

NMTA TRUSTEE NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY QUESTIONNAIRE

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BACKGROUND and INTERESTS

Date of Birth: ___ Sept 2nd. 1989 _____

Education: ___ Masters degree in international maritime transportation . ___

Degrees Masters_

Hobbies or other non-work interests: _ I enjoy running, reading philosophy and health-related books, and traveling. Discovering new places and cultures is probably my most expensive hobby, but also one of the most inspiring.

What are your current job responsibilities: At APC : Vendor Network Development: Build and manage a diverse vendor base of dealers, shipyards, marinas, and service providers.

Customer Growth & Relationship Management: Expand new business opportunities while strengthening long-term client loyalty and repeat business.

Lead Management & Sales Collaboration: Oversaw leads in CRM, ensuring accurate tracking, timely follow-ups, and seamless collaboration with sales and operations teams.

Operations Oversight: Coordinated logistics for larger yachts and boats, liaising with carriers, ports, and service providers while resolving operational challenges.

Market Engagement & Representation: Represent the company at international expos, trade shows, and networking events, while aligning with marketing to enhance visibility and brand presence.

Industry Knowledge: Stay ahead of evolving market trends in yacht and boat logistics to inform strategy and drive growth

Past Work Experience: At FMT yacht transport: Oct 2020- Sept 2025. Miami FL

Coordinate and manage liner services, ensuring seamless yacht transport and loading via liner and chartered vessels.

Oversee end-to-end shipping operations, including processing, coordination, and status updates

for clients.

Maintain comprehensive records and enforce operational checklists to optimize efficiency. Liaise with surveyors, inspectors, agents, ship brokers, truckers, storage terminals, and internal departments to ensure smooth physical operations.

Manage correspondence with ship and cargo owners, verifying laytime calculations and preparing invoices.

Draft and oversee contracts, ensuring compliance and accuracy.

Organize at least five annual boat show events, including international participation at yacht shows in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, in collaboration with marketing for promotional materials and event feedback.

Business development, building relationships with brokers, marinas, and manufacturers across the regions, successfully set up accounts with key industry partners.

Arrange interviews and magazine features for the CEO, enhancing company visibility.

Past Work Experience : Used to work for Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia
March 2021- April 2023

During my time with the Chamber of Shipping of British Columbia, I supported several operational and research initiatives related to the regional shipping industry. My responsibilities included processing vessel traffic data and preparing analytical reports that supported industry monitoring and decision-making. I also coordinated the daily distribution of the regional grain vessel list, ensuring timely communication with industry stakeholders. In addition, I contributed to research projects and assisted with administrative and financial tasks, including managing receivables for the Chamber and its affiliated associations. I also supported initiatives related to seafarer welfare, including coordination of vaccination procedures, and assisted with activities connected to the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation, which plays an important role in spill response and environmental protection.

The Chamber itself brings together shipping companies, maritime service providers, and other stakeholders to support the safe and efficient movement of cargo through British Columbia's ports .

Past Board Experience (including NMTA):_N/A

How long have you been a member of this Association?_about 3 years with the FMT company and about 3 months with the Atlantic Project Cargo

Have you volunteered for this Association before? Yes _____ No x

In what capacity did you serve? N/A_

Have you held a leadership position on a Board in the past? Yes: _____ No: x

Name of Organization: _____ **Position** _____

Why would you like to be a member of the NMTA Board of Trustees? ___

I would like to serve on the NMTA Board of Trustees to contribute to the growth and collaboration within the marine industry. Through my work in yacht transportation and logistics,

I see how important strong connections between marinas, service providers, and boat owners are. I am also very curious and motivated to continue developing within the industry, and I believe serving on the Board would be a valuable opportunity to both contribute and learn.

What, in your opinion, are the NMTA's strengths and weaknesses? In my view one of NMTA's key strengths is its role as a unifying platform for the recreational marine industry in the Pacific Northwest. The association has built a strong reputation through industry events, advocacy, and programs that support both businesses and boaters. By creating opportunities for collaboration among marinas, service providers, manufacturers, and boating enthusiasts, NMTA plays an important role in sustaining and growing the regional marine community.

At the same time, as the marine sector continues to evolve, there may be opportunities for NMTA to further expand its engagement with emerging areas of the industry. For example, strengthening connections with sectors such as marine logistics, international yacht movement, and new marine technologies could broaden the association's perspective and create additional value for members. In addition, continuing to attract younger professionals and new entrants to the industry will be important for maintaining long-term vitality.

Overall, NMTA has a strong foundation and respected voice within the industry, and I believe that building on this foundation while embracing new perspectives and industry segments can further strengthen its impact.

What issues are important to our organization in the short term? In the short term, I believe several issues are particularly important for the organization. One is continuing to strengthen engagement with members and ensuring that NMTA remains highly relevant and valuable to businesses across the marine sector. Maintaining strong industry events, educational opportunities, and networking platforms will continue to be important.

Another key issue is supporting sustainable growth in recreational boating while addressing evolving challenges such as workforce development, marina capacity, and regulatory changes affecting the marine industry. Advocacy and collaboration with local and regional stakeholders will remain essential in this area.

Finally, attracting and engaging the next generation of marine professionals and boating enthusiasts is critical for the long-term health of the industry. Expanding outreach, mentorship, and opportunities for younger professionals can help ensure continued vitality for the marine community.

in the long term? In the long term, let's say 5-10 years ahead - I believe NMTA's focus should be on ensuring the continued vitality and relevance of the recreational marine industry in the Pacific Northwest. This includes supporting sustainable growth in boating while balancing environmental stewardship, waterfront access, and responsible marina development.

Another important long-term priority is strengthening the industry's talent pipeline. Encouraging younger professionals to enter the marine sector, supporting education and workforce development, and creating opportunities for mentorship will help ensure that the industry continues to evolve and remain competitive.

In addition, as the marine sector becomes increasingly interconnected globally, there may be opportunities for NMTA to further strengthen relationships with international markets and emerging marine services. Expanding awareness of new technologies, logistics solutions, and evolving boating trends can help members remain adaptive and resilient in a changing industry. Overall, maintaining a strong, collaborative marine community while embracing innovation and new perspectives will be key to NMTA's long-term success.

Members of the NMTA Board of Trustees are requested to serve on one or more NMTA committees. Whether or not you are chosen to serve as a Trustee, you may serve on other committees. Which of the following committees would be of most interest to you? Mark in order of preference: (1) = first choice (10) = no interest

BOAT SHOW _5__

BOATYARD 4__

FISH _10__

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS _2_

GROW BOATING ___

MARINA ___

MEMBERSHIP __3__

PAC ___

SUPERYACHT _1__

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