

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

March 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. EST

Charleston, South Carolina

I. CALL TO ORDER

The March 4, 2023, meeting was called to order by President Barbara L. Holland at 9:00 a.m. EST. 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 Liz Burrell, Bob Clyne, Ray Hayden, Chester Hooper, Warren Marwedel, Frank Nolan, and Bob Parrish were present in person or via audio/video link.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Minutes of October 26, 2022, Board Meeting in Coronado, California

Secretary Powers presented the Minutes of the October 26, 2022, Board Meeting in Coronado, California.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 26, 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 December 31, 2022, were in fine shape, consistent with their status on January 1, 2022.

B. Dues Status

Currently, there are 126 Members who have not paid dues within the last year and included within this number are 56 Members who have not paid dues within the last two years. These amounts are not unusual for this time of the year, especially with some, and it is expected that many Members will pay by the end of the year.

C. Changes to Banking System

Treasurer Connor reported that options are being explored to transfer some of the Association's funds to a Money Market Account to take advantage of recent higher interest rates.

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.

The following four (4) applicants have applied for Associate membership since the October 2022 meeting, and all are recommended for approval:

Reid E. Coleman
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
451 North George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22203

Donavan Juleus
Bouhan Falligant LLP
One West Park Avenue
P.O. Box 2139
Savannah, GA 31401

Carson Elaine Proctor
Moseley, Prichard, Parrish, Knight & Jones
501 W. Bay Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Caroline Wilson
Collier Walsh Nakazawa LLP
One World Trade Center, Suite 2370
Long Beach, CA 90831

Mr. Giles reported that the following applicant has applied for Judicial Membership and is recommended for approval:

Judge Edward G. Smith
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
101 Larry Holmes Drive, 4th Floor
Easton, PA 18402

Mr. Giles reported that the following former Member of the Association has applied for reinstatement and is recommended for approval:

John J. Hession (Proctor, 1981)
Nicoletti, Hornig, and Sweeney
Wall Street Plaza
88 Pine Street, 7th Floor
New York, New York 10005

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

Mr. Giles regrettably informed the Board of the following five (5) deaths that have been reported since the October 2022 meeting:

Robert Bailey Acomb, III
New Orleans, LA

Manfred Arnold
Westfield, NJ

Terence Sheehan Cox
San Francisco, CA

Robert Hughes
Virginia Beach, VA

Andrew Waks
Miami, FL

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

As of February 28, 2023, the MLA reported its total membership as follows:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023

VOTING (ACTIVE) MEMBERS

PROCTORS	1110	
ASSOCIATES	888	
NON-LAWYERS	114	
ACADEMIC	<u>15</u>	
Subtotal	2127	(681 of the active members are Life Members)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

EX-OFFICIO	25
HONORARY	3
JUDICIAL	76
LAW STUDENTS	37
SUBSCRIPTION	<u>1</u>
Subtotal	142
TOTAL MEMBERS	<u>2269</u>

The total number of new and reinstated members proposed for the March 4, 2023 Board Meeting is six (6), consisting of four (4) Associates, one (1) Judicial, and one (1) Reinstatement. Thirteen (13) Law Students were also approved since the October Board Meeting.

Mr. Giles also reported on the benefits of expanding the biannual voting of the Committee on Proctor Admissions to four times per year so that the Board of Directors may consider Proctor applicants at each of its quarterly meetings.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Giles' motion directing the Committee on Proctor Admissions to consider pending Proctor

applications and make recommendations for Proctor membership to the Board of Directors prior to each quarterly Board meeting.

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 continues the process of migrating its database to a more robust platform, the procedure having been slightly delayed due to a technical glitch from a subcontractor of Group Concepts. Ms. Krieger estimated that the migration would likely be completed soon.

Ms. Krieger also reported on the creation and implementation of the Association's new email address @mlaus.org.

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 continuing need for a formal policy regarding posting of notices by Members on the Association's Website and *LinkedIn* page, and he requested participation of Board members in an *ad hoc* committee to analyze the issue and make recommendations at the next quarterly meeting. Directors Jennifer M. Porter and Imran O. Shaukat volunteered to serve as members of the *ad hoc* committee.

B. 125th Anniversary of the Maritime Law Association

First Vice President Hurley addressed plans for the 125th Anniversary celebration in 2024, at New York City in the Spring and at New Orleans in the Fall. The winter and summer meetings of the Board of Directors in 2024 may also have events relating to the 125th Anniversary. As part of the celebration, First Vice-President Hurley also reported on a project headed by Director Michael F. Sturley to compile and publish 125 years of Supreme Court maritime decisions from 1899 to 2024.

C. Committee Chairs and Board Liaisons

Second Vice President Moseley reported on the work of the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs and thanked Director Shaukat for his hard work in planning the CLE program with Second Vice President Moseley and the Committee Chairs. Second Vice President Moseley also

reported on the appointment of new Board Liaisons to each of the Standing Committees and the involvement and coordination expected between the Board Liaisons and their respective Committee Chairs.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, and in accordance with Bylaw 502, the Board unanimously waived the requirement that Joni A. Poitier be a Proctor member to serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Marine Pollution and Maritime Crimes.

VII. DISCUSSION TOPICS

President Holland requested Board approval to recognize RADM Melissa Bert and CAPT William Dwyer of the United States Coast Guard for their assistance and support of the Association during their terms as Ex-Officio members.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution honoring and thanking Admiral Bert and Captain Dwyer at the General Meeting of the Association to be held at New York City on May 5, 2023.

President Holland reported that the 2023 Nominating Committee has been appointed in accordance with Bylaw 303 and will meet on May 3, 2023, to consider candidates for Officers and Directors whose terms expire this year.

President Holland led a discussion on planning for the 2023 Spring and Fall Meetings of the Association, and the leadup to the Association's 125th anniversary in 2024.

Immediate Past President Farrell reported on discussions by an *ad hoc* group of the Board, including President Holland, Immediate Past President Farrell, Past President Chet Hooper, and Directors Michael Sturley and Mark Newcomb, who met with officials from the Port of Charleston to address issues relevant to ratification of the Rotterdam Rules.

President Holland led a discussion on creating a new Ex-Officio membership position for the Office of Chief Prosecutor of the USCG, to which Captain William Dwyer has been appointed.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the creation of an Ex-Officio membership for the Chief Prosecutor of the United States Coast Guard.

President Holland requested that the Board consider amending Bylaw 209, by concluding the bylaw with the following sentence, "*Upon completion of such post or position, an Ex-Officio member who is admitted to the practice of law before any of the several courts in the United States shall be invited to become a Proctor member of the Association.*" President Holland asked the Board to consider the proposed amendment and be prepared to vote on its adoption at the Spring 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Past President Frank Nolan reported on the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships on December 7, 2022, and requested that the Association consider adopting a resolution in support of the ratification of the Convention.

President Holland led a discussion on continuing efforts to recruit new members. Various suggestions were proposed including Board members hosting "brown bag" lunches in their localities for members of the Association and candidates for membership.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

President Holland reported on the planning for the annual Spring Meeting at New York City from May 3-5, 2023, and the Fall meeting at San Francisco from October 18-21, 2023. The New York meeting will include a reception on Wednesday evening at the Ascent Lounge in midtown Manhattan and a harbor tour with Seastreak Cruises on Thursday evening. This year's Committee meetings will be held in midtown law offices, and the Healy Lecture will be held on Friday afternoon at the Great Hall of the New York City Bar following the General Meeting of the Association.

Director Tom Wynne reported on the planning and arrangements for the Summer 2023 Board of Directors meeting at Mackinac Island, Michigan.

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 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Powers, Secretary