



THE INTERNATIONAL PROPELLER CLUB of the United States

An international business network dedicated
to the promotion of the maritime industry,
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THE INTERNATIONAL PROPELLER CLUB ELECTS C. JAMES PATTI AS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Fairfax, VA — The International Propeller Club of the United States elected Mr. C. James Patti as its new International President at its 95th Convention and Port President's meeting. As International President, Mr. Patti will serve as the Chief Executive Officer and lead the business and affairs of the Club and its 70 port chapters worldwide. Mr. Patti succeeded Niels Aalund of Houston, Texas, as International President, who stated "Jim Patti's broad experience, maritime contacts, and devotion to the Propeller Club will profoundly enhance our organization." Also elected were Mrs. Maria Conatser of Nashville as First Vice President and Treasurer, Mr. Philippe de Gauw of Heusy, Belgium as Second Vice President, Mr. Costis Frangoulis of Piraeus, Greece as Third Vice President, and Mr. Pat Patrick of New Orleans as International Secretary.

Throughout his more than 50 years working for the maritime industry, Mr. Patti has played an active leadership role in all major legislative efforts affecting the operation of U.S.-flag vessels in the foreign and domestic trades and the employment of American mariners. He began working in the maritime industry in Washington, DC, at the Transportation Institute. He joined the Maritime Institute for Research and Industrial Development (MIRAID) in 1980 and became President of MIRAID in 1985, a position he still holds today. Mr. Patti is also Chairman of USA Maritime, the leading coalition representing U.S.-flag shipping companies operating U.S.-flag vessels in America's foreign trades and the maritime unions which provide the licensed and unlicensed crews for these vessels and their related maritime associations. In addition, he is currently a Member of the Board of the United Seamen's Service. Mr. Patti, a long-time member of the International Propeller Club, earlier served as the President of the Propeller Club of Washington, DC, and was a recipient of the International Propeller Club's prestigious Maritime Person of the Year award. He most recently served as the International Propeller Club's First Vice President. Mr. Patti is a graduate of George Washington University and the Catholic University Columbus School of Law.

Upon his election, Mr. Patti declared, "I believe very strongly in the Propeller Club and what we and our diverse membership can offer the maritime industry. I look forward to using what I have learned over these past years to help assist our ports and regions, in the United States and overseas, to attract the next generation of Propeller Club members and to expand the role and influence of the Propeller Club as a voice promoting and supporting the maritime industry. I encourage everyone who works with and for our industry and who understands the critical role our industry plays to join with us and work with us as we go forward."

The International Propeller Club of the United States, founded in 1927, is an international business network of maritime professionals dedicated to the promotion of the maritime industry, commerce, and global trade. Local chapters in the United States and abroad are organized into chapters, called "Ports," which meet regularly to hear from industry leaders, for service opportunities, and to network with industry colleagues. You can learn more about the International Propeller Club of the United States at <http://www.propellerclub.us/>

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