



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (founded 1903)
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VADM John R. Ryan, USN (ret)
President
State University of New York Maritime College
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Dear VADM Ryan:

The Alumni Association has continued to support the Maritime College and, at the same time, used its best efforts to conclude an agreement with SUNY. In the interim, we have provided Summer Sea Term scholarship money to a number of needy Cadets, made a contribution to the shipboard quality of life fund and awarded several academic year scholarships in the name of distinguished alumni.

Additionally, we have received calls from college staff requesting much needed scholarship money. We have done our best to accommodate these requests, but as you can imagine this arrangement is not trouble free, given the current situation. There are simple issues relating to the documentation of and our accountability to the membership and to the donors of directed gifts, that scholarships and grants were awarded in accordance with their directions, as well as our ability to respond to such college requests in a timely manner. Also, we would prefer to avoid scheduling conflicts between the College and the Alumni Association, which would be to the benefit of all concerned.

I am writing to suggest a meeting to discuss this matter, and to explore ways in which we might be able to work together on a number of issues until such time as an agreement with SUNY is concluded. If such meeting is agreeable to you, I can make myself available at a mutually convenient time and location. My business telephone number is 516 741 4108 and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Francis X. Gallo
President