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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers to serve the next business year, starting in July, was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors & Post President, and an official election by the membership will be held to ratify the Board's decision at our June 9 monthly luncheon. Following is the list of candidates:

COL Stephen F. Murphy, USA -----President
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The new slate of officers will be installed at the upcoming monthly luncheon on July 14, 2021.

We cordially invite you and encourage your attendance to join us in this event and celebrate a very successful year in furthering your professional development.

Charles E. Settoon, PE
Chairman, Nominating Committee

HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION

This month's meeting will be hosted by Marrero, Couvillon & Associates.

We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm's experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let's continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND NEWS

MEMBER INFORMATION

LOUISIANA POST MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021

SOCIAL – 11:30 A.M.

POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.

- LOCATION:** JEFFERSON ORLEANS SOUTH
2536 EDENBORN AVE.
METAIRIE, LA 70002
- GUEST SPEAKER:** SEAN M. DUFFY, SR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BIG RIVER
COALITION, EXECUTIVE VP, LA MARITIME ASSOCIATION
- TOPIC:** MISSISSIPPI RIVER SHIP CHANNEL NAVIGATION
& DEEPENING UPDATE
- MENU:** SALAD, LASAGNA, STRING BEANS
DESSERT, ICED TEA & COFFEE
- COST:** \$30.00 MEMBERS; \$35.00 NON-MEMBERS; \$5.00 STUDENTS
- RESERVATIONS:** FOR RESERVATIONS VIA E-MAIL:
jsnape@batture-eng.com
YOU MAY ALSO CALL JENNY AT (504) 533-8644
- OR MAIL PAYMENT TO:** SAME, LOUISIANA POST
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KENNER, LA 70065-2345

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 3:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 8th

THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH

DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.

Sean M. Duffy, Sr.
Executive Director, Big River Coalition
Executive Vice President, Louisiana Maritime Association



The Big River Coalition is committed to ensuring the future of navigation on the Mississippi River Ship Channel (MRSC) as one of the nation’s fundamental natural resources and true economic powerhouse. The Mississippi River and Tributaries has an estimated annual impact of \$735 billion on the nation’s economy and is responsible for 2.4 million jobs (585,000 jobs on the Lower River – Cairo, IL to the Gulf of Mexico and over 1.86 million jobs on the Upper River – Lake Itasca, MN to Cairo, IL when including the IL River).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Executive Director, Big River Coalition: 2011-Present

“Advocating for a Mightier Mississippi River”

The Big River Coalition (BRC) is committed to protecting maritime commerce across the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MRT). The BRC focuses on maximizing efficient transportation on the deep-draft ship channel from Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico. As concerns grow regarding the future management of the Mississippi River system, efforts have been increased to help reduce and/or prevent adverse impacts related to flood protection, protecting water supplies, recreational boating, fishing, invasive species, coastal restoration, and minimizing the negative impacts of runoff and pollutants. It is vitally critical to the nation’s economy that navigation remains unimpeded. The best economic estimates available indicate that the MRT has an annual impact of over \$735 billion on the economy of the United States. It is imperative that as visions of the future of the MRT are shaped, navigation representatives strive to ensure that systematic approaches protect maritime trade by maintaining fully authorized channel dimensions while also updating and maintaining our navigation infrastructure, specifically the locks and dams along the MRT. The Big River Coalition’s missions are focused on securing increased funding from the Harbor Maintenance Tax and the Inland Users Fuel Tax, efforts to deepen the Lower Mississippi River to 50 feet and to increase the beneficial use of dredge material or “sediment recycling.”

The Big River Coalition is at the forefront of efforts to deepen the Mississippi River Ship Channel to 50 feet. Mr. Duffy also serves as the Executive Vice President/Maritime Advocate for the BRC’s parent company, the New Orleans Steamship Association d.b.a. Louisiana Maritime Association.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT:

As a proponent for the local maritime industry, Mr. Duffy has provided written and oral testimony to federal and state Congressional committees and the President's Oil Spill Commission to advocate for channel maintenance of the Mississippi River and Tributaries. Previous employment includes executive management positions with experience as a Boarding Agent, Deckhand, Stevedore General Superintendent and Marine Surveyor. Mr. Duffy is intimately familiar with obstacles faced by the maritime industry, both nationally and regionally, and has been recognized for his efforts to deepen the Mississippi River Ship Channel and to promote coastal restoration through the beneficial use of dredge material.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS and APPOINTED POSITIONS:

- * National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Federal Advisory Committee Hydrographic Services Review Panel
Co-Chairman
- * Minority Whip Congressman Steve Scalise's Maritime Advisory Group
- * Committee of 100 – Louisiana's Business Roundtable
- * Louisiana's Governor Office: Governor's Advisory Commission on
Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation
- * Making Sense of Sensors Alliance: Chairman
- * Mississippi Valley Trade and Transport Council: Board of Directors
- * National Waterways Conference: Board of Directors
- * Louisiana Transportation and Supply Chain Council
- * National Association of Maritime Organization Board of Directors
[President 2008-2011, V.P. Gulf of Mexico 2011-On]
- * Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Freight
Advisory Council
- * Propeller Club Port of New Orleans
- * Mississippi River Basin Stakeholder Advisory Team
(USACE and Institute of Waterways Resources)
- * United States Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley New Orleans
Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Subcommittee Chairman
- * America's Watershed Initiative, Steering Committee
- * Realize America's Maritime Promise (Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
Fairness Coalition), Executive Committee Member
- * World Trade Center of New Orleans Transportation Committee

MARITIME AWARDS:

- * Global Maritime Ministries'
2018 Crystal Lighthouse Award as Maritime Person of the Year
- * American Shore and Beach Preservation Association's
2016 Coastal Innovator Award