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Museum News



July 25, 2017

President's Message

Ship's Log

Moving into the MAC on schedule and budget! Holding our historic first General Membership Meeting in our new 'home'! Presenting the MAC to the public at our 'over-the-top' ribbon-cutting/christening! These are significant accomplishments for which we can all be proud. But, that's the past. We cannot and are not basking in glory and resting on our laurels. We are moving 'ahead full' to accomplish our next goals.

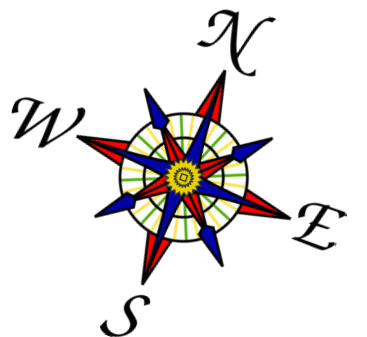
When 'underway', a necessary and prudent practice is to consistently check your current position and adjust your course as appropriate to attain your final destination. With our Strategic Planning Committee leading this process, our Board of Directors in the very near future will make that 'check' on the Museum's course. Given that our goals of preserving and promoting our maritime heritage with emphasis on education will remain, the focus of our review will be how we can foster and work to attain these goals while we progress to opening the Museum. If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like your Board to consider in this regard, please send them to any Board Member, or contact any Board Member, or send them through messaging on the Museum Facebook or Website.

To all of you, I can personally assure that every Board Director and Committee Chair and Committee Member is dedicated to achieving the success of our Museum. That commitment, however, cannot singularly guarantee achievement. Reality dictates that adequate funding is a necessity. As has been the case over the past several months, the Capital Campaign is in full swing. We are entering a new phase with First Community Development – transitioning the lead for execution to us. And 'us' includes all MMM members. The Campaign will remain under the capable leadership of Dr. Jack Hoover and Mr. Robert Hardy. However, there is a need for more of our members to support execution of various Campaign tasks. If you have any experience and desire to serve in this vital endeavor, please contact Jack, Robert, or myself.

One last note, Ms. Delores Early, one of the founding members of this museum dream who has dedicated more than 10 years in various positions of responsibility in the organization, has decided to step down from the Board of Directors. Delores, no matter the capacity in which you serve, we know the dream will never leave you and you will never leave the dream. On behalf of all our members, thank you for your tireless dedication, selfless efforts, and keeping the dream alive! Your presence on the Board will be sorely missed.

Fair winds and following seas. God Bless you all and God Bless America!

Terry L. Bollman,
President of the Board,
Mississippi Maritime Museum



Campaign Chairman's Report

The MMM Capital Campaign is entering the second half of its first year. The campaign is a five-year program based upon pledges from the public and private sector and is designed to raise \$4.75 million over the next 60 months.

Currently, pledges are being received from individuals and from small, medium and large businesses. The results so far have included initial payments for the Year One pledges, along with offers for "In kind services" as well as financial commitments over the five year program.

Meetings have been held throughout Jackson County and the entire Gulf Coast, which have resulted in expressions of interest as well as commitments to take the MMM vision to various corporate boards.

Public Sector

Presentations have been made to the cities of Pascagoula and Gautier, as well as the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, resulting in strong support for the museum's vision. Resolutions requesting State authorization from these local and county organizations to support the MMM, financially, are in place and will be submitted to the appropriate State legislative committee for approval during the 2018 session. In addition, discussions have also been held with our State representatives with a view towards additional State funds being designated to the MMM for its Phase II program.

Our representatives in both the MS State Senate and House of Representative have continue to work with the museum's Finance

Committee during the GET ON BOARD campaign and the MMM Board of Directors deeply appreciates these efforts.

Foundation Grants

Foundation Grant requests are in the hands of five separate organizations, and so far the signs are positive that these requests will produce revenues that will flow into the museum's GET ON BOARD campaign during the 3rd and 4th Quarters of this year and well into 2018.

Over the past three years, funds received from the State and private Foundations have totaled \$800,000.

First Community Development Corp.

FCD Corp, an Atlanta based fund raising company for 501C3 non-profit corporations has worked with the MS Maritime Museum over the past 16 months helping to refine the museum's Business Plan and Feasibility Study, which led to the third phase for initiating the actual campaign. June 30, 2017, will end the contract period with FCD and we appreciate their expertise and professionalism in helping the MMM launch its GET ON BOARD campaign.

On July 1, the day-to-day process for making contacts, following up on earlier meetings, and seeking pledges from individuals and the public and private sectors will continue in an effort to generate the funds needed to complete Phase II of the vision.

Jack Hoover- Campaign General Chairman
Robert Hardy- Treasurer

Update on our Capital Campaign:

We are making headway and still going strong. Jeff Neufeld of First Community Development, Atlanta, completed his job with us on June 21. We have developed a select "Committee of 8" (actually 7 as of today), all volunteers, to carry on our mission: Jack C. Hoover, Robert Hardy, Terry Bollman, Rene Shaw, Nikki Maxwell, Joe Barran and Mary Martin.

The Capital Campaign office will still be open at the Hancock Bank building, 1010 Denny Avenue, Pascagoula, Monday – Friday (9 a.m. – noon) with Jan Hardy still doing her great job as campaign coordinator. Her number is (228) 623-5128. Robert Hardy has also volunteered to help run the office during the same hours. If anyone is interested in going out (usually in pairs) please notify myself, Robert Hardy or Jan Hardy.

If you know of an individual or company who would be interested in having a visit from the "Committee of 8" LET ME KNOW. We need all the help and input available to raise the \$4.75 million in pledges over 5 years; to enable us to have a world class museum. On June 2 we had a great meeting with Ingalls and Chevron. We need everyone to GET ON BOARD.

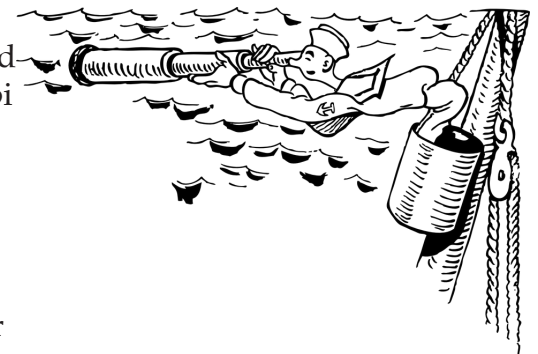
Jack C. Hoover, M.D., Campaign General Chairman

Secretary's Notes – Rene' Shaw

Welcome to Summer! After a very busy and social spring, it's time to get down to business! Your MMM is growing rapidly, with 18 committees working on various aspects of its outreach and development. A couple of these have vacant chairmanships, with other committee chairmen and/or Board Members filling in for specific events or as needed. The Board of Directors encourages and would very much appreciate even more active involvement from our membership. Fresh outlooks and approaches are necessary to our growth as an educational

and promotional entity within Pascagoula, Jackson County, and reaching out to all of Mississippi and our surrounding area. We need your insight, ideas, and enthusiasm! Please give this your utmost consideration, and contact me or any other board member through our website or Facebook page about becoming more involved in our efforts.

Biggest news of the day: Mississippi Maritime Museum is now registered with Amazon Smile! If you are an Amazon customer, you can designate MMM as your charity of choice, and one-half of one percent of



all your Smile-eligible purchases will go directly toward funding our efforts. Please see our Facebook page for a link directly to the program. Thank you all for your continued interest and faith in our endeavor!

Rene Shaw – Secretary

Ingalls Shipbuilding to christen three ships

Ingalls Shipbuilding, America's Shipyard and builder of much of the U.S. Navy's surface fleet, has several upcoming ship christening events planned. To find out more about these events, contact Ingalls Shipbuilding's Special Events Team at (228) 935-1256 or events@hii-ingalls.com. You can also find the specific christening you wish to attend at <http://Ingalls.huntingtoningalls.com/ingallsevents/invitationrequest>

The ship's sponsor will break a bottle of sparkling wine across the bow of the following Ingalls-built ships:

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| • September 16 | Tripoli (LHA 7) | America-class amphibious assault ship |
| • November 4 | Delbert D. Black (DDG 119) | Arleigh Burke-class destroyer |
| • December 9 | Midgett (WMSL 757) | Legend-Class National Security Cutter |

Membership News – Rene Shaw

MMM 2017 membership currently stands at 108, almost doubling over the past two years!! Also, Lifetime Memberships now total 10! 2018 Membership renewal season will start at our Fall Social (look for an announcement late-September/early-October on this event). Our growth is apparent, not only with a new physical presence in town, but also in our numbers of supporters.

Our media outreach has been quite successful, with our Facebook page garnering 915 followers, as of the date of this writing. Crunching even more numbers, we have 44 potential Plankowners among the current 108! Allow me to remind everyone of the terms: Plankowners are those active members of (at least) the four consecutive years prior to the grand opening of the museum, and are members in good standing at the time of the grand opening. Yes, Lifetime Members will be Plankowners as well, as long as that membership was activated at least four years prior to the Grand Opening. Many decisions must be made between now and then on what, exactly, membership in the museum will mean once the doors are opened.

That effort will be part of the work this committee must undertake between now and then. Share your voice through any questions or suggestions you may have, or come join the committee, and work with us toward this goal. Please forward your thoughts through private message on the MMM Facebook page, or drop a note in the mail. I look forward to hearing from you! **Rene' Shaw**

