



General Meeting Minutes – September 2024

Meeting Held Virtual via MS Teams

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| John Okon | President |
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Chapter Presidents

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| 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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September Meeting Minutes

1804: Call to order

1805: Roll Call

1808: Motion to June minutes, approved.

1810: Report from President: Admiral John Okon

- Building a strong relationship with the alumni association. An open line with the alumni association. Retired from the navy to join SUNY Maritime College. Something special with the school.
- Summer Sea Term an overwhelming success. The Issue was the Reverse Osmosis and the fuel oil purifiers.
- Made a significant in training for indoc.
- 240 on Indoc last year. 330 on Indoc this year. Enrollment numbers are looking better this year.
- Organizational changes – Dean of Admission and Dean of Students Affairs are directly under the President. The Director of Athletics will soon be determined at the end of the year. Essentially flattened the organization.
- Dr. Watters revert back into Faculty. Dr Todh Lidh accepted the interim Provost. Former provost and has stepped in seamlessly. Pushing the academic affairs forward.
- Last week, Dr. Craig Wright was offered a position to Nassau of Community College to a similar position and couldn't match it.
- Alexa Barbado has assumed the role of AD.
- Tom Murphy class of '93 stepped in as Chief of Staff. Drive the institutional culture.
- Regimental Reset – A hot mess, no standard of business and accountability. The students have accepted and responded to it. Although many are not happy, but they are rising to the occasion.
- The structure of the regiment and the structure has morphed and not allow the cadets to step up. Morgan McManus has stepped up as the VP of Regimental Affairs and Commander Grohman reports to Morgan. Potentially reorganize the Regiment by the end of the semester.
- Fiscal health of the school is not good. 6 of the last 8 years have been in deficit. The good thing is MARAD gave us 20 million and the CARES ACT gave us 5 million.
- The condition of the school is not where I thought it would be. Enrollment is the biggest thing. There is no holistic maintenance plan.
- Strategic Plan expired this year. Two weeks ago the Strategic Plan is in the process.
- Robust rebranding and partnered with Northern to update the website.
- Our Virtual Tour is a 3D drone of the school. High end graphics of the school.
- Hosted 12 alumni from the tristate area. This is for us by us and getting the alumni have been historically successful with getting recruitment.
- Two recurring themes: Conversation of the alumni
- Scale it up to 80 by the end of the semester. Come to school and spend a day on Campus.
- Need to have a data and metrics to follow.

- Broached just above a 1.25 million in donations. Overwhelming support.
- Next Tuesday, will hold an El Fero commencement.
- Thank the whole alumni on the Social Media Content.
- October 8th, leadership lecture. Beyond the Sea.
 - 1st Pep Rally in at least a decade.

1907: Report from President MCCA: Steve Carberry

- The Training ship return. The remarks on the newsletter. Morgan did a phenomenal job. That guy can handle a ship.
- Prop training, hand picked the first 12. Before thanksgiving on campus. We will do another training session on campus for the help and support. It is so important to have it on campus. It took a lot to get the story straight.
- Admiral's dinner was a great success. A much more cohesive target campaign. We have to get fundraising up.
- September 18th, the foundation met and the sitting president of the Alumni Association as a sitting ex officio in the Foundation Board. Maybe consider to a similar motion ex officio. John mentioned the new logo and the seal is no longer the letter head. The SUNY MOU and Doug and I have talked about it. Chancellor King has been supported. Loosened the fundraising and moving in the right direction.
- We will talk about the Alma Based. Once we have the understanding, we will schedule the pricing. It is right in the realm of where we want it to be.
- John and Ted was able to dig up for the Tomb Series to support the school.
- October 18th and 19th annual meeting.
- Finalizing the annual report about 75% done.
- We will hold the annual meeting in the Reisenberg Hall.
- To continue November 26th right before Thanksgiving.
- January 30th, Tribeca Rooftop for the Sesquicentennial dinner. Leo, Greg, and I are working to find a Keynote Speaker.
- Set out Mark Wooley to be an honorary Alumni, we want to hold a motion.

1925 Report from Treasurer: Sam Reilly

- Budget: As of September 25 2024
 - Gross Income YTD - \$20,917
 - Net Income YTD - \$(18,200)
- Budget Highlights
 - Dues \$10,745 YTD 2024
 - June Golf Classic - \$(9,574)
 - Total Revenue from Events \$135,139 YTD
 - Annual alumni dinner \$134,185.96 YTD
 - Insurance - \$21,718 Variance
- Funds
 - January 1st, 2024 - \$12,048,054
 - March 31st, 2024 - \$12,922,132 (+5.99)
 - May 31st, 2024 - \$13,023,389 (+6.48)

- June 19th, 2024 - \$13,421, 415.59 (+9.54)
- Accounts
 - \$566,172.87 Chase Accounts
 - Business Checking - \$173,939
 - Business Checking 2 - \$236,399
 - HY Savings - \$154,833

1830: Report from Committee President

- Bylaws Committee – Steve
 - How we handle chapters and the requirements.
- Events Committee – Steve
 - Going to start focusing on the October Homecoming, retreat, and Alumni Dinner.
- Honors committee – Leo
 - Nothing to report.
- Magazine Committee – Ted
 - As of last Thursday, sent out to
 - Verna Wong retired, so we will be working with a new graphic designer. The position is approved, so we will be working with someone.
- Membership Committee – Seth
 - Things are going well with membership. Membership is going up based on chapter activity.
- Social Media/PR Committee – Rick McClain
 - Targeting officers in the new training ship to get feedback.
- Audit Committee – John Valvo
 - Everything is on track and no issue.
- Scholarship Committee – John Valvo
 - 117 scholarship.
 - Total of \$532,990 with a big check ceremony. Attended by the large sponsorships.
 - Casual gathering that went great.
 - Following up with Saira to send out the student's accounts.
- Swag Committee – Vin
 - Had the meeting yesterday. Moving forward going over the orders. Talked to Bill Kelly about the financial issue and have better numbers than we anticipate.
 - Profit of \$1,760 and shirts have been sent out.
 - The committee is working to create a polo.
 - Sold about 176 items with a \$10 profit.
 - Income stream to help out events committee and hand out pins to members who are paying their dues.
- Governance Committee – Earl
 - Reached out to Anthony DeSimone with the work done in the past.
 - Audit with HR
 - Event Committee SOP
 - Setting up another governance committee in the future.

1847: Report from Chapter President

- Niagara Frontier – Buell
 - Ran through a couple of people that want to reinvigorate the chapter this summer.
 - Working with the Commandant on the speaker series.
- Tampa Bay – Ashley O'Brien
 - Finished out the first inaugural event at Shuffles.
 - About 30 people showed up, but overall had a great time. With older generation and new as 2022 graduates.
 - Feedback: contact information needs update and also about reminders of their membership.
- Southern California – Dennis
 - Nothing to report

1850: Unfinished Business

- April and May motion to approve meeting minutes.

1900: New Business

- Nothing to report.

1908: September 2024 meeting concluded.

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