

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

August 2, 2024, at 4:15 p.m. EDT

Cleveland, Ohio

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 2, 2024, meeting was called to order by President Grady S. Hurley at 4:15 p.m. EDT. The following Officers were present:

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

The following Directors were present:

Term expiring 2025

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

Term Expiring 2027

David Boyajian
Fred Goldsmith
Chris Hannan
Todd Lochner

Term expiring 2026

William M. Fennell
Jessica L. McClellan

At President Hurley's invitation, Past Presidents Liz Burrell, David Farrell, Ray Hayden, Chester Hooper, and Frank Nolan were present, as well as MLA Administrator, Andrea Casillas of Group Concepts.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Minutes of May 2, 2024, Board Meeting at New York, New York

Secretary Powers presented the Minutes of the May 2, 2024, Board Meeting at New York, New York.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 2, 2024, 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 June 30, 2024, were in fine shape, consistent with their status on December 31, 2023.

B. Dues Status

Treasurer Connor reported that 352 Members are delinquent in payment of annual dues for 2023 and 2024, and they will be dropped from the membership rolls if their dues are not brought current. Treasurer Connor expects that many of Members who have not yet paid annual dues for 2024 will bring their dues current by the end of the year.

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

IV. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership Secretary Giles presented the Membership Secretary's Report.

Proctors

The Proctor Admission Committee received Proctor membership applications from the following four (4) members, all of whom were recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board of Directors:

Kathleen Krail Charvet
Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith
701 Poydras Street
Suite 4000
New Orleans, Louisiana 70139

Richard Scott Jenkins
Jones Walker
201 St. Charles Avenue, 48th Floor
New Orleans, Louisiana 70170

Gregg Martin Lysko
Clinton & Muzyka, PC

1 India Street
Suite 200
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Robert Eugene O'Connor
Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads, LLP
437 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Associates

The following nine (9) applicants applied for Associate membership since the May 2024 meeting, all of whom were approved by the Board of Directors:

William Bernard Blanck
Blanck & Cooper, P.A.
5730 SW 74th Street, #700
Miami, Florida 33143

Caycie Blake Flitman
Moore & Co., P.A.
255 Aragon Avenue
Third Floor
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Gustavo Adolfo Martinez
MGM Law Firm
701 Brickell Avenue
Suite 2000
Miami, Florida 33131

Daniel Rodgers
Baker Donelson
201 St. Charles Avenue
Suite 3600
New Orleans, Louisiana 70170

Corey Fuller Sherman
Clinton & Muzyka, PC
1 India Street
Suite 200
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Grayson Palmer Szczepaniak
Archipelago Law, LLP
1 Dana Point, 4th Floor
Portland, Maine 04101

Trenton James Wallis
Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith
1301 McKinney Street, Suite 1400
Houston, Texas 77010

Andrew Vincent Waters
Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith
701 Poydras Street
Suite 4000
New Orleans, Louisiana 70139

William H. Yost
Freehill Hogan & Mahar, LLP
80 Pine Street
25th Floor
New York, New York 10005

Reinstatement

The following three (3) persons requested reinstatement since the May 2024 meeting, all of whom were approved by the Board of Directors:

Crystal Kennedy
ZIM Integrated Shipping Line
4425 Corporation Lane
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

Samuel Senders
New York Settlement Math (NYSM, Inc.)
240 E. 82nd Street, 15G
New York, New York 10028

Stanton J. Terranova
Morrone Legal, LLC
75 Frontage Road
Suite 203
North Stonington, Connecticut 06359

Adjunct

The Committee on Adjunct Member Admissions received one (1) application for consideration since the May 2024 meeting, which was recommended by the Committee and approved by the Board of Directors:

Robert C. Meehan
Olechem Consultants
27 Ocean Watch Court
Freeport, New York 11520

Law Students

The following eight (8) applicants have applied for Law Student membership since the May 2024 meeting, all of whom were approved and so notified:

Madeline Alessi Derango
827 Westwood Drive, 2W
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Daniel Heintz
76 Vernon Place
Mount Vernon, New York 10552

Missy Kroninger
2321 Bienville Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

Natalie Lanier
1726 Constantinople Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

Sydney Jane Selman
5683 Waterman Blvd., #21
St. Louis, Missouri 63112

Chandler Douglas Thornton
8100 Ashford Court
Frederick, Maryland 21702

Reese Albert Waters
801 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Apt. 740
Washington, D.C. 20001

Muhammed Muneeb Zia
5730 Spencer Lake Drive
Conway, Arkansas 72034

Deceased Members

The following deaths of MLA Members were reported since the May 2024 meeting:

Jack Berg	White Plains, New York Proctor, Life Member, Elected 1962
Victor Ivan Kooch	New Orleans, Louisiana Proctor, Life Member, Elected 1980

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

As of August 2, 2024, the MLA reported its total membership as follows:

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY AS OF AUGUST 2, 2024

VOTING (ACTIVE) MEMBERS

PROCTORS	1112
ASSOCIATES	821
NON-LAWYERS	108
ACADEMIC	<u>16</u>

Subtotal 2057 (694 of the active members are Life Members)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

EX-OFFICIO	25
HONORARY	3
JUDICIAL	77
LAW STUDENTS	<u>67</u>

Subtotal 172

TOTAL MEMBERS 2229

The total number of new members approved at the August 2, 2024, Board Meeting was twenty-one (21), comprised of nine (9) Associates, one (1) Adjunct, three (3) reinstatements, and eight (8) Law Students.

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

V. WEBSITE AND TECHNOLOGY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Second Vice President Krieger gave the report on behalf of Website and Technology Secretary O'Donovan. Second Vice President Krieger reported that the work on the website transition is in its final stages. Once completed, the Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Secretaries will undergo web-based training to ensure their familiarization with and ability to properly use the new platform.

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

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS, UPDATES

A. Second Vice President

Second Vice President Krieger reported on the *Lex Maritima* project of the Comité Maritime International, which is intended to articulate 25 general principles of maritime law. The CMI has requested that each of the national maritime law associations complete a questionnaire relevant to the project, and Second Vice President Krieger will be forwarding the questionnaire to the relevant MLA standing Committees for their input.

VII. DISCUSSION TOPICS

President Hurley discussed his plans regarding a new format for future Board meetings and how he intends to run them. He reported on the preparation of a handbook for new Board members and provided a summary of the orientation call with new Board members, as well as a new policy that liaisons to the Standing Committees give reports during Board meetings on the activities of the Standing Committees.

President Hurley reported on the implementation of a master calendar for the Board on which maritime organizations' meetings and activities will be listed with the names of Board members attending.

Immediate Past President Holland discussed the activity of the ad hoc committee she chairs on proposed reforms to the Nominating Committee, including criteria for appointment to the Nominating Committee and possible proposals regarding procedures for nomination of a slate of candidates of Officers and Directors to be voted upon by the general membership of the Association at the annual Spring meeting in New York.

Second Vice President Krieger reported on her meeting with Committee Chairs and plans for CLE credit. She also proposed that the ad hoc committee on law school liaisons currently chaired by Michael Sturley be made a permanent Standing Committee of the Association.

ON MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, the Board unanimously approved the establishment of a Standing Committee on law school liaisons.

President Hurley discussed the leadership workshop for the Board on August 3, 2024, to be led by retired RADM June Ryan for the purpose of facilitating a list of short term and long term goals of the Board.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

President Hurley reported on the agenda for the Fall meeting in New Orleans from October 23-26, 2024, as well as planning for the Winter of 2025 Board Meeting to be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and the Fall of 2025, meeting of the Association to be held in Washington DC from Oct 15-19, 2025.

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 Hurley adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m, to be reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on August 3, 2024, for the leadership workshop with RADM June Ryan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Powers', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward J. Powers, Secretary