



The Alumni Association
of the
Great Lakes Maritime Academy
at
Northwestern Michigan College
1701 East Front Street
Traverse City, MI 49686

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1976 to 2018

***Celebrating 42 Years
of Service***

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Introduction

Established in 1976, the Northwestern Michigan College Great Lakes Maritime Academy Alumni Association is a Michigan non-profit corporation recognized by the United States Federal Government under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



(Original Logo circa 1979)

Mission

The Great Lakes Maritime Academy Alumni Association is dedicated to the mission of service to the Academy, mentoring to the cadets, and fellowship to the graduates.



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BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES
OF THE
NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
GREAT LAKES MARITIME ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - Name

Sec. 1. The name of this organization is Northwestern Michigan College Great Lakes Maritime Academy Alumni Association. The organization is associated with Northwestern Michigan College Great Lakes Maritime Academy. It is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the Laws of the State of Michigan. Its principle office shall be located at Great Lakes Maritime Academy, 1701 East Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan 49686.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

Sec. 1. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows: To increase and enhance the esprit de corps of the members of this organization; to engage in fundraising projects and receive donations or contributions and to direct these funds or materials exclusively to the Great Lakes Maritime Academy; and to engage in other such activities as the Board of Directors of this Alumni Association from time to-time may deem to be in the general interest of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy or this corporation. These activities will be subject to regulation as stated in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code under Alumni Associations.

Sec. 2. In the event of dissolution, all assets real and personal, shall be distributed to such organizations as are qualified as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of a future U.S. Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE III - Membership and Dues

Sec. 1. The Membership of this Association shall consist of:

- A) Charter Members, consisting of the founders of said Association.
- B) General Members, consisting of the graduates and former students of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy.
- C) Associate Members, consisting of those persons interested in furthering the Great Lakes Maritime Academy.
- D) Honorary Members, consisting of persons approved by the Board of Directors and General Assembly.

Who from time to time shall apply for membership and shall pay the required membership dues. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

Sec. 2. The membership dues shall be established from time to time by the Board of Directors (herein after sometimes called "The Board", and sometimes referred to as the Board of Directors).

ARTICLE IV - Membership Meetings

Sec. 1. An annual meeting of the members shall be held each year at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board. One of the purposes of such annual meeting shall be an election by the General Assembly to replace the certain Board members whose terms have expired.

Sec. 2. At least one month prior to each annual meeting, notice of the time and place shall be given, by mailing, to each member at his address as it appears on the association's records.

Sec. 3. Any action approved by a quorum of the voting membership present at the annual meeting shall be deemed a legal corporate action, except as noted in Article XI.

ARTICLE V - Board of Directors

Sec. 1. The business, property, and affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of either 7 or 9 persons (at the discretion of the Board) elected by the assembly, and who shall be Charter or General members. Each member of the Board shall hold office during the term for which he is elected and until his successor is elected.

- Sec. 2. At all annual elections two or three directors shall be elected by the voting membership for a term of three years to succeed the two or three Directors whose term(s) have expired; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the election of a Director to succeed himself.
- Sec. 3. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining Directors. Each person so appointed to fill that vacancy shall remain a director until that specific term expires,
- Sec. 4. When a majority of the Directors shall consent collectively in writing to any action to be taken by the corporation, such action shall be as valid corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors. All Board action must be a majority decision.
- Sec. 5. The Board shall not make or alter any by-law or by-laws fixing the qualifications, classifications or term of office of any member or members of the Board.
- Sec. 6. Meetings of the Board shall be held upon the call of the President, or upon the call of any other two members of the Board. Each member of the Board shall be notified at least five business days in advance of the time, place, and purpose of all meetings. The dates, time, and place of regular Board meetings shall be determined by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - Expenditures by Board of Directors

- Sec. 1. The Board of Directors shall not authorize more than the necessary percentage of the membership dues collected in any one year to be used for expenses of the organization. Not less than the total of the percentage left of the dues received each year,, and all of the net receipts from sources other than membership dues shall be used exclusively for designated improvements and unforeseen needs that require immediate action. There shall be no deficit spending by the Association
- A) Designated improvements - proposed improvements for the following year presented by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting and approved by the general assembly present.
- B) Unforeseen needs - needs that from time to time occur during the course of a year that cannot be presented at the annual meeting. These expenditures shall be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII - Officers

- Sec. 1. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the corporation shall be elected by, and from, the members of the Board of Directors. The Board may combine any two of the above named offices, and may elect one person to fill such combined office, except that the office of President shall not be combined with any other Board office. Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors.
- Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all membership and Board meetings. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all such meetings and shall have custody of the association's records. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the associations' funds.
- Sec. 3. The Board may act to appoint such other officers and agents as the Board from time to time shall deem necessary,
- Sec. 4. The Board may require any officer or agent to file a bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - Execution of Documents

- Sec. 1. All checks, drafts, and orders for payment shall be signed in the name of the corporation and shall be signed by such officers or agents as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate for that purpose.
- Sec. 2. When the execution of any deed, contract, or other document has been authorized by the Board without designating the executing officer, the same shall be signed by the President or Vice President and Secretary or Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX - Quorum

- Sec. 1. Quorum of Members; 70% of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 2. Quorum of Directors; Majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum,

ARTICLE X - Voting

Sec. 1. At meetings of the members, each Charter or General member of the Corporation shall be entitled to one vote either in person or by proxy.

Sec. 2. No proxy for any member shall be deemed valid unless in writing and signed by the member. A written proxy shall be deemed operative for only one meeting, including any adjournment thereof.

ARTICLE XI - Amendment of By-laws

Sec. 1. These by-laws may be amended, altered, changed, added to, or repealed by the affirmative vote of a quorum of the members entitled to vote at any regular meeting of the members if notice of the proposed amendment, alteration, change, addition or repeal be contained in the notice of the meeting.

These by-laws shall not be effective until approved by a quorum of the Charter Members.

Charter Members

Christen Hagen	John T. Hayes
William Kivell	Robert Mason
Robert Noffze	Richard Paris
William Sandell	Gerald Zorsch

Notes:

1. These Articles and Bylaws were originally filed with the State of Michigan on 01 April 1976.
2. These Articles and Bylaws were amended by the membership in 1977 and changes were filed with the State of Michigan on 14 March 1977.
3. These Articles and Bylaws were amended by the membership in 1981.
4. These Articles and Bylaws were reviewed and corrected by the membership at the 2004 Annual Meeting

Resolutions of the Board

Resolved 02 March 1984 – The Great Lakes Maritime Academy Alumni Association will offer a scholarship to an engine and a deck cadet annually. The amount of the scholarship will be adjusted each year, to reflect the Associations financial condition.

Resolved 04 March 1989 – The Great Lakes Maritime Academy Alumni Association neither condones nor condemns any action by its members individually; as such actions do not reflect the opinions of the Association.

Resolved 21 February 1997 – The President shall have the authority to approve the spending of up to a total of \$200 per year on misc. expenses without the approval of the Board.