

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT

Margaret Bradley Letarte '83

I have served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2002 and am currently the Chairman of the Chapter Development Committee. I am presently supporting startup of two new Alumni Chapters. I have taken the Ralph Leavitt files given to the association, and am framing and archiving pieces as appropriate.

I have also supported the Association by working an Alumni weekend in Castine and am writing items for our new Handbook for officers and directors. I am active in, and have spent over fifteen years on the Ned Andrews Chapter Board. I have been seventeen years at Bath Iron Works Corporation in the Engineering Division, after six years in Washington, D.C. and San Diego, CA in the Marine Engineering industry.

"I have actively worked through the years to promote Maine Maritime Academy and the Alumni Association. I am in touch daily with graduates from all over the globe and in a position to share information as well as hear their ideas and concerns. The tasks that I have taken on for the Association are very important to me. I would like to enhance my opportunities to represent the entire Alumni Association membership by being Vice President, and most importantly, to help this Association remain a viable group in the support of Maine Maritime Academy."

VICE PRESIDENT

Kevin Crossman '74

Currently employed as Vice President with Ridgewood Power Management, an owner and operator of a diversified portfolio of power generation facilities including steam, hydroelectric and methane generation. Twelve years of "seagoing" experience and twenty-two years of "shore-side" independent power generation. Past President of the Down East Chapter of the MMA Alumni Association. Current member of the MMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, Chairman of the Student Relations Committee and member of the MMA Industrial Advisors Committee.

"I have been involved with MMA and the Alumni Association Board of Directors for over twelve years. My experience as an alumnus, along with the experiences of graduating nephews and currently enrolled friends at MMA has given me valuable insight regarding the challenges facing students transitioning into the current job market. I am running for the office of Vice President of the MMA Alumni Board because I would like the opportunity to continue the work of the current Board and find new opportunities, in collaboration with the Academy staff and Board of Trustees, to build a more cohesive Alumni network that allows for graduates to be better positioned for success in both shore side and maritime careers. It would be an honor to serve the board in this capacity and I, respectfully, ask for your vote."

VICE PRESIDENT

Captain LeRoy J. Fournier '72E USNR

LeRoy (Lee) Fournier is Director, Assistant Vice President, Alion Science and Technology, Bath Maine, an Engineering and Program Management firm. Lee manages the Bath office, which provides direct supports to US Navy new construction shipbuilding programs and commercial clients.

Lee has been a very actively supporter of MMA and its alumni over the years. He has been a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for two six year periods. He is a member of the Ned Andrews Chapter (past president). He is supportive of the MMA recruiting effort. He has provided assistance to graduates in finding employment, and is currently a member of the Maine Maritime MSE, PET, MET/MEO Advisory Committees. He has supported the Academy's NROTC – MMR unit with field trip support, exposing the midshipmen to the industry. Lee is currently Chair of the Associations Legislative Affairs Committee. Lee would like to continue to support MMA and the Alumni as Vice President of the Association.

Lee is a retired Naval Reserve Engineering Duty Officer. He is active in the local section of the American Society of Naval Engineering, having served in all officer post and Programs Chair. He is currently a Regional Member of the Board, representing the north east. He is a life member of the Navy League of the United States; he is currently serving on the Board of the Casco Bay Council. He is also a life member of the Naval Reserve Association and the Reserve Officer Association. He has chaired many social and military functions in his communities. Lee is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Elaine M. Cote of Lewiston. They live in Lewiston, Maine, and have three children; Kimberley Jacques (33), Jason (30) A MMA 2001 grad, and Chelsea (24) and three grand children.

TREASURER

Cal (Charles) A. Lechman, '65

After graduating from the Academy sailed with Texaco until joining the General Electric Company in 1967. My career span 32 years of progressively responsible positions in the GE Power Generation Business (steam/gas turbine) within Engineering, Projects, Customer and Product Services. Retired from GE in 1999 and have done consulting work for GE and numerous domestic & international utilities. Moved to Harpswell, Maine in December 2000 where I currently reside.

I have been active in the MMA Alumni Association since 1978 when I served on the MMA AA Executive Board (1978-83). Was a founding father of the Casco Bay Chapter serving as President from 1980-1982. Have continued my involvement with the chapter serving on the executive committee since returning to Maine in 1999. Served as a Director on the Board of the MMAAA from 2002 to 2006. Have served as Treasurer of MMAAA since 2006. The past two years have given me the knowledge and know how to continue to serve as an effective Treasurer of the Association.

“I have actively worked to promote the Alumni Association and the Academy over the past 37+ years. Giving back has been an important part of my service to the Alumni Association and the Academy. Without the skills learned at the Academy

and the support from Alumni worldwide our graduates would not have received the recognition the Alumni and the Academy hold today. I would be truly honored to continue to serve as your Treasurer.”

CLERK

Michael X. Savasuk, '74D

Clerk, Maine Maritime Academy Alumni Association 2000 – present.
1974-1979 Served as mate with Exxon Co., USA; 1980-1986 practicing attorney with Admiralty Law Firm of Hill, Betts and Nash, New York City; 1986 - present practicing attorney in Portland, Maine. About 50% of practice is Maritime related. I have also acted as an adjunct Professor of Admiralty at Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, NH and have occasionally taught courses at Maine Maritime Academy.

“I have maintained a deep interest in the operation and success of the Academy. I have also maintained close contact with a fair number of Alumni, including my own classmates and hopefully can attest to their thoughts and beliefs on the future success of the Academy and its students as they enter into the 21st Century.”

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Ball '65

My name is Capt. Michael Ball, 65D. I have been working at sea or on ships since graduation, 43 years ago, and, as a pilot for the last 38. I have always respected MMA for the education and the good start on my adult life that the school gave me. As I am retiring in December, I will have time to devote to the school. In recent years, I have served on several boards, non-profit and pilot related so I understand what is expected of me. It would give me much pleasure to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Bruce Carter '52

After graduating from Maine Maritime Academy in 1952 as an Engineer, Bruce served on Merchants ships and was in the United States Navy from 1954 to 1957.

After leaving the Navy Bruce again served on Merchant vessels until his retirement in 1972.

After serving as Plant Maintenance Engineer and Clerk of Works for the State of Maine, Department of Corrections at the Downeast Correctional Facility at Bucks Harbor, Maine, he and his wife Alice resumed operating their small blueberry and Christmas tree farm and sand/gravel business in Franklin, Maine.

He has continued his education receiving a variety of Certificates, as well as, involvement in his community serving on various boards and committees.

“I believe I would be an asset on the Maine Maritime Academy Alumni Association Board of Directors. MMA was best thing that ever happened to me

and I would like to use my experience to give back to the Academy and the Association.”

Earle A. Cianchette ‘77D

I graduated from the academy in 1977 with a degree in Nautical Science and a 3rd Mates License. I sailed for 5 years from American Trading and Transportation. Since 1982, I have worked in the construction industry; 10 years with my own company and 16 years for Cianbro. I currently manage Cianbro’s Ricker’s Wharf facility in Portland, Maine. I am a past president and board member of the Maine Better Transportation Association and currently on the school board of Catholic Schools in York County.

“I feel compelled to give back to the school that gave so much to me. I would consider in an honor to assist the dedicated members of the Alumni Board in carrying forward the great tradition of the Maine Maritime Academy.”

Joseph D. Cote, ‘82E

I reside in Brewer, Maine with my wife of 25 years, Mary Jane, and two daughters Elizabeth and Erika. Elizabeth is a sophomore currently attending the Academy studying *Marine Systems Engineering*. Erika will be a senior at Brewer High School, September 2008.

In February 2008 joined Cianbro Constructors and currently work at the Eastern Manufacturing Facility located in Brewer, Maine as Module Coordinator. Prior to Cianbro, I was Vice President & General Manager of Bangor Gas Company. From 2000 through 2007 I served as President of the Bangor *Seadogs* Chapter.

My interest in Maine Maritime Academy and the Alumni Board of Directors is to help foster and promote the Academy by sharing my education and experiences. Most importantly, by helping the Academy and the Association with the ongoing and challenging needs now and in the future.

Mary-Catherine E. Dinsmore ‘01

I am honored to have been nominated by Maggie Letarte for a position on the Academy’s Alumni Association Board. Over the last year I’ve had the pleasure of working with many of you as a member of the Alumni Chapter Relations Committee and I look forward to continuing my service to the Academy as a member of the Alumni Board.

I am amazed at the various backgrounds current board members bring to the table and hope to compliment their experiences with my own as an International Business and Logistics Major (non-regimental) and 5 year career in the financial services industry as a marketing analyst.

As a board member, one of my priorities will be to serve the interests of other “non-traditional” majors with the goal of unifying and strengthening the association as we move forward to the next decade.

Donald R. Fiske '62D

Following graduation sailed with American Export for 11 years through Chief Mate positions. After a short time in shore side business, returned to sea working with Sunoco (Captain, including First Class Pilot/Docking Master in Philadelphia and PR).

Active on MMA Alumni Board in '80's and '90's.

Following retirement, served as selectman in Kennebunkport for 15 years. Presently serving on boards of York County Community Action Corp, and Atlantic Hall in Cape Porpoise, Maine. Married (Ruth) 43 years, two grown children, three grandchildren.

MMA made my career possible, and we as alums play a very important part in MMA's success. Serving on our board is my way of "paying back."

Laurie Flood '92

Maine Maritime Academy has a super network of alumni, both active in industry and retired. Many have a great interest in advancing the prospects of our potential and current students, and all graduates. I have a great respect for the time and effort that the various alumni chapters commit to providing opportunities for our students and the MMA Alumni Board is a great way to see firsthand their efforts and make a contribution of my own.

Meghan Marshall '06

I am a 2006 graduate of MMA with my bachelors in International Business and Logistics. I pursued and am currently working on completing my Masters Degree in International Business from the Loeb Sullivan School of Business at Maine Maritime. I currently work in Concord, NH for Target as an Executive Team Leader of Guest Experience. I have continued to maintain my professional relationship with Maine Maritime by captaining the MMA campus recruiting team for Target. I would appreciate your support and I will work hard to assist the Academy's needs, interests and programs.

Robert Sullivan '61

Upon Graduation in 1961 I sailed for American Export Lines on passenger and freight ships for four years. Following sea time I worked as a project and test Engineer for three years at General Dynamics in Groton, CT and Quincy, MA yards building subs and surface ships. In 1967 began a twenty six year career with the State of Maine retiring in 1993 as Chief Boiler, Elevator and Tramway Inspector. I served for twelve years as Assistant Executive Director – Technical with the National Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Inspectors in Columbus, Ohio. Now back in Maine and doing part time work inspecting boiler and pressure vessels for Atlantic Services and Travelers Insurance.

Currently I am serving as President of the newly formed Kennebec Valley Chapter of the MMA Alumni Association. In the past thirty eight years I felt my

employment limited my openly promoting MMA and now after retiring from these organizations I feel free to pursue working to encourage young people to consider MMA as an excellent choice for career preparations. I feel the direction the Academy is going is proper and Alumni should support the administration in that pursuit. Anything related to the marine field should be considered in the MMA's realm of interest as long as the demanding and hands-on teaching approaches are maintained. Also the school has proven to be a great asset to the State of Maine as shown by the number of Alumni living and holding important positions in the State.

Arthur Wardwell '58

Captain, USN, retired. Active duty Engineering Duty Officer, USN 1958-1982. As Captain served as Commanding Officer of: Supervisor of Shipbuilding & Repair, San Francisco Bay area; Commanding Officer of the Navy's Engineering Duty Officer School training new Engineers following their post graduate studies at MIT or US Navy Post Graduate School;

Prior to command served as Chief Engineer on three Navy ships and managed numerous ship repair and construction projects in both private sector and Naval shipyards; 1982-1994 Vice President of Operations and Manager of Continental Maritime (operator of two shipyards; San Francisco and San Diego with 1300 employees); Currently do part-time consulting work.

"I enjoy working with and mentoring people setting out on their careers. I would be pleased and honored to serve"