C. JAMES PATTI
Chairman

MINUTES OF THE USA MARITIME BOARD MEETING

October 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 2:00 pm. A quorum was present, with a majority of each membership group represented.

- Chris Johnsen, USA Maritime Secretary-Treasurer, presented the monthly financial report which had been distributed by Meredith Malarkey prior to today's meeting. This will continue to be done prior to each monthly meeting. Chris reported that we currently have 20 member organizations in USA Maritime with all member organizations, except US Ship, current in their payment of dues through the third quarter, 2021. Until US Ship pays what they owe, they will be in arrears and disqualified from voting on any USA Maritime matters and issues.

- Chris also reminded everyone to please make sure their accounting offices are following the mailing and remittance directions on the invoices that are sent out each quarter.

- Brian Schoeneman, Chair, Legislative Committee, reported that the Legislative Committee met on October 4th and he presented the Committee's report. He noted that the House Armed Services Committee marked up and reported the FY'22 defense authorizations legislation on September 1 and the Senate released its clean draft approximately two weeks ago. No indication when the House and Senate will begin to pre-conference the legislation.

- Brian further reported that the current continuing resolution to keep the Federal government open and Federal programs funded runs through December 3, 2021.

- Sara Fuentes, Chair, Regulatory Committee, reported that the Regulatory Committee is planning to hold its next meeting with Maritime Administration staff at the end of October.

- Sara discussed a number of Federal Register notices for review, including two separate notices, one from the Department of Defense and one from the Department of Transportation, seeking comments on matters affecting the nation's supply chain. Sara and Krister Halladay volunteered to draft comments for USA Maritime to submit in response to the notices.

  [**NOTE**: Having secured approval from two-thirds of our membership as required in our by-laws, the USA Maritime submission in response to the notice filed by the Department of Defense is attached.]

- Charlie Papavizas, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, circulated the final current draft of a proposal to create a tax credit for shippers intended to increase the number of vessels operating under the U.S. flag by increasing the amount of commercial cargo carried by U.S.-flag vessels. As a result, Charlie proposed that the USA Maritime members vote whether to submit the summary to a consulting firm on behalf of USA Maritime. The consulting firm would be tasked with putting the proposal in the appropriate "budgetary" language and format.

  [**NOTE**: Having secured approval from two-thirds of our membership as required by our by-laws, the summary proposal will be submitted to a consulting firm to be recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee and approved by USA Maritime members in accordance with our by-laws.]

- Under old business, the Chairman reported that Crowley Maritime's application for membership in USA Maritime did not receive the approval of two-thirds of our membership as required by our by-laws.

- Under old business, Chris Johnsen reported that to date, the special by-laws Committee is not recommending any changes to the USA Maritime by-laws at this time. Chris asked that anyone who has a proposed change to the by-laws to submit it to him so the special committee can consider it.

- Under new business, Sara Fuentes reported that Sarah Sherer has been hired by the Transportation Institute to replace Rich Berkowitz who has decided to retire. Sarah will be attending USA Maritime meetings.

- Under new business, the Chairman reminded everyone that our by-laws stipulate that unless decided otherwise by the membership, the first meeting in the calendar year will be our annual meeting and is intended to include the senior leadership and principals of the USA Maritime member organizations. The Chairman suggested that we should be prepared to decide as to when to hold the annual meeting at our next meeting in November

- Finally, the Chairman indicated that we will be resuming our practice of holding our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 1:30 pm and as such, our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 1:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the MEBA/AMC conference room at 444 N. Capitol Street, Suite 800.

APPROVED

R. Christian Johnsen
Secretary-Treasurer