it signed by December 31st to avoid the price increase in January. Discussed the budget summary with the board and **Approved** to avoid the price increase in January.
- We will publish a schedule for the Meetings. Need a volunteer to propose a meeting schedule.
- Interviewing the VP Institutional Advancement. Nothing set in stone.

- Athletic Hall of Fame – Steve Carbery Chairs the Committee with Matt Devins and Tom Breglia, Alexa Barbato, Interim Dean of Athletics, and Joe Clifford Athletics Communications Director.
- Winter Commencement – Friday 31st.1000. Tom Murphy, Chief of Staff, invited the entire board to attend. Past President Jennifer Barnes-Hayes is the keynote speaker.

1840 Report from Treasurer: Sam Reilly & George Gacser

- Budget: As of December 18th, 2024
 - Gross Income YTD - \$30,296.50 Variance \$41,703.50
 - Net Income YTD - \$22,276.70 Variance \$66,043.30
- Budget Highlights
 - Dues \$13,685.00 YTD 2024
 - June Golf Classic - \$56,425
 - Ancient Mariner Golf Outing \$18,421.85
 - Networking Events \$47,182.69
 - Total Revenue from Events \$257,360.13
 - Insurance \$23,218.00
- Funds
 - January 1st, 2024 - \$12,048,054
 - March 31st, 2024 - \$12,922,132
 - June 31st, 2024 - \$13,529,046
 - November 29th, 2024 - \$13,845,052.94
 - YTD (Dec 17th, 2024) - \$13,765,529.04 (+15.07)
 - SST Appeal 2024: \$204,072.04
- Accounts
 - Chase Accounts - \$530,189.20
 - Business Checking - \$96,759.00
 - Business Checking 2 - \$141,979.87
 - HY Savings - \$347,648.53

1910: Report from Committee President

- Bylaw Committee – Leo/Dennis
 - A lot of work has been going on with how Chapters work. Working on the input from the Chapters with how it will be rewritten.
 - Want to include the Chapters. Putting off the meeting in January.
 - Need Input from Chapter President.
 - We can start to write up the bylaws. Will not be in time for the December meeting.
 - Distributed the gathering of the information to each of the chapters.
- Nominations Committee – Mike Trotta
 - Review the Ballot and we will go live as soon as possible.
- Events Committee – Greg Tuthill
 - Biggest event is the Dinner. Maggie and Saira, if you can help with the break even and send it to Greg.
 - One of the biggest revenue events is the Dinner.

- All hands-on deck on meeting the target.
- Maggie – do you have a break-even number for the dinner event.
- Honors committee – Leo
 - No Report
- Magazine Committee – Ted
 - Have not been in touch with Don.
 - Material that I have reviewed, in very good shape. With the Magazine, Newsletter and Bulletin.
 - The Magazine will be going out late after the new year.
- Membership Committee – Seth
 - Houston – Greg has been very diligent. Happy hour tomorrow. Marine log has a 30 year conference. Training ship will be there. Greg took it upon themselves to have the ship captain/chief or both for a panel discussion. Additionally, bringing in a limited number of cadets.
 - Tampa Bay – February 4th Victory Event
 - January 7th Port Tour small little event.
 - One of the Graduate Eric White –flag for the
 - Canterbury School – So we will be reaching out for admission, and they are interested in a regimental program.
 - Jacksonville –
 - Small group of people met at the Jaguars game
 - New Jersey
 - Axe throwing event in the works.
 - Philadelphia
 - An industry party which had about 30 people there. Mix of KP and Maritime college.
- Social Media/PR Committee – Rick McClain
 - Very busy year. Got Gary Mueller Spotlight Series – lots to offer and good read.
 - Saint Mary event posting and the dinner posting.
 - Posting for the Elections.
 - Quite an extensive meeting with the Admiral Okon. Should be publish with a week or so.
- Audit Committee – John Valvo
 - Presentation on the financial last meeting. All went well there. Taxes were filed and additional dialogue.
 - Financial audit has been forwarded to SUNY. Our obligations have been met.
 - We have just finished the 2023 audit and the three years. Proposal for an extension of additional year. About \$17,500.
 - Motion to accept the proposal. **Motion carries and Approved.**
- Scholarship Committee – John Valvo
 - Scholarship's are open. Couple of issue. Looking for a record turnout. We do have some not so good news. Our counterpart, Nancy Rueger is retiring. Nancy had a great understanding with the process with academic works.
 - Will be looking for the January Meeting and new board will want me to stay as the committee chair.
- Swag Committee – Vin

- Nothing to Report.

- Governance Committee – Earl
 - Have to have training for Anti-bias: Employees, staff. Fill out the conflict-of-interest form by the beginning of the year.

1951: Old Business

1952: New Business

1954: November 2024 meeting concluded.

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