



**To:** Members of the Association of Marine Underwriters of San Francisco

**From:** Tom Deist, *President*

### **Annual Report of the President**

It is my privilege and pleasure to report on the activities of your Association for the past year.

The 2016 Banquet Committee, led by Marla Saltzstine (Chairperson), arranged another wonderful event held on the evening of December 2, 2016; a total of 246 members and guests attended. We thank Marla Saltzstine and the Association members who assisted, including Mireya Rodriguez (Deputy Chairperson), Marie Meadows, Sean McCormick, Eunice Lyons, Anthony Nguyen, Deyon Rock, Rafaela Bustamante, Jonathan Khuong and Michael Sjerven. The 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner will be Friday, **December 1, 2017** at the Park Central (formerly Westin SF) in San Francisco.

For the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Association presented a check of \$5,000 to the California Maritime Academy (CMA) scholarship fund. Franz Lozano – Vice President of Administration and Finance attended and graciously accepted our donation on behalf of the CMA.

The 2016 Association Golf and Mini-Golf Tournaments and Dinner were held on June 24, 2016 at the Chardonnay Golf Club and Skandia, respectively. The Golf Committee, led by Marie Meadows (Chairperson) put together a great event attended by 46 golfers for the 87<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament. Association members who assisted included Annette Ing-Firmeza, Sean McCormick, Greg Kelson, Bill Fowler, Julie Vogele, Venessa Cool and Gerald Ramos. Julie Vogele chaired the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Miniature Golf outing on the same day, 12 golfers attended. Thank you to all who sponsored a hole, provided refreshments and to those who donated golf and door prizes for the raffle which followed dinner. The 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner will be on Friday, **June 9, 2017** at Chardonnay Golf Club in Sonoma, California. The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Miniature Golf day will be on the same day at Skandia.

The Education Committee, chaired by Josh Kirsch, held 4 classes in 2016, one of which was a joint class with SF Marine Claims Association. Josh is planning 4 classes for 2017. In addition to the value of the classes themselves, the 3 AMUSF classes provided California Department of Insurance Continuing Education credits for attendees who successfully completed the course(s). The Association continues to offer the Marine Insurance Glossary in print, cd and through our Website (AMUSF). Education continues to be a focus of the AMUSF as it is a key mission of Association.

The Charitable Giving Committee, chaired by Julie Vogele, identified relevant and appropriate marine related charities for the Association to consider. The Association donated a total of \$10,000, to these worthy causes including the \$5,000 to the CMA. Charitable giving is another illustration of the Association's focus on our mission and commitment to the community.



Russ Light led the year's 5 social events held at the Sapphire Café on Sacramento Street and Marengo on the Alley. These events were very well attended with approximately 30 to 40 members at each. Russ has graciously agreed to coordinate the social events for the upcoming year. The first social event is scheduled for Tuesday **February 7, 2017**. Additional details of the event will be announced separately, so watch for an email announcement and or regularly check our website <http://www.amusf.com/amusf-calendar/amusf-so> for details.

The 2017 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **November 28, 2017** at 10:30 a.m. at Markel, 201 California Street, Suite 1450, San Francisco, CA.

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner of the Association will be on Friday, **December 1, 2017** at Park Central Hotel. Marla Saltzstine (assisted by Mireya Rodriguez) is already making plans for another successful event. Please join us for the reception at 5:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm. To maintain active membership your membership dues must be paid before the dinner, regardless of whether or not you attend the dinner.

It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Association for the 2015-2016 year. Thank you to all the Association members and the Executive Committee: Bang Sin (Vice President), Marie Meadows (Secretary), Sean McCormick (Treasurer) and directors Alexis Brittain, Kathleen Creedon, Russ Light, Carter Helm, Taylor Peterson, Veronica Lopez, Julie Vogel and Josh Kirsch who contributed time and energy throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Deist  
President  
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