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

Held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York
New York, New York

on
Thursday, May 3, 2012

at
9:30 a.m.

The May 3, 2012 meeting was called to order by President Patrick J. Bonner at 9:30 a.m. In addition to President Bonner, the following officers were also present:

Robert B. Parrish, First Vice President
Robert G. Clyne, Second Vice President
Harold K. Watson, Secretary
William Robert Connor, III, Treasurer
David J. Farrell, Jr., Membership Secretary

The following directors were also present:

Warren J. Marwedel, Immediate Past President

Joshua S. Force	Bradley A. Jackson
James F. Moseley, Jr.	Arthur J. "Skip" Volkle
Dennis Minichello	Thomas J. Muzyka
Francis X. Nolan, III	George W. Nowell
Susan Dorgan	Robert B. Fisher, Jr.
Alexander M. Giles	Edward J. Powers

Ms. Robin Becker was also present at the invitation of President Bonner.

Secretary's Report

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the March 31, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved. Mr. Watson

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also reported that the Proceedings from the May 2011 meeting and the MLA Report have been mailed, and that the Proceedings from the December 2011 meeting should be ready to go to the printer in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Watson also reported on the reception held by the Houston members of the Association on April 25. The event was very well attended, with a high proportion of the members attending being younger lawyers.

Mr. Watson also reported that it would cost approximately \$1500 to register the Association's logo. The Board agreed that this should be undertaken.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Connor reported that the Association's finances are ahead of last year, despite a three week delay in getting dues invoices out in order to finalize the arrangements to pay dues by credit card. Approximately 65% of this year's dues have been collected, and reminder statements will go out by mail later this month, and the names of members who are two and three years in arrears will be circulated to the Board for follow up. Mr. Connor also reported that the check scanner is operational and working well, and that the credit card facility is also working well. On motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership Secretary's Report

Mr. Farrell reported that the following 54 Associate members have been recommended for Proctor status by the Proctor Admissions Committee:

Larry E. Altenbrun
Seattle, Washington

Timothy E. Annin
Haddonfield, New Jersey

Noreen D. Arralde
Jersey City, New Jersey

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Elizabeth P. Beazley
Long Beach, California

Lili F. Beneda
New York, New York

Robert B. Birthisel
Tampa, Florida

Richard A. Branca
Houston, Texas

Christine Z. Carbo
Houston, Texas

Robert C. Chiles
Palo Alto, California

John H. Cigavic, III
San Francisco, California

Attilio M. Costabel
Miami, Florida

CDR Michael T. Cunningham
Miami, Florida

Dong-Hee Suh
Seoul, Republic of Korea

C. Ryan Eslinger
Jacksonville, Florida

J. Rice Ferrelle, Jr.
Jacksonville, Florida

John K. Fulweiler
Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Kelly M. Haas
Galveston, Texas

Jerry D. Hamilton
Miami, Florida

Christopher R. Hart
Houston, Texas

Timothy W. Hassinger
Mandeville, Louisiana

Jeremy A. Herschaft
New York, New York

Michael B. Holt
Princeton, New Jersey

Lisa M. Houlihan
Alameda, California

Brian Keane
Boston, Massachusetts

Terence G. Kenneally
Boston, Massachusetts

Michael A. Khouri
Washington, DC

James P. Koelzer
Los Angeles, California

Joseph F. Kulesa
Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania

Marc I. Kunkin
New York, New York

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Charles J. McCarthy
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Michael F. Merlie
West Chester, Pennsylvania

Elissa M. Mulrooney
Memphis, Tennessee

Charles E. Murphy
Southport, Connecticut

Thomas C. Murphy
Youngstown, New York

Charles P. Neeley
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Christopher R. Nolan
New York New York

Gregory W. O'Neal
Memphis, Tennessee

Patricia M. O'Neill
Secaucus, New Jersey

Richard E. Ottinger
Norfolk, Virginia

Joseph J. Perrone
New York, New York

James B. Re
Boston, Massachusetts

Chris P. Reilly
Seattle, Washington

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David E. Russo
San Francisco, California

Lawrence Rutkowski
New York, New York

William P. Ryan
Chicago, Illinois

Richard F. Salz
New York, New York

James A. Saville, Jr.
New York, New York

Steven L. Snell
Baltimore, Maryland

Douglas W. Truxillo
Lafayette, Louisiana

Christoph M. Wahner
Los Angeles, California

Jared A. Washkowitz
Honolulu, Hawaii

Jon W. Wise
New Orleans, Louisiana

James E. Wright, III
New Orleans, Louisiana

Wayne G. Zeringue
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Mr. Farrell also reported that the following 27 individuals had applied for Associate membership:

Orla M. Brady
Washington, DC

Diana Castiov
San Francisco, California

David P. Cole
New York, New York

Michael G. Davies
New York, New York

Lauren M. Engel
Washington, DC

William W.C. Harty
Newport News, Virginia

Nathan R. Jaskowiak
San Francisco, California

F. Daniel Knight
Houston, Texas

Anne L. Kulesa
Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Ross I. Landau
Long Beach, California

Marie Larsen
New York New York

Adam H. Lotkin
Norfolk, Virginia

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P. Ryan McElduff
Newark, New Jersey

Coleen A. McEvoy
New York, New York

Bobby R. Miller, Jr.
Paducah, Kentucky

Michael A. Orlando, Jr.
Houston, Texas

Luke M. Reid
Boston, Massachusetts

Laurie J. Sands
Morristown, New Jersey

Konstantin Savransky
San Francisco, California

Michael L. Schein
New York, New York

Michael G. Scott
Scituate, Massachusetts

J. Scott Scherban
New York, New York

Brooke F. Shapiro
New York, New York

Robert P. Stenzhorn
Newport News, Virginia

David A. Tong
Long Beach, California

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Daniel H. Weiner
New York, New York

Holly M. Whalen
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In addition, the following five persons were recommended for Non-Lawyer membership by the Committee on Non-Lawyer Nominations:

Roger F. Ablett
New York, New York

Richard Basom
Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Michael T. Monahan
Plantation, Florida

Randy O'Neill
Long Beach, New York

Mark Smieya
Edison, New Jersey

Mr. Farrell also reported that the following eight applications for Law Student membership have been received:

O. Shane Balloun
Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Colleen E. Callahan
Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida

Siwei Chu
Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Michael Dehart
Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Ling Li
Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Ryan Martin
Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Brad Pace
Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

Xuelei Xu
Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

On motion duly made and seconded these applications for membership were approved. With these additions to membership, the membership of the Association is as follows:

Proctor	1,337 (including 319 Life Members)
Associate	1,186
Non-Lawyer	180 (including 13 Life Members)
Academic	35 (including 4 Life Members)
Law Student	52
Judicial	115 (including four Life Members)
Honorary	5
Ex-Officio	14

Thus, the total membership of the Association now stands at 2,935 with 2,454 dues paying members. This is an increase of 127 members and 118 dues paying members over the last year.

Mr. Farrell also reported that the Maritime Administrative Bar Association consists of lawyers whose practice involves administrative and legislative bodies dealing with maritime law. He recommended that an overture be made to members of this group to join the Association, and the Board agreed with this recommendation.

Board Subcommittee Reports

Publication of MLA Documents

Ms. Dorgan reported that she and Messrs. Fisher, Giles and Powers had met as a subcommittee of the Board to consider under what circumstances MLA publications should be reprinted. The general consensus was that submission of a document such as a newsletter for publication in an Association publication should constitute a grant of copyright rights to the MLA, and that while permission to reprint should be granted freely, acknowledgement of the Association's rights should be acknowledged. A resolution will be prepared for submission at the next Board meeting to this effect.

Membership Questionnaire

Mr. Muzyka reported that he and Messrs. Michello, Nolan and Nowell are preparing a questionnaire to be sent to the membership regarding membership issues. Mr. Muzyka will report on this at the General Meeting.

Reports

August Board Meeting

First Vice President Parrish reported that the next meeting of the Board will be held on August 3-4 in Boston, and that a contract has been signed with the Millennium Hotel. Messrs. Farrell and Muzyka will reach out to maritime lawyers in the Boston area who are not members of the MLA to invite them to a reception along with local MLA members in conjunction with that meeting.

Amicus Curiae

Messrs. Nolan and Force reported on the amicus brief being prepared in *Lozman*. They have reached out to Prof. Sturley, since the Association's brief is essentially in support of the respondent, and our brief will be due in mid-July.

President Bonner reported on the status of *PMSA v. Goldstene*, in which the Association has filed an amicus brief. The Supreme Court has asked the Solicitor General if the government is going to take a position, and the Coast Guard is discussing this with the Solicitor General's office.

Fall 2012

Mr. Clyne reported that the New York firms have expressed a preference for the Cipriani Wall Street as a venue, and have expressed support for the event. Pricing for the event was discussed.

Fall 2013

Mr. Parrish reported on the Fall Meeting to be held in Puerto Rico. The meeting will be held as a joint meeting with the Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Maritimo, who expect to have approximately 100 members in attendance.

MARAD

Immediate Past President Marwedel reported that the Joel Szabat is the new executive director of MARAD. The Association is waiting to hear from MARAD regarding the proposed MARAD Forum.

Board Handbook

Mr. Parrish reported that he will be editing the Board Handbook in due course.

IMO Legal Committee

President Bonner reported on the recent meeting of the IMO Legal Committee that he attended. The three issues that were discussed were the raising of the limits under the Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims Convention, an Indonesian proposal for a convention on transnational oil pollution, and the lack of coverage for pollution from Iranian oil. It was proposed that the limits under the LLMC be raised by 6% a year retroactively to 1996, but a smaller increase was agreed upon. In view of the fact that it is highly unlikely that the United States would

take up adoption of the LLMC at this time, the Board did not believe that it made sense for the Association to take a position at this time on this issue.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

President Bonner reported that U.S. mining companies want the U.S. to accede to UNCLOS, but there is opposition from some Republican Senators. The Association will be asked to again state its support for the Convention.

Nominating Committee

Immediate Past President Marwedel reported that the Nominating Committee had nominated Mr. Parrish for President, Mr. Clyne for First Vice President, Mr. Watson for Second Vice President, Mr. Farrell for Secretary, Mr. Connor for Treasurer, Barbara Holland for Membership Secretary, and Joseph Walsh, Michael Bell, Katherine Newman and Charles Anderson for the Board of Directors.

Discussion Items

Commodities Committee

President Bonner reported that Declan McKeever, a member who practices in London, has suggested that a committee be established to deal with commodities issues. The Board discussed whether a stand-alone committee, subcommittee of an existing committee or a joint subcommittee of more than one committee would be the best vehicle. There was a general consensus that initially a working group should be established until the degree of interest in this subject can be determined.

Regional MLA "Events"

A discussion was held regarding holding social events in various locations with local members and prospective members. This was viewed as a good way of attracting new members.