



General Meeting Minutes – November 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
Sam Reilly	Treasurer
George Gascer	Assistant Treasurer

Board Members

Earl Baim	Seth Lucas
Ted Mason	Jim McEnteggart
Richard McClain	Vin Melwani
Michael Paturas	Mike Trotta

Past MCAA Presidents

John Valvo	Past President - 2020
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MCAA Staff

Saira Yoo	MCAA Staff
Maggy Giunco	MCAA Staff
Don Gale	Magazine Editor

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)

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1800: Introduction

1805: Report from Almabase:

- Terry: Senior Account Executive
- Vishnu: Solutions Consultant
- Worked closely with the Maritime Community. Will be going through the front facing aspects of the modules. The user experience as well as diving into the back end of the modules. After Vishnu will go over the Razor X.
- Three main modules:
 - Online Community
 - Events
 - Giving
- Online Community:
 - Great success with institution that are looking to increase engagement with a landing page. Demonstrating value to alums. Driving nostalgia. And highlighting giving.
 - Encourages registering as paid members. Takes you to an updated profile page. Profiles are fully customizable. Common place profiles take you to the connect page.
 - Alumni Directory and pull up the profile.
- Mentorship Page
 - A page that a user can utilize to reach out to alums for mentorship. Can create a filter to the user's need.
- Events Page: User Experience
 - Full Events page with details provided.
 - Also, within the pages there is a schedule. Members can be either signed in or as guest to sign up for events.
 - Add guest, dietary restriction and other extra itinerary.
 - Seamless transition within the application of for processing credit card information.
 - Admins have access to creating events and can give members admin rights to other members.

1854: Roll Call: Saira Yoo

1859: September and October Meeting Minutes Approved.

1904: Report from John Valvo:

- John Valvo: An obligation of the audit to the Board members, this is a post submittal of our taxes to the board. The bookkeepers are working with our Treasurer, Maggie, and Saira. We have a great asset with Kamal.
 - Worked with Buchbinder from the past few years. And with that we finally have the ability to compare.

- Michael Friedman –The transition caused us extreme delays. On the bright side, there shouldn't be any delays moving forward.
- Clayton Smith – Independent Auditor's Report – Opinion: In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position. This is a clean opinion.
 - Other Matter: The financial audit for the past two years were done by Buchbinder.

1919: Report from President MCCA: Steve Carberry

- For the Dinner, we will have Rear Admiral Philip Sobeck as Keynote Speaker.
- Prop Program. At least 15 volunteers. Had two college fairs already.
- Nominations coming soon.
- We have a football game this weekend.
- The Almbase Demo and the Audit was in this meeting.

1937 Report from Treasurer: Sam Reilly & George Gascer

- Budget: As of November 20th, 2024
 - Gross Income YTD - \$28,253.06
 - Net Income YTD - \$28,070
- Budget Highlights
 - Dues \$12,405.00 YTD 2024
 - June Golf Classic - \$56,425
 - Ancient Mariner Golf Outing \$5,221.84
 - Networking Events \$48,054
 - Total Revenue from Events \$244,841 YTD
- Funds
 - January 1st, 2024 - \$12,048,054
 - March 31st, 2024 - \$12,922,132
 - June 31st, 2024 - \$13,529,046
 - October 31th, 2024 - \$13,33,673
 - YTD (Nov 19th, 2024) - \$13,622,137 (+14.49)
 - SST Appeal 2024: \$204,072.04
- Accounts
 - Chase Accounts - \$568,572.20
 - Business Checking - \$78,943.80
 - Business Checking 2 - \$141,979.87
 - HY Savings - \$347,648.53

1948: Report from Committee President

- Nominations Committee – Mike Trotta
 - Greg Tuthill Stepping down.
 - Nominations will happen in the nominations meeting.
 - The dates for milestones:
 - Closing on Tuesday 11/26

- Friday 12/11, present the board with the nominees.
 - Election is on 12/16 and closes 1/6.
 - Election finalized before the January board meeting.
 - Transfer of power Jan 2024 to Jan 2025.
- 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 – Greg
 - Stepping down but will still be involved. A matter of a bandwidth.
 - Next Tuesday is the nominations gatherings.
 - 30th of January 150th Anniversary dinner. Try to get some sponsorship. One event that has lots of positive income.
 - Going forward, the June 9th Golf Outing. Get sponsors early, companies need to allocate for corporate sponsorships.
- Honors committee – Leo
 - Nothing to report.
- Magazine Committee – Ted
 - Coordinate in the dates of the fall. We are not hurting for content. The content due date 25th of October. Potentially write a story of Gerhart Mueller.
 - Target date is soon after Thanksgiving.
 - The Admiral would like a refresh of the magazine. Looking at the other schools for a standard. Or even a relaunch.
- Membership Committee – Seth
 - Tampa Bay – Ashley Obrien – Small Tampa Bay port tour.
 - Jacksonville – Kevin – Mellow Social December 4th, good response and coming around the corner. Small gathering December 15th.
 - New Orleans – Rich Merhige – Put together a happy hour at New Orleans, which had around 150 people. Had an event planned for January 30th but there is a conflict with the Anniversary dinner. Will probably reschedule a date. Andrew Kuryluk has stepped up as the Interim President of the New Orleans Chapter.
- Social Media/PR Committee – Rick McClain
 - A big deal with the Greece Chapter Event.
- Audit Committee – John Valvo
 - N/A
- Scholarship Committee – John Valvo
 - Scholarship is open and taking applications. One or two tweaks to the wording. Expecting a vibrant application process. Recommendation is to revisit the MOU and need a mechanism in place to accept a scholarship for an incoming student.
- Swag Committee – Vin
 - We are about 44,000 in profit. More numbers to be finalized. Coming to a point where we are finally up and running. Potentially alumni hats.
- Governance Committee – Earl
 - N/A

2030: Report from Chapter President

- Niagara Frontier – Buell
 - N/A
- Tampa Bay – Ashley O'Brien
 - Potential events of February.
 - Tampa bay port tour on January 7th.
- Southern California – Dennis
 - Nothing to report
- Hampton Roads - Matt Matson
 - Nothing to Report
- Houston - Greg Wagner
 - N/A
- Con Edison – Zhen Shao
 - Nothing to report.

2032: New Business

2035: November 2024 meeting concluded.

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