

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

Held in the Cromwell Room  
Association of the Bar of the City of New York  
42 West 44th Street  
New York, New York

on  
May 4, 2006  
9:30 a.m.

The May 4, 2006 meeting was called to order by President Thomas S. Rue at 9:30 a.m. In addition to President Rue, the following officers also were present:

Lizabeth L. Burrell, First Vice President  
Warren J. Marwedel, Second Vice President  
James W. Bartlett, III, Secretary  
Patrick J. Bonner, Treasurer  
Philip A. Berns, Membership Secretary  
Raymond P. Hayden, Immediate Past President

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The following directors also were present:

Dennis L. Bryant  
Christopher O. Davis  
Allan R. Kelley  
Sandra L. Knapp  
Edward F. LeBreton, III  
Stephen V. Rible

John M. Ryan  
John P. Schaffer  
Harold K. Watson  
M. Hamilton Whitman, Jr.  
John M. Woods

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary James W. Bartlett, III of Baltimore reported that a Schedule of Upcoming MLA Events had been e-mailed to the Association membership in April and will be e-mailed to the membership on a quarterly basis.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the March 18, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors were unanimously approved and accepted. The minutes of the March 18, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors will be published in the Spring 2006 issue of the PROCEEDINGS.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Patrick J. Bonner of New York presented the Treasurer's report for the three months ended January 27, 2006. He reported that the MLA is ahead of last year with approximately \$336,000 in the bank but with \$61,000 already having been paid in advance for the dinner at Pier Sixty on May 5, 2006.

Treasurer Bonner reported that approximately \$227,000 in dues have been collected, which translates to approximately 65 percent of the dues bills that were sent out.

In terms of expenses, this is a year in which the MLA Directory will be published, and that expense will be approximately \$40,000.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved and accepted. A copy of the Treasurer's formal written report for the three months ended January 27, 2006 will be appended to the original of these minutes.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Membership Secretary Philip A. Berns of Henderson, Nevada reported that 18 Associate Member applications for Proctor status were received and approved by the Proctor Admissions Committee. Mr. Berns moved for the approval of the elevation of the 18 Associate Members to become Proctor Members. The motion was seconded, and the following Associate Members were approved for Proctor status by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors:

David J. Berger of Newport, Rhode Island  
Peter J. Frost of Washington, D.C.  
Patrick K. Cameron of Baltimore, Maryland  
Eric Kaufman-Cohen of San Francisco, California  
Bryant E. Gardner of Washington, D.C.  
Jeffrey J. Asperger of Chicago, Illinois  
Alexander C. Papandreou, of Houston, Texas  
Louis Simon III of Lafayette, Louisiana  
William J. Riviere of New Orleans, Louisiana  
Constantine G. Papavizas of Washington, D.C.  
Richard T. Buckingham of Washington, D.C.  
Edward Dangler of Sunnyvale, California  
Andrew D. Kehagiaras of Los Angeles, California  
Timothy R. McHugh of Wellesley, Massachusetts  
Dana Henderson of Seattle, Washington  
John F. Ryan of New York, New York  
Brian B.A. McAllister of New York, New York  
James L. D'Andrea of Jacksonville, Florida

Pursuant to Section 203 of the MLA Bylaws, an application was received nominating Gregory F. Linsin of the United States Department of Justice in the Environmental Crimes Section, Washington, D.C., for membership in the MLA and requesting a waiver of the four-year requirement for achieving Proctor status. The Proctor Admissions Committee recommended that the four-year requirement be waived. By a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, Gregory F. Linsin was approved as a Proctor Member.

Mr. Berns recommended the admission of seven lawyers for Associate Membership. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the applications of the following seven Associate Members were approved:

Diane Bucci of Stamford, Connecticut  
Lili Fay Beneda of New York, New York

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Nika T. Hallakorpi of New York, New York  
Ikuko Sano of Honolulu, Hawaii  
Michael J. Cummins of San Francisco, California  
Marker E. Lovell, Jr. of San Francisco, California  
G. Geoffrey Robb of San Francisco, California

Mr. Berns reported that five applicants had been recommended as Non-Lawyer Members. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following five persons were approved as Non-Lawyer Members:

Paul Barnes of New York, New York  
Nancy L. Zachariades of New York, New York  
Anna Quinn of New York, New York  
Dwight A. Menard of Jacksonville, Florida  
Steven Ficon of Jacksonville, Florida

Mr. Berns reported that four judges had been nominated for Judicial Membership. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following four judges were approved as Judicial Members:

The Hon. Callie V.S. Granade of Mobile, Alabama  
The Hon. William H. Steele of Mobile, Alabama  
The Hon. William E. Cassady of Mobile, Alabama  
The Hon. Burt W. Milling, Jr. of Mobile, Alabama

Mr. Berns reported with regret the deaths of the following MLA members:

William T. Foley, Jr. of Tinton Falls, New Jersey  
The Hon. Joel J. Tyler of White Plains, New York  
The Hon. Gerald L. Goettel of White Plains, New York  
The Hon. William N. Byrne, Jr. of Los Angeles, California  
Steven A. Frank of New York, New York  
William J. Burke of New York, New York  
Carter T. Gunn of Norfolk, Virginia  
Howard L. Myerson of New York, New York  
David O. Cooke of Washington, D.C.  
Professor John R. Kramer of New Orleans, Louisiana  
William A. Porteous, III of New Orleans, Louisiana  
Deborah J. Kossow of Washington, D.C.  
Richard T. O'Connell of New York, New York

After the admission of the seven Associate Members, five Non-Lawyer Members, and the four Judicial Members, the total membership of the MLA

is 3,098. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Membership Secretary's report was unanimously approved and accepted. A copy of the Membership Secretary's written report will be appended to the original of these minutes.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

### **Ocean Policy Forum**

President Rue reported that an Ocean Policy Forum dealing with the possible ratification of the Law of the Sea Convention took place on April 12, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Barbara Burke attended the forum on behalf of the MLA.

### **Letter to Admiralty Professors**

President Rue reported that he sent a letter to all of the Academic Members of the MLA as well as to the admiralty professors on a listserv maintained by Professor J.P. Jones asking for their input as to how best to interact with law students having an interest in admiralty law.

### **UNCITRAL**

Chester D. Hooper of New York, New York is monitoring developments relating to the UNCITRAL Working Group on Transport Law. A meeting of the Working Group will be held in Vienna in November 2006.

### **ABA Resolutions on Ocean Policy**

There has been no progress toward the appointment of Robert B. Parish of Jacksonville, Florida to the ABA Standing Committee on Environmental Law, although he is officially registered as a candidate for that Committee.

### **MLA Website**

A letter has been sent to all MLA members enclosing their passwords to the members-only portal of the MLA website and other materials explaining the new features of the upgraded MLA Website. This includes a step-by-step introduction to the new website and features illustrations of the various screens that the members will see in navigating the website.

The responsibilities of the MLA Administrator, PC Solutions, and Intercounsel, which set up the MLA website, were discussed. The Board unanimously adopted a motion that PC Solutions shall henceforth be the MLA's sole contact concerning the website and will deal on its behalf with Intercounsel.

### **Environmental Crimes Initiative**

The MLA is acting as facilitator in an effort to address concerns with regard to environmental crimes prosecutions relating to the maritime industry. Michael G. Chalos of Port Washington, New York is leading this effort, in which the MLA is seeking to have the Department of Justice, the United States Coast Guard, and industry sit down and talk about these issues. It is hoped that "best practice guidelines" for shipowners can be developed.

### **2006 Fall Meeting**

Forrest Booth of San Francisco and John Edginton of Point Richmond, California made a presentation to the Board of Directors concerning the arrangements for the 2006 Fall Meeting in San Francisco on October 3–7, 2006. The meeting will be at the Sheraton Palace Hotel. Committee and Board meetings will take place on Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5. The President's Reception will be on October 4, and there will be a dinner at the Palace Hotel on October 5. On Friday, October 6, the Pacific Admiralty Seminar will be held, and there will be a dinner that evening at the California Culinary Academy. The General Meeting will take place on the morning of Saturday, October 7, followed by a luncheon cruise during Fleet Week in San Francisco, which features performances by the Blue Angels.

### **Fall 2007 Meeting**

The Fall 2007 Meeting will be held at the Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa, at Fort Myers, Florida, on October 21–28, 2007.

### **Transportation Law Association**

President Rue reported that there have been informal discussions with the Transportation Law Association, a bar association similar to the MLA that deals with a wide variety of transportation issues. The Transportation Law Association has a maritime committee. The MLA will continue to communicate with the Transportation Law Association to determine how we can coordinate.

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**Presidential Activities**

President Rue reported that he had attended the following meetings or events:

- A. John R. Brown Moot Court Competition, Houston—April 1, 2006.
- B. IMO Meeting, London—April 24–28, 2006.

**Future Officer and Board Meetings**

- A. Officers and Board Meetings, Mystic, Connecticut—August 4–5, 2006.
- B. MLA Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California—October 3–7, 2006.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James W. Bartlett, III, Secretary