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About the MLA

THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION

of the UNITED STATES:

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ITS HISTORY, PURPOSES, ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES

The Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLA) was founded in 1899. Its formation was prompted by the organization, some three years earlier, of the International Maritime Committee, better known by its name in French, Comité Maritime International (CMI).

After more than ninety years, the MLA was incorporated in 1993. Its purposes are best expressed in Article 4 of its then adopted Articles of Incorporation, as follows:

The objectives of the Association shall be to advance reforms in the Maritime Law of the United States, to facilitate justice in its administration, to promote uniformity in its enactment and interpretation, to furnish a forum for the discussion and

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consideration of problems affecting the Maritime Law and its administration, to participate as a constituent member of the Comité Maritime International and as an affiliated organization of the American Bar Association, and to act with other associations in efforts to bring about a greater harmony in the shipping laws, regulations and practices of different nations.

The MLA's Committees and the Association as a whole meet in the spring and fall of each year. The on-going, year-round work is accomplished by the Committees and by the Officers, the immediate Past President and twelve other members of the Board of Directors, who govern the Association, subject always to the will of the Membership as expressed at its semi-annual general meetings. Through its Committees, the MLA keeps abreast of federal and state judicial decisions, legislation, and regulations in the maritime area. The Association is not a lobbying or special interest organization: Each of the traditional groups—cargo, personnel, and vessel—has many representatives in the Association, united by their concern with maritime law in all its facets and its fair and efficient operation for all elements of the industry.

Once every two years the MLA holds a meeting at which there are not only full-scale meetings of the Standing and Special Committees but also lectures, seminars, and panel discussions on recent developments in maritime law by leaders in relevant fields. These educational activities, in addition to giving the busy practitioner an opportunity to become familiar with important new decisions, legislation, and conventions, have been granted accreditation by state agencies on continuing legal education whenever such accreditation has been sought.

The MLA membership consists of lawyers involved in maritime matters, judges active in matters involving admiralty issues, admiralty law professors, and non-lawyers who are selected because they hold responsible positions in the maritime field and have rendered distinguished service in the advancement of maritime law or its administration. The Association publishes this comprehensive Directory containing its By-Laws, a membership list, and other information of interest to those concerned with maritime law, and this information is also made available online on the MLA website at www.mlaus.org.

The MLA is a professional organization concerned with improvements in the maritime law, which stands ready to be of help to those interested in this area of law. The advantages of membership in the MLA include the opportunities to meet and consult with other practitioners in the field, to receive Committee reports and other documents concerning pertinent developments, to participate in discussion of problems and issues with others who have similar interests, and to continue a long tradition of collegiality in the practice of admiralty law. Membership in the Association is open to any person admitted

In order to facilitate the more visible domestic and international activities of the MLA as described above, our several standing committees study, discuss, and analyze developments in the law affecting each committee's particular area of interest, and often prepare and distribute reports or newsletters. More particularly, the activities of these standing committees, which have been realigned to reflect changes in the industry and in the practice of admiralty law, include:

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Committee on Arbitration and ADR

Reviews current developments in arbitration and mediation in the United States and abroad; analyzes the effect of domestic legislation and international law on arbitration practice; encourages increased utilization of alternative dispute resolution methods in maritime contexts; has proposed mediation guidelines; maintains a close relationship with the Society of Maritime Arbitrators.

Committee on Carriage of Goods

Studies court decisions and regimes of law covering the allocation of risks in transporting cargo by sea, including, e.g., the Hague Rules and 1968 Visby Amendments drafted by the Comité Maritime International, the 1978 Hamburg Rules Convention, and a proposed international convention covering multimodal transport; drafted a proposed act to reform COGSA approved by the Association; tracks developments in all subjects related to transport, including bills of lading, letters of indemnity, and e-commerce; has Subcommittees on Cargo Liability and Shipping Documents; publishes a newsletter on current developments.

Committee on Cruise Lines and Passenger Ships

Reviews and analyzes legal and practical developments in the cruise line industry; monitors and reports on governmental regulations and their impact; serves as a forum for all segments of the industry; and provides educational functions through a Committee newsletter, discussion groups, presentations, and meetings.

Committee on Fisheries

Serves as a forum for monitoring maritime law issues as they impact the fishing industry, while keeping the MLA membership up-to-date on legal developments in this important segment of U.S. maritime commerce, the Fisheries Committee also considers proposals for change in the statutes and regulations affecting the fishing industry.

Committee on Inland Waters and Towing

Provides a forum for all aspects of the inland waters practice, including the

MLA Website Functionality

This document is a functionality list for your website. Please look it over carefully and be sure to note any changes in your reply. By signing each page of this document you confirm that you have received and approve your final functionality list. Any changes made after this approval are billable at the then current hourly CMS development rate.

Return Instructions: Once approved, please sign and date all pages and either fax to 912.387.0602 or send via email to info@boostbydesign.com.

Comment Notes:

10/29/13 – Original notes in black are from the MLA meeting.

11/11/13 – Subsequent MLA notes & questions in red.

12/5/13 – Boost by Design comments are in blue and question in purple.

12/22/13 – MLA Responses in black.

1/17/14 – Boost by Design responses are in blue and final questions are highlighted in yellow.

WEBSITE STRUCTURE

- On home page, add list of the most immediate upcoming events
When a member logs into their account they will be greeted by their dashboard which will have a list of upcoming events for the groups they have joined.
- DASHBOARD REQUESTS:
 - o Breaking news
This is currently listed on an announcements tab accessible from the dashboard (we can rename the tab).
 - o Committees of which you're a member
The list of committees they are a member of are listed on a tab which is accessible from the dashboard.
 - o Forum discussions
The forums discussions will be accessible via tab within each committee page. We can also include links to the most recent topics or comments of any forum they are a member of.
 - o The most immediate upcoming events
Upcoming group events are listed on the dashboard
 - o Most recent MLA minutes
Do you know how these minutes will be entered on the site? Will an admin be responsible for adding and archiving the minutes?
We want to make sure the dashboard doesn't become too cluttered and turn into a wall of text. We're envisioning the dashboard as a quick summary of pertinent information. The Committees tabs on the dashboard will provide quick access to that member's committees. When a specific committee tab is clicked on it will essentially take the member to a dashboard that has all relevant committee information (documents, calendar, forums, etc.). This is to reduce cross contamination and confusion

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amongst the different committees. Think of it as analogous to each committee having a mini website accessible from the members' dashboard.

Most recent MLA minutes: They are going to be uploaded to the site as a pdf by Robin Becker. Once we come up with the format for organizing the documents on the database, she will be responsible for maintaining them in the right location(s).

We can use a file manager that will automatically post an index of all .pdf's for the minutes.

Opt in/Opt out for members re receipt of hard copy reports and minutes: We do want to incorporate this feature. I assume this feature will be a field tied to each member's profile. As with other fields, the data about which members have opted in to receive hard copies could be exported to Robin, who would then use it to create the appropriate mailings.

Can we make this a question during registration? Then Robin can export members to CSV.

- MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

- o Would like to be able to sort by name, by firm, by region, and by status (i.e. law student, associate member, proctor). For instance, if an associate member needs to have a proctor write a letter of recommendation, he/she can sort the membership database by proctors in his/her region.

Already integrated into the current build.

- o Everyone would like the opportunity to put a headshot on their membership contact information (to be approved) and a link to their firm's website (it was suggested that we make people pay to link to their own website thoughts and opinions on this?)

Already integrated into the internal website and this will be done on the external site as well. MLA members will be responsible for uploading their headshot and contact info. We will provide easy to follow instructions prior to launch.

- o Need the membership database to run reports about whose dues are overdue
This is available to the administrator.

- o Also would like to have the system automatically send notices about upcoming dues when members log in.

Members will receive notices about upcoming dues. We can set whatever time before their expiration date you'd like.

- o It was suggested that, similar to WISTA, we do not allow people to register as a new member if their dues haven't been paid - do we want to apply this requirement?

Has a decision been reached on this?

Currently, the member will need to pay as part of the registration process.

Forcing people to pay any overdue dues if they want to register on the new website: As of now, we would like to do this, so please incorporate. But we'd like the option to remove this feature if it raises too many hackles.

We can do this and it is being setup into the registration process.

We will need to think how this will work in the current year. How will we be able to update our database with members' current dues status?

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- We would like to have a page dedicated to helpful resources (links) to other sites - below are some examples of sites.

Can you please respond to me with any other links you think should appear on this page?

- o P & I Club pages
- o Shipfinder
- o Equasis
- o USCG districts
- o Vessel Documentation
- o AMC
- o Longshore (Office of Administrative Law Judges Benchbook)
- o Exchange rates (SDR)

When the appropriate links and/or information are sent we can integrate these into a resources page.

- DOCUMENTS

- o There should be different levels of permission as follows (will confirm with Robin that everything transfers with the proper levels of permission):

Current and Past Officers: Access to operational documents and discussions among officers

General public (non-members): Access to final versions of documents such as amicus briefs, contracts, meeting minutes, historical documents, etc.

Do you want these docs to reside on the external (public facing) website so that no login is required or do you want us to setup a General Public member access to the internal website? We would recommend putting these on the external website for simplicities sake.

Members: Access to committee documents, anything that is not final yet

Is this a final list of permissions? Do we have a full list of documents, contracts, etc? What are considered operational documents?

Different permission levels can be applied individually to pages, sections of the website, or even sections of a page.

Different levels of permissions: This list is not yet final, but I assume we can incorporate different levels of permissions as we go. Let us know if this is not a correct understanding. We do not yet have a full list of documents, contracts, etc. Operational documents are e-mails and documents exchanged between officers and directors over the years that help incoming officers and directors understand how to run the MLA. As with permissions, I'm assuming this won't prevent the site build end of things

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at the moment, but let me know if that is an incorrect assumption or whether there is specific information pertaining to the exact documents that would help you.
Yes, you will be able to create different levels of permissions.

- **MLA PROCEEDINGS/MLA REPORT:** Given the costs and resources (paper) used to publish these in hard copy, we considered offering members an option on their membership page to "opt-in" to continue receiving these documents in hard copy.

Please let me know if this is a feature you would like to include.

Has this been decided on? How would this list be maintained? How would said person be notified?

- We would like a page where we can upload photos of members at recent events (with approval)
Would you also like this photo gallery on the internal membership site or External (public) website?
- We want a page dedicated to "Membership Applications" containing the rules for the various kinds of applications, along with online forms for completion, and the ability to upload appropriate supporting documents (e.g. proof of CLE and letters of recommendation). An application would need to be complete before the applicant could click the "completed" button and upload to the membership secretary.

May we have clarification on this please? Do you want to have a multi-step process to become a member on the site (application, registration, pay dues)?

All things considered I think an efficient way to do this would be to have a prospective member fill out the application and attach any documents which will then be emailed to the administrator. Once approved, the administrator can send an invitation link where the prospective member will register as well as pay dues to gain access to the member site. From that point they will be able to join whichever committees they'd like. We can also make the acceptance into a committee dependent on whether it's approved by current members of the committee if desired.

Is this an acceptable solution?

Membership application page: The application process to become an associate member, and later, a proctor with the MLA is a one-step application process, but you don't then automatically become a member. The process involves filling out an application (which we'd like people to do directly online), and then uploading a number of pdf documents (letters of recommendation, proof of completion of maritime mandatory continuing legal education, etc.). We would like this initial application process to be totally online AND we'd like the applicant to be forced to completely fill out and upload all the necessary components before finishing the online application, so that the membership secretary doesn't have to cobble together bits of information and documents. He/she wants to know that when he/she gets notified that an application has been received, it's complete.

So the flow for a new member would go:

- > Apply
- > Admin approves & sends registration code
- > User registers & pays
- > User allowed access to committees, can join whichever they see fit

Can you please confirm if this is correct?

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WEBSITE APPEARANCE

We managed to come to a consensus of sorts about what we DON'T want by way of photos:

- Nothing that has the ubiquitous columns, courthouse steps, scales of justice, or other stereotypical "legal" photos.
- To the extent we have working vessels, nothing that identifies the vessel name or ownership

General ideas were:

- Have circulating photos for the home page (i.e. photos cycling through with flashplayer)
We will want to avoid using Flash as it is not compatible with iPad or iPhones. We can create a dynamic photo slideshow utilizing other development languages.
- Each committee page could have photos relevant to that committee
- Agreement that the photos have to have continuity, even though they are different (for instance, if we want to show old ships as well as new or working ships, must still be a photograph of an old ship rather than a drawing)

Photo possibilities:

- Working ships
- Old ships
- Various U.S. Ports
- Charts/maps
- Scenery such as: lighthouses, sunsets, sailboats
- Bridges
- Vessel bridge/wheelhouse
- Vessel navigational instruments

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Dues and Fees

The Board of Directors has set dues and fees as follows:

\$150/year Dues

Proctor, Associate, Academic, and Non-Lawyer members.

\$120/year Dues

Proctor, Associate, and Academic members admitted to the bar less than five years.

\$250 Re-Instatement Fee

A one-time fee for former members, in addition to annual dues, to be invoiced following re-instatement by the Board of Directors.

\$75 Law Student Application Fee

A one-time fee for Law Students, to accompany the membership application.

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2015 Dues and Fees

The Board of Directors has set dues and fees as follows:

\$175/year Dues

Proctor, Associate, Academic, and Non-Lawyer members.

\$155/year Dues

Proctor, Associate, and Academic members admitted to the bar less than five years.

\$250 Re-Instatement Fee

A one-time fee for former members, in addition to annual dues, to be invoiced following re-instatement by the Board of Directors.

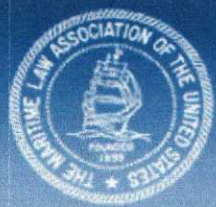
\$75 Law Student Application Fee

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Either mimic the old site or change in a way that makes sense

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Proctor... \$155/year Dues



LYNN KRIEGER - Personal Home Page

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ADMIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ADMIN OFFICERS

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION RELATIONS

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CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

CRUISE LINES AND PASSENGER SHIPS

FISHERIES

GOVERNMENT COUNSEL

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MARINE ECOLOGY AND MARITIME CRIMINAL LAW

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MARINE FINANCING

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PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

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- VESSEL REPAIRS AND SHIPBUILDING

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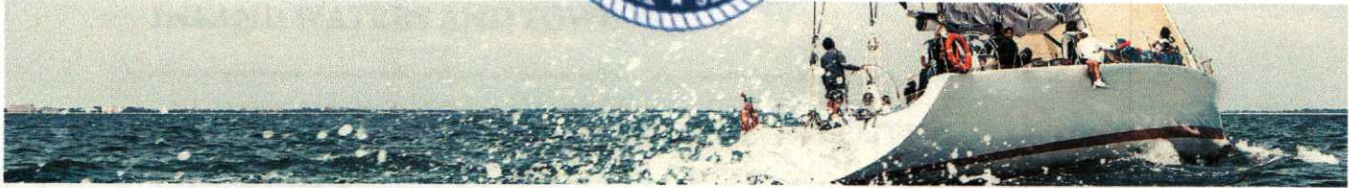
WEBSITE AND TECHNOLOGY

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Employment

- Associate Attorney in Civil Litigation Welch and Harris, LLP, a law firm located in Jacksonville/Onslow County, North Carolina, is seeking an associate with two (2+) years of civil litigation experience. Required documents to apply: Resume, salary requirements, cover letter explaining litigation experience providing specific details regarding the nature of the litigation experience as well as types of cases and projects, etc. ...

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