

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

October 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. PDT

Coronado, California

I. CALL TO ORDER

The October 26, 2022, meeting was called to order by President Barbara L. Holland at 3:00 p.m. PDT. The following Officers were present:

Barbara L. Holland, President
Grady S. Hurley, First Vice President
James F. Moseley, Jr., Second Vice President
Edward J. Powers, Secretary
William Robert Connor III, Treasurer
Alexander M. Giles, Membership Secretary
Lynn L. Krieger, Website & Technology Secretary
David J. Farrell, Jr., Immediate Past President

The following Directors were present:

Term expiring 2023

Charles G. De Leo
Brian P.R. Eisenhower
Anthony R. Filiato
Michael F. Sturley

Term Expiring 2025

Samuel P. Blatchley
Ivan M. Rodriguez
Imran O. Shaukat
Thomas M. Wynne

Term expiring 2024

Carolyn Elizabeth Bundy
Mark E. Newcomb
William J. Riviere
Jennifer M. Porter

At President Holland's invitation, Past Presidents Chester Hooper, Liz Burrell, and Warren Marwedel were present in person or via audio/video link.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Minutes of July 30, 2022, Board Meeting in Blaine, Washington

Secretary Powers presented the Minutes of the July 30, 2022, Board Meeting in Blaine, Washington.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 30, 2022, meeting of the Board of Directors.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Connor reported that the finances of the Association for the three-month quarter ended September 30, 2022, were in fine shape, consistent with their status on January 1, 2022.

B. Dues Status

Currently, there are 257 Members who have not paid dues within the last year and included within this number are 77 Members who have not paid dues within the last two years. These amounts are not unusual for this time of the year, and it is expected that many Members will pay by the end of the year.

C. Annual Audit

Treasurer Connor reported no issues with the annual audit of the Association's financial accounts by Citrin Cooperman, Certified Public Accountants, and the audit established that the accounts were in order.

D. Transition of Banking Records and Payment Responsibility to Group Concepts

Treasurer Connor reported that, beginning in 2023, *Group Concepts* will assume responsibility for direct payment of the Association's bills, subject to the Treasurer's approval.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.

IV. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Giles presented the Membership Secretary's Report.

Mr. Giles reported that the Proctor Membership Committee received the following two (2) applications which were recommended for approval:

Matthew W.J. Johnston
Thomas Miller
1441 Edgehill Drive
Burlingame, CA 94010

Carolyn May Latti
Latti & Anderson LLP
30 31 Union Wharf
Boston, MA 02109

Mr. Giles reported that the following eighteen (18) applicants for Associate membership were recommended for approval:

Robbie T. Boone
Alley, Maass, Rogers & Lindsay, P.A.
340 Royal Poinciana Way, Suite 321
Palm Beach, FL 33480

James I.H. Brooks
Collier Walsh Nakazawa LLP
One World Trade Center, Suite 2370
Long Beach, CA 90831

Susan F. Dent
Kennedys CMK
101 California Plaza, Suite 1225
San Francisco, CA 94111

Lara N. DiCristina
Jones Walker LLP
201 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70170

Sosimo J. Fabian
National Cargo Bureau
180 Maiden Lane, Suite 903
New York, NY 10038

Katherine Georginis
Zeiler Floyd Zadkovich
500 West Madison Street, 10th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Austin S. Glascoe
Jones Walker LLP
201 St. Charles Avenue, 48th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70170

Robert K. Lansden
Captain Robert K. Lansden, Attorney at Law
158 S. 6th Street
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Matthew Mihaly
Cox Wootton Lerner Griffin & Hansen
900 Front Street #350
San Francisco, CA 94111

Misha Paltiyevich
Nichols Brar Weitzner & Thomas, LLP
2402 Dunlavy Street
Houston, TX 77006

Juan Carlos Perez
Horr, Novak & Skipp, PA
9130 South Dadeland Blvd, Suite 1700
Miami, FL 33156

Deniz Perkowski
Tressler LLP
6100 Center Drive, Suite 1175
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Anusha Pillay
Collier Walsh Nakazawa LLP
450 Alaskan Way South, Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98104

Jody M. Schisel-meslin
Liskow & Lewis
1001 Fannin, Suite 1800
Houston, TX 77002

Thomas F. Slater
Pajcic & Pajcic, PA
One Independent Drive, #1900
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Margaret M. Stando
Peacock Piper Tong & Voss
100 West Broadway, Suite 610
Long Beach, CA 90802

Abigail J. Weiland
Jones Walker LLP
201 St. Charles Avenue, 48th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70170

Claire M. Zeringue
Phelps Dunbar LLP
365 Canal Street, Suite 2000
New Orleans, LA 70130

Mr. Giles reported that the following applicant for Academic membership was recommended for approval:

Robert Anderson
Pepperdine University School of Law
24255 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, CA 90263

Mr. Giles reported that the following five (5) former Members of the Association applied for reinstatement and were recommended for approval:

Michael J. Gardner
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1000
McLean, VA 22102

Timothy S. McGovern
Zeiler Floyd Zadkovich
500 West Madison Street, 10th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Patricia O'Neill
American President Lines, LLC
1515 N. Courthouse Road, Suite 700
Arlington, VA 22201

Steven Otera
General Counsel, Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Tara Voss
Peacock Piper Tong & Voss
100 West Broadway, Suite 610
Long Beach, CA 90802

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the new Members recommended by Mr. Giles.

Mr. Giles informed the Board of the following two deaths that had been reported since the meeting on July 30, 2022:

David G. Davies
Cleveland, OH

W. Scott Miller, Jr.
Louisville, KY

Mr. Giles reported that as of October 26, 2022, following the approval of the above new Members, the MLA's total membership is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY AS OF OCTOBER 26, 2022

VOTING (ACTIVE) MEMBERS

PROCTORS	1128
ASSOCIATES	895
NON-LAWYERS	116
ACADEMIC	<u>16</u>
Subtotal	2155

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

EX-OFFICIO	25
HONORARY	3
JUDICIAL	75
LAW STUDENTS	34
SUBSCRIPTION	<u>1</u>
Subtotal	138
TOTAL MEMBERS	<u>2293</u>

The total number of new and reinstated members proposed for the October 26, 2022, Board Meeting is twenty six (26), comprised of two (2) Proctors, eighteen (18) Associates, one (1) Academic, five (5) Reinstatements. Four (4) Law Students were also approved since the July 2022 meeting.

Mr. Giles also reported that of the total Membership, 644 are Life Members.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the Membership Secretary's Report.

V. WEBSITE AND TECHNOLOGY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Website and Technology Secretary Krieger reported that the Association has begun the process of migrating the Association's database to a more robust platform using software recommended by *Group Concepts*. Ms. Krieger estimated that the migration would likely be completed by early 2023.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the Website and Technology Secretary's Report.

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS, UPDATES

A. Policy for Posting Notices on Association's Website

First Vice President Hurley reported on the need for a written policy regarding posting of notices by Members on the Association's Website and *LinkedIn* page, and he requested that the Board of Directors create an *ad hoc* committee to address the issue. Board members were asked to advise Mr. Hurley if they were interested in serving on the committee.

B. 125th Anniversary of the Maritime Law Association

First Vice President Hurley addressed plans for the 125th Anniversary celebration in 2024, including venue options for the Fall meeting. Currently, Washington DC is the preferred venue for the Fall meeting, which is tentatively planned for October of 2024.

C. Board Liaisons to Standing Committees

Second Vice President Moseley emphasized the need for Board liaisons to the Standing Committees to actively communicate with their Committee Chairs and report to Mr. Moseley regarding Committee Chairs' compliance with their respective duties and responsibilities.

VII. DISCUSSION TOPICS

President Holland reported on the ongoing transition of duties and responsibilities from the Association's long-time Administrator, Robin Becker to *Group Concepts*, and the planned retirement of Ms. Becker on December 31, 2022.

President Holland reported that discussions continue regarding potential interest in an online MLA report or posting of notable court decisions on the Association's website. Further discussions await the completion of the website migration.

President Holland led a discussion on efforts to recruit new members. Various suggestions were proposed including Board members hosting regional recruiting events, promotional materials in the leadup to the Association's 125th anniversary to include emphasis on CLE, as well as speaking and publishing opportunities for young lawyers.

Immediate Past President Farrell reported on continuing efforts by the Association to advocate for adoption of the Rotterdam Rules by the United States. Due to the pressing concerns of the U.S. State Department regarding the War in Ukraine, however, there appeared little prospect for successful adoption at this time.

President Holland congratulated Chris Davis for successfully completing his term as President of the CMI and announced that the CMI's next scheduled meeting will be at Montreal, Canada in June of 2023.

President Holland then reported on a request by both parties in *Douglas v. NYK*, 46 F.4th 226 (5th Cir. 2022) that the Association submit an amicus curiae brief pursuant to By-Law 702 in connection with the petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court. After considering the opinions of the Chairs of the Uniformity and Practice and Procedure Committees, the Board engaged in an extensive debate regarding the request for an amicus brief.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board, with one abstention, declined the requests of both parties that the Association file an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

President Holland reported on the planning and arrangements for the Fall 2023 meeting in San Francisco from October 18-21. The Association has tentatively reserved the Argonaut Hotel in San Francisco for Members' lodging and evening events on Wednesday and Saturday, with committee meetings to be held in local law offices on Thursday and CLE on Friday. Several venues are under consideration for a reception and dinner on Friday evening. President Holland also reported on plans for the Winter 2023 Board meeting at Charleston, SC and the Summer 2023 Board meeting at Mackinac Island, MI.

In addition, President Holland reported that the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute had decided on March 20-22, 2024 for its next seminar. The ALI planners had tried to obtain an early March date that would allow coordination with the winter MLA Board meeting in 2024, but Tulane was unable to make the desired earlier dates available for the ALI seminar.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business proposed.

X. ADJOURN

After thanking the Board of Directors for their service, and there being no further business of the Board of Directors of The Maritime Law Association of the United States, President Holland adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Powers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E".

Edward J. Powers, Secretary