

April, 1945

**THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES**

Annual Meeting

The *annual meeting* will be held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street, New York City, on Friday, May 4, 1945, at 4 P. M. preceded by the meeting of the Executive Committee at 3:30 P. M.

The following resolutions were adopted by your Executive Committee at their October 1944 and February 1945 meetings. These resolutions, which involve amendments to our Articles of Association and By-Laws, will be discussed and acted upon.

① 1. WHEREAS, the second sentence of Article 3 of the Articles of Association and By-Laws presently in force, reads as follows:

“Members shall be elected by the Association on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.”

and

WHEREAS, long delay is caused by the present method of election because applicants proposed during the year can only be elected at a meeting of the Association which, in recent years, has occurred only once a year, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Executive Committee believe it advisable to permit election by that Committee, in addition to election by the Association,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Association that Article 3 of the Articles of Association and By-Laws be amended by substituting the following sentence for the sentence referred to above:

“Members shall be elected by the Executive Committee or elected by the Association after being reported or recommended as candidates by the Executive Committee.”

2. WHEREAS, the third paragraph of Article 6 of our Articles of Association and By-Laws presently in force reads as follows:

"The President shall have authority to appoint such standing committees as he may deem necessary to facilitate the business of the Association. Such standing committees shall report in writing to the President."

and

WHEREAS, the second sentence in the seventh paragraph of Article 10 of our Articles of Association and By-Laws presently in force reads as follows:

"The President is authorized and directed to appoint committees to take up such subjects as may be deemed desirable by the Executive Committee."

and

WHEREAS, our Association does not have any "standing" committees, but does, from time to time, have special committees, and the members of the Executive Committee believe it advisable to permit the appointment by the President of all committees which he or the Executive Committee may deem necessary to facilitate the business of the Association, and

WHEREAS, the first paragraph of Article 10 of our Articles of Association and By-Laws presently in force reads as follows:

"There shall be an Executive Committee, to consist of nine elected members, divided into three classes, and the President, Vice-President, and Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be *ex officio* members thereof."

and

WHEREAS, the members of the Executive Committee also believe that the President should be an *ex officio* member of all committees,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee to the Association that the third paragraph of Article 6 of our Articles of Association and By-Laws be amended by substituting the following paragraph for the paragraph referred to above:

"The President shall have authority to appoint such committees as he may deem necessary to facilitate the business of the Association. Such committees shall report in writing to the President. The President shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees."

The great increase in membership and in the Association's activities has added materially to the secretarial and financial work in the Association. Under the present state of our Articles of Association and By-Laws, all of this work must be handled by one officer, the Secretary and Treasurer. It is expected that at the next meeting of the Executive Committee a resolution will be proposed for an amendment of the By-Laws to permit the offices of Secretary and Treasurer to be held by different persons and for corresponding changes in the By-Laws as to duties and powers. After action has been taken by the Executive Committee the resolution will be submitted to the Association for discussion and action.

Please mail promptly any nominations for membership, duly seconded in writing, that you wish to have passed at the Executive Committee meeting and at the annual meeting of the Association.

On September 21, 1944, the State Department of the United States convened a meeting of representatives of several Government agencies and asked that preliminary steps be taken in preparation for a Diplomatic Conference for the purpose of proposing revisions to the 1929 Safety at Sea Convention. At that meeting the State Department delegated to the United States Coast Guard the responsibility for preparing the technical ground work for such a convention. Thereafter the United States Coast Guard prepared a tentative agenda and proceeded to organize various sub-committees to deal with the various items on the agenda. The thought was that the reports of these sub-committees would form the basis for the general report to the State Department. Pursuant to the invitation of Admiral R. R. Waesche, Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, our Association is participating in this work through the appointment of its members to various of the sub-committees. The President will report on this work and advise the membership with respect to our participation.

The following committees will report at the annual meeting:

Committee on Extension of Admiralty Jurisdiction

Charles R. Hickox, Chairman

Geo. Whitefield Betts, Jr. Oscar R. Houston

Committee on Wartime Shipping Legislation

Cletus Keating, Chairman

William E. Collins

Joseph W. Henderson

Albert T. Gould

Oscar R. Houston

Charles S. Haight

Roscoe H. Hupper

Committee on Aviation and Admiralty

Arnold W. Knauth, Chairman

William E. Collins

Burton H. White

Joseph F. Luley

Robert W. Williams

*Committee to Confer with the Bureau of Marine
Inspection and Navigation concerning the
new edition of "The Navigation Laws"*

Arnold W. Knauth, Chairman
Roy W. Chamberlain Leonard J. Matteson

Committee on Workmen's Compensation for Seamen

Vernon S. Jones, Chairman
William E. Collins John L. Galey

Committee on Admiralty Practice

T. Catesby Jones, Chairman
Geo. Whitefield Betts, Jr. Joseph W. Henderson
Charles S. Bolster Roscoe H. Hupper

*Committee on Permanent Transfer of the Bureau of
Marine Inspection and Navigation*

Chauncey I. Clark, Chairman
Edward Ash Harold B. Finn
John W. Crandall Anthony V. Lynch, Jr.

Committee for Change in Limitation Rules

Anthony V. Lynch, Jr., Chairman
Alfred T. Cluff Vernon S. Jones
Earle Farwell Eugene Underwood

*Committee to Confer with the American Bar
Association about Law Lists*

Carl V. Essery, Chairman
Robert Branand, Jr. Alexander R. Lawton, Jr.
Farnham P. Griffiths Robert McCreary
Joseph W. Henderson

*Committee to Examine into the Question of Lights on Towed
Vessels under the Inland and Local Inspectors' Rules*

Leslie C. Krusen, Chairman
Robert S. Erskine Richard F. Lenahan

At the request of the Executive Committee the President has
appointed the following as a Nominating Committee to propose
candidates for election at the May 4th meeting:

William E. Collins, Chairman
Charles S. Bolster Eugene Underwood
John W. Griffin George W. P. Whip
Warner Pyne

P. J. R. McENTEGART,
Secretary and Treasurer,
99 John Street,
New York 7, N. Y.

April 12, 1945.