



**General Meeting Minutes – January 2025**

**Meeting Held In-Person, Morgan Stanley**

**Officers**

<b>Steve Carbery</b>	President
<b>Seth Lucas</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
<b>Richard McClain</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
<b>Justin Dela Cruz</b>	Secretary
<b>Sam Reilly</b>	Treasurer
<b>George Gacser</b>	Assistant Treasurer

**Board Members**

<b>Ted Mason</b>	<b>Vin Melwani</b>
<b>Mike Trotta</b>	<b>Jim McEnteggart</b>
<b>Kevin Albertson</b>	<b>Duke Alvora</b>
<b>Michael Paturas</b>	<b>Vicky Hulick</b>
<b>Kit Mattikow</b>	<b>Kyron Cooper</b>

**Past MCAA Presidents**

<b>John Valvo</b>	Past President - 2020
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**MCAA Staff**

<b>Saira Yoo</b>	MCAA Staff
<b>Maggy Giunco</b>	MCAA Staff
<b>Taylor Netchert</b>	MCAA Staff
<b>Don Gale</b>	Magazine Editor

**College Staff**

<b>John Okon</b>	President
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**Chapter Presidents**

<b>Art Sulzer</b> (Del Val)	<b>Dennis Brennan</b> (Southern California)
<b>Jim Yahner</b> (Long Island)	<b>Carl Hausheer</b> (Chapter Ambassador)
<b>Jamie McNamara</b> (New Jersey)	<b>Zhen Shao</b> (Con Edison)
<b>Ashley O'Brien</b> (Tampa)	

## January Meeting Minutes

### **1815: Call to Order**

### **1816: Roll Call: Saira Yoo**

### **1818: Mike Trotta:**

- Voting Results:
  - Statistics:
    - 1200 active members
    - 869 emails sent out
    - 527 emails opened
    - 280 email unopened
    - 62 bounced
    - 236 people opened ballot and voted
  - President
    - Stephen J. Carbery '80
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
    - Seth Lucas '01
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
    - Rick McClain '14
  - Secretary
    - Justin Dela Cruz '20
  - Treasurer
    - Sam Reilly '95
  - Assistant Treasurer
    - George Gacser '87
  - 2025 Board of Directors
    - Duke Alvora '14
    - Kit Mattikow '23
    - Vicky Hulick '05
- 2025 MCAA Officers and Board of Directors Ballot Presented and Ratified. Motion Seconded. Approved.

### **1823: Report from President MCAA: Steve Carbery**

- Congratulations to new members.
- Due to commitment constraint, Earl Baim is stepping down. Steve Carbery nominates the 4<sup>th</sup> person in the ballot, Kyron Cooper '13 to fill out Earl's remaining term.
- Motion to accept Kyron Cooper to fill out Earl's Remaining term. Seconded and approved. Motion carried, no opposition.
- Invite Dennis Hanley to fill out membership within the committee members.
- **December 2024 Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve. Seconded and approved.**
- Thank you for volunteering and serving with the election. Excited for Seth and Rick.
- Election is behind us and we are working on the dinner. Maggy and Saira has all the statistics. At a break even point. Need to reach out to friends, sponsor, and corporation.

- We have gotten a lot of sponsors. Currently 140 attendees. Still have to update. Minimum 220 seats. A lot to fill still.
- Kit – Is there reduced discount to faculty and staff? Students will show up, won't pay and all are sponsored.
- Prop Program January 23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Difficult to have people come into the Bronx. Need to work on getting a better date for on-site training. Out of 20, only 2 showed up. Talk to the academic, admission staff to cater the need of the high school students and their parents.
  - Possibly around homecoming for potential dates.
  - Seth Lucas – How are chapters like Tampa can receive training for the program if there isn't a remote option? The logistics are still works.
  - Art Sulzer – Why wasn't anything heard about this program about given the opportunity. Had 4 people ready to send out from Philly. Prop Program is still a work in progress. Will still keep on talking to Danny Robinson.
  - Kit – Who is the program applying to? Kids who have applied and accepted to college and are making a decision between Schuyler and other school.
  - Vicky – Is there a plan to expand the plan? Admission dept takes the kids who are applying and to connect them to prop officer in the area who will talk to them face to face.
- AlmaBase – We will work with starting a kickoff meeting after the dinner.
- New VP of Institutional Advancement – Jennifer Mahoney. Has had similar roles elsewhere. Starts January 21<sup>st</sup>. Will participate in MCAA Board Meetings

#### **1846 Report from Treasurer: Sam Reilly & George Gacser**

- George Gacser – This report highlights certain aspects of the budget. Gross income is way below budget by \$13,000. Gross Revenue is below by \$7,000. Gross Expenses in the year were higher than anticipated - \$46,000. Net income below where it should be.
- Treasurer Agenda –
  - Budget
    - Gross Income YTD - \$58,188.82
    - Net Income YTD - \$-38,454.62
  - Budget Highlights
    - Dues YTD - \$26,880
    - June Golf Classic - \$56,425
    - Ancient Mariner Golf Outing - \$18,771
    - Networking Events - \$10,682
    - Total Revenue from Events - \$194,101
  - Accounts
    - Chase Accounts - \$534,843
    - Business Checking 1 - \$108,288
    - Business Checking 2 - \$87,140
    - HY Savings - \$339,414
- Valvo - A fantastic growth on the funds. What is the available scholarship dollar funds with a target of \$550,000. It will allow us to curate a number.
- Let's get the Budget for 2025 squared away.

## 1910: Report from Committee President

- Bylaw Committee – Leo/Dennis
  - N/A
- Nominations Committee – Mike Trotta
  - Well done on the election. Need to have the bylaws committee reflect with the election process. Thank you Saira and Maggy to cross the line.
  - List of committees to be distributed out. No governance committee chair. Need to have someone on.
- Bylaws Committee – Leo/Dennis
  - 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.
- Events Committee – Maggy
  - Talked a little about the dinner.
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  - 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
  - N/A
- Magazine Committee – Ted
  - Dragged forward and went to the printer. Won't be mailed out for a week or so.
  - 52 pages long. Lots of content and news. Very well received and great feedback.
- Membership Committee – Seth Lucas
  - Houston – Clay Shoot coming up on 4/4. Satellite attendance for September for Admiral's dinner.
  - Tampa Bay –
    - Kerri and Ashely have been planning on February 4<sup>th</sup> on the American Victory, generating a lot of interest.
    - Approaching several schools with possibly linking up with admission about Maritime. Aligns with the prop program.
    - Budget a small amount for flags for events.
  - Long Island –
    - Possibly having an event this spring.
  - New Jersey
    - Axe throwing event on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Interested in promoting Maritime College. Standing by on the training for the prop program.
  - Philadelphia
    - Christmas Event in December was a success with all the maritime industries involved.
- Social Media/PR Committee – Rick McClain
  - Taylor – Focusing on dinner coming up. Recognize sponsors. Engage with the post. Next Newsletter – aim for end of February.

- Audit Committee – John Valvo
  - John to maintain audit and scholarship chairperson as requested.
  - Clean audit and has been sent off and acknowledge.
  - Engagement letter with auditors for 2024 audit.
  - Nothing to report.
- Scholarship Committee – John Valvo
  - Scholarships are open. Nancy Ruegger retired as of last month. Constantly improving about the scholarship. Potentially few hiccups with new personnel. The money will get the students hands.
  - Great financial return for the funds. High level confidence to meet the goal of 2025 of \$550,000. Will reach out to the scholarship committee members.
  - Will be looking for the January Meeting and new board will want me to stay as the committee chair.
  - Class of '65 and class of '83 to co fund scholarship and hand off. Have a sidebar with Maggie. Letter of Agreement already written with the MOU already in place.
- Swag Committee – Vin
  - Nothing to Report.
- Governance Committee – Earl
  - Need to have someone step up and volunteer.

### **1928: Old Business**

- Spring Networking. New Alumni Night. OBMG will have their dinner on February 27.
- MOU submitted to school on 12/23 by Steve. Once signed, we will focus on the Empower video contract.
- The Gala has a perception that this is a mix between the Alumni Association and the School. It is not and encouraging others to remind people that. Next year's dinner will be the same prices.
- Any board members hesitant about buying a ticket, it is available to them for \$400. Offering those who have already purchased either a refund or chance to donate to the underway fund.

### **1928: New Business**

**1931: January 2025 meeting concluded.**

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