

Port of Tampa Maritime Industries Association elects new Board of Directors and Officers

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Port of Tampa Maritime Industries Association (PTMIA) is pleased to introduce the Association's Officers & Directors elected for 2019-2020. These leaders ensure the organization meets the needs of its members so PTMIA can fulfill its mission of supporting the stakeholders in the Port of Tampa and increasing public awareness of the important role port businesses play in the local economy.

Tim Shusta, President from 2007 to 2019, remains on the Board. He stated: "serving as president of the PTMIA has presented some interesting issues and challenges. I appreciate the support I have had from our members and look forward working with Bill to continue to advocate for our members and the Hillsborough Port District."

Incoming President, Bill Kuzmick is excited about the growth of the Port of Tampa and is looking forward to continuing collaborative efforts with Port Tampa Bay CEO Paul Anderson and his team to help to increase the number of ships calling at the port and increase cargo tonnage.

"Tim Shusta has been the backbone of the PTMIA for more than twelve years and has guided the organization through some critical times, helping to make the Port of Tampa a more vibrant economic driver under his leadership. I'm honored to take the reins from Tim and look forward to continued success with a tremendously talented and dedicated Board of Directors." Bill Kuzmick, Incoming President.

OFFICERS

Bill Kuzmick, President – American Victory Ship

Brady Breaux, Vice President - Mosaic

Tony Cuva, Secretary – Bajo Cuva Cohen & Turkel

Kenneth (K.C.) Misemer, Treasurer – Hancock Whitney

DIRECTORS

Shipping & Transport

Tom Milliner, Seabulk

TBD, Overseas Shipping Group

Shipyards

John Gallagher, Gulf Marine Repair

Debra Pasquale, International Ship Repair

Terminal Operators

Pete Earnest, Satco

Brady Breaux, Mosaic

Phil Massie, Yara North America

Passenger Vessels/Ferries

Bill Kuzmick, American Victory Ship

Troy Manthey, Yacht Starship

Ship Agents/Nvoccs

Arthur Savage, A.R. Savage & Son

Contractors, Subcontractors

Dennis Manelli, Hendry Marine Industries

Russell Lancaster, Interbay Coatings

Service Providers and Vendors

Kenneth Misemer, Hancock Bank

Conrad Palermo, Amerisafety, Inc.

Professionals

Tim Shusta, Phelps Dunbar, LLP

Harry Costello, Hill & Knowlton

Tony Cuva, Bajo Cuva Cohen & Turkel

Associate Members

Rick Watts

Jere White

Port of Tampa Maritime Industries Association, (PTMIA) was created on June 24,

2003 as a Florida Non-Profit corporation to further the economic interests of the Tampa Port District's

tenants and users. One of its distinguishing features is that its membership is comprised and represents

local companies rather than individuals. Qualifying businesses can join [online](#).