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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF
THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES**

**Held at the
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kauai, Hawaii**

**on
Friday, October 20, 1995**

The Meeting was called to order by President Chester D. Hooper at 8:30 a.m. In addition to President Hooper, the following officers were present:

James F. Moseley, First Vice-President
Howard M. McCormack, Second Vice-President
William R. Dorsey, III, Secretary
Marshall P. Keating, Treasurer
Lizabeth L. Burrell, Membership Secretary
George W. Healy, III, Immediate Past President

The following Board members were present:

George F. Chandler, III
John A. Edginton
Thomas S. Rue
George William Birkhead
George D. Gabel, Jr.
Neal D. Hobson
James B. Kemp, Jr.
Patrick J. Bonner
Brendan P. O'Sullivan
Donald C. Greenman
Raymond L. Massey

Also present or joining the meeting in progress by invitation were:

Warren J. Marwedel of Chicago
Cliffe F. LaBorde of New Orleans
Thomas A. Russell of Long Beach
John T. Lillis, jr. of New York
Neal D. Hobson of New Orleans

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary William R. Dorsey, III of Baltimore, advised that David McI. Williams of Baltimore, Chairman of the Committee on Marine Finance, had

reported to him that his Committee had unanimously approved a proposed resolution that he would put forth to the members at this morning's meeting. The proposed Resolution urges several legislative changes relating to marine finance. A copy of the proposed Resolution is attached to the copy of these Minutes.

Secretary Dorsey also indicated that he had been advised by Robert J. Zapf of New York, Chairman of the Committee on Practice and Procedure, that his Committee had unanimously approved a proposed Resolution that would authorize him to put forward such non-substantive technical changes to Rules B, C and E as necessary to ensure conformity among the Admiralty Rules and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure consistent with changes previously authorized by the Association. He also intended to present this Resolution to the Association at this morning's meeting. A copy of this proposed Resolution is attached to these Minutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Secretary's Report was approved and accepted.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership Secretary Burrell reported that six (6) non-lawyers had been recommended for non-lawyer memberships and that sixteen (16) applicants had been recommended for advancement to Proctor status. Upon motion duly made and seconded, all six (6) of those candidates for non-lawyer membership were elected and the advancement of the sixteen (16) applicants to Proctor status was approved. The names of these successful applicants is appended to the original of these Minutes. It was subsequently noted that Raul Betancourt, Jr. of Philadelphia, had died since the Board met in May of 1995.

COMMITTEE ON RECREATIONAL BOATING

Thomas A. Russell of Long Beach appeared on behalf of the Committee on Recreational Boating. He presented to the Board a Resolution unanimously approved by that Committee urging the states to take a uniform approach to any mandatory educational or certification requirements for recreational boating. After a few technical amendments to the Resolution, on motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved same and recommended that it be presented to the membership. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these Minutes.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

John T. Lillis, Jr. of New York, Chair of the Committee on Transportation of Hazardous Substances, reported that the IMO Legal Committee has cleared a draft convention on hazardous substances. A discussion was then held on what action the Committee should take and the timing of its submission to the Board leading to an Association position on the proposed Convention. Mr. Lillis indicated that he was presently intending to take a poll of the membership for its input on this proposed Convention, have the HNS Committee meet in early January to fully review the poll and other Committee's comments, and come up with a recommendation for the Board and eventually the Association for action in connection with this Convention.

SITE SELECTION

Warren J. Marwedel of Chicago, Chair of the Site Selection Committee and Cliffe F. LaBorde of New Orleans, Chair of the 1999 Arrangements Committee, reported on site selection for the 1999 meeting. There followed a general discussion with the views being expressed that a site easily reached and with alternative hotel accommodations should be considered.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Dorsey, III
Secretary