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MINISTRY WITH MARINERS

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Why such a small issue?

It isn't hard to see that this issue of Waterlines is very abbreviated. This is due to several reasons, but the most significant one is that we are attempting to save money. By combining this basic information together with the annual mailing of membership information and dues, we can do it all in one mailing, rather than two. There have been other factors as well, most of them personal, which have prevented me from getting an issue out earlier.

So what has been happening since the Spring issue was received? The first most obvious thing is the slowdown of the economy. That slowdown has been visible in that fewer ships mean fewer seafarers. That in itself doesn't reduce your workload because the seafarer's needs still remain. It might mean, in fact, you are able to spend more time with an individual than when there are more of them. The second impact is seen in the slowdown of donations. I even see it in that while I go to pick up the mail in Niagara Falls, NY, each week, the box is often empty.

We did experience a very good National Maritime Day in Washington in May with a reasonable attendance. More were present at World Maritime Day in New York in the Fall. The focus was on the environment and how it affects the maritime industry. Since this was a world-parallel event with the IMO (UN), there were at least 300 delegates from the industry present. Of course, this provides excellent opportunities for networking. It was also a good opportunity to learn about how the changing environment is impacting the design of ships and ultimately seafarers themselves.

What can be said negatively about NAMMAC 2009 in Houston last June? Absolutely nothing negative! It was simply a great conference and great conferences don't come simply or easily. Much praise should be given to the Houston and Galveston area folks for their hard work. NAMMA itself was able to remain financially solvent through the fall and early winter thanks to the generosity from the Houston chaplains and the organizations that sponsored the conference. The donation of the surplus is greatly appreciated.

Later in the summer, Houston and Galveston again became involved with NAMMA when they represented us at the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) in Galveston. David Wells reported that there were fewer people at the conference than he had expected and wondered about its value to NAMMA. The downturn in attendance was certainly related to the

negative economy. But since this was one of our few appearances at an AAPA meeting in several years, it was good for NAMMA to have been present, particularly in light of the fact that we had no presence at the previous year in Alaska, although we had hoped to be able to go. Next year's conference is in Halifax so we will have another opportunity to be present using local people to represent us.

After World Maritime Day in New York, I was able to represent NAMMA at ICMA's consultative forum, the AGM, and the Executive Committee meeting in Helsinki, Finland. It wasn't quite the land of the mid-night sun at the end of October and it was warmer than we had expected. It was just above freezing!

I have heard some grumbings via the grapevine from individuals who are questioning the value of NAMMA's involvement in the workings of ICMA. Yes, it expensive, and yes, the meetings are held in far-away places. Far from North America that is. Not so far for our European missions. But I hear you grumble, "NAMMA doesn't have any world-wide ministries." Well, maybe not in actual members, but many of our chaplaincies are related through parent organizations to our world-wide "cousins" in port ministry.

But there is another more important reason and that's historical. NAMMA was a founding partner when ICMA was formed forty years ago. That's why NAMMA has a permanent place on ICMA's executive committee. Is the need for ICMA any less today than in 1969? Since ICMA represents chaplains and missions primarily from European background, these same Europeans (or their ancestors) make up the backbone for the missions in Asia and Africa. South American countries are just beginning to work together ecumenically. They need help in doing so and some of that help comes from ICMA. Douglas Stevenson from SCI (NY & NJ) is the current ICMA president but he is on the board not because SCI is a member of NAMMA, but because SCI itself is a co-opted member of ICMA. ICMA is important historically and for the future. I'd not like to hear in a few years, that NAMMA has reverted to isolationism as characterized in the USA at the beginning of WW II. Those of you work in US ports see the effects of isolationism every time you use your TWIC and I might add that there would never have been a church in Europe or the Americas had not Christians in an earlier time moved away from home to be missionaries.

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(Contact the Executive Secretary if you are unable to use this site.)

NAMMA'S NEW MEMBERSHIP-BASE WEBSITE

In December of 2009, I began sending individual emails to the people whose names appear on our new website. We have set this website up as a service to our membership. Each person in the system has access through his/her own individual email. If you share an email with others at your center, then only one of you will be able to log on, usually the center manager or administrator. However, most people can get a free email address through Google or Hotmail or Yahoo. If you need help ask the nearest 11-year-old.

Once you have your own particular email address, send it to me and I will enter it into the system. I'll send you a return email when I've done that. The next step is, after you have received confirmation from me, you need to enter your email address in the "log in" box at the upper right. Then click on "forgot my password". The webmaster will send you a form on which you can select your own password. Next, send it back to them (not me) and try to log in again, this time using your email and your password. Now, you're on the website.

You can click whenever you want to find out what's going on. One thing you will want to do is to click on "My Profile". This will allow you to access the information I have entered on your behalf. If I've made an error, you can correct it on-line yourself. If, next week you change your email address or move, you can go on-line and make the appropriate change. You can even add your pictures or pictures of your center. Check out my profile or my wife's and see us in living color.

While you can see other people's profiles, you won't have access to them. I am able open all the profiles, because I'm the administrator.

Besides listing profiles and events, there is a place for blogging. After the system gets more underway, we hope to expand to include the ability to pay your dues on-line, to register and pay for NAMMAC conferences, or even make a donation to NAMMA's emergency relief fund which is in need of money so we can meet the next emergency after sending money to American Samoa.

Who is included? Everyone affiliated with a paid up NAMMA agency (if you are not as an individual ministry, associate, or lifetime member, I've identified you as a mailing member.) Members of our Industry Advisory Board are called IAB. We also list agencies, subsidiary agencies, associate, donor, IAB, ICMA, lifetime, mailing, ministry, ministry (reduced), a couple of non-members like ITF, and several retired persons.

You are probably wondering what a subsidiary agency is. Some agencies have a parent one with several off-site locations. The off-site ones are the subsidiary ones. For example, Seafarer's Friend -Portland is a subsidiary of Seafaer's Friend - Boston. Reduced members haven't lost weight or are of lesser importance. Instead they are the members who pay the lower membership rate because they work for a member agency. Some categories you will see are not members of NAMMA as an organization, but they are affiliated with NAMMA in some way, so I have assigned them categories. If you are not a paid member or affiliated with a paid-up agency, you are not listed in this website. It is intended only for NAMMA members.

The website as it exists today, is based on NAMMA's membership agencies and individuals in my membership database for 2009. Of course, as soon as the annual dues start coming in, I will update who has paid and update the membership status.

NAMMA Dues for 2010

- Dues are computed and accepted in U.S. dollars. We cannot process checks in Canadian funds.
- Dues for 2010 are requested as soon as possible, but **must be postmarked by March 31, 2010** to entitle voting at the 2010 Annual Plenary. **THIS DEADLINE IS MANDATED BY THE NAMMA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.** However, dues will be accepted at any time.

___ Agency Member -- The dues are 0.2% of agency annual budget _____
 for agencies with budgets greater than \$175,000 US
One agency vote in NAMMA Plenary Meeting

___ Agency Member -- Agencies with budgets less than \$175,000 US **\$ 350.00**
One agency vote in NAMMA Plenary Meeting (Please note the increased amount)

___ Ministry Member **-affiliated with a NAMMA Agency Member* whose 2010 dues are paid** \$ 75.00
One member vote in NAMMA Plenary Meeting (Please use a separate form for each ministry member)

___ Ministry Member **-not affiliated with a member agency** \$ 100.00
One member vote in NAMMA Plenary Meeting (Please use a separate form for each ministry member)

___ Associate Member (Use a separate form for each associate member) \$ 50.00
No member vote in NAMMA Plenary Meeting

___ Additional donation to NAMMA _____
 NAMMA is incorporated as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity under the laws of the State of New York and the regulations of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Donations are tax deductible in the USA.

Make checks to “North American Maritime Ministry Association” or “NAMMA” and return to:
 Canadian Address: 13-159 Canboro Road, Fonthill, ON L0S 1E5, **OR**
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Your Name: _____

If you are claiming the reduced membership rate because you are associated with a dues-paying agency which is paid-up for 2010 please state the name of the agency so your claim may be verified.* Please Note: For example, the AOS is *NOT* an agency, rather it is considered to be a denomination. By agency, we mean the ministry center from which you work or the one with which you are associated. **Also, please print legibly

*Associated Agency: _____

Your Address: (Personal or Agency) _____
 Circle one

_____ City State or Province Zip or Postal Code

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 (CIRCLE ONE)

-----Please make any database changes at <http://namma.memberlodge.com> and send me a copy of the changes. If you are not yet on the new membership system, send me your unique email address and I will sign you in.

NAMMA Receives \$5000 Anonymous Donation from Industry

In a letter dated December 11, 2009 the donor wrote, “We are always interested in organizations which attend to the needs of the Maritime Industry, N.A.M.M.A. is one such organization which can be very proud of assisting the men and women who serve this industry under sometimes hazardous working conditions.

The Board of NAMMA publically thanks the donor for this gift and the commendation accompanying it. As we move into 2010, we pray we may daily be found worthy of such trust in every one of our ministry centers and by all of the various chaplains and ship visitors.



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Calendar of Coming Events

Winter Board Meeting - January 19 and 20, 2010 - New Orleans, LA

Houston School - Febraury 21 - March 5, 2010 - Houston, TX

Shipping 2010 (CMA) - March 22-24 - Stamford, CT

Date for NAMMA dues to be paid if you want to vote at NAMMAC 2010 - March 31, 2010

Executive Committee - ICMA - May 6 and 7, 2010 - London, UK

AoS-USA Conference - May 11-14, 2010 - Niagara Falls, ON

National Maritime Day - May ? (Check websites for date and details)

NAMMA Board Meeting - August 8 and 9, 2010 - Vancouver, WA (across the river from Portland, OR)

NAMMAC 2010 - August 9-12, 2010 (an extra day this year!) - Vancouver, WA (Portland, OR airport)

AAPA 2010 - September 19-23, 2010 - Halifax, NS

ICMA -Consultive Fom, AGM, Executive Meeting - October (check the website for date and details)

World Maritime Day - October - (check the website for date and details)