

At the Helm



From MIACC Board of Directors

We are now accepting nominations for the 2021 MIACC Board of Directors. There is ONE open board seat available. If you are interested in filling this position, or would like to nominate someone for this position, please email Tiffany Schank **before October 30th** at director@miacc.org.

MIACC Board of Directors meet monthly, typically on the first Tuesday of the month. Board members are also expected to attend the bi-monthly membership meetings and other MIACC events, including some Chamber and community events. FIRST NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that the election to fill vacancies on the Board of



Directors of Marine Industries Association of Collier County, Inc. will be held during the Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. at the Naples Boat Club Clubhouse, located at 909 10th St. South, Naples, FL 34102.



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Welcome Aboard New Members:

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Invite a new member to the Next membership meeting And earn a free meeting ON US!

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Member News



"Here we Grow Again" - Freedom Waters Foundation

"Why can't we go nationwide?"

That was the question that the current Board of Directors of Freedom Waters Foundation asked themselves at their annual strategic meeting. And, the enthusiastic response was, "We can and let's do it!" So, new goals, new energy, new visions of serving many more individuals with special needs, life threatening illnesses, youth at risk and veterans.

In addition, Freedom Waters Foundation has three new people on their crew to help achieve the above goal while still serving our home communities.

So, please meet our new crew members: Debra Jordan, Operations Manager; Sue Davison, Development Director/Consultant; and Mary Mausen, Program Coordinator.

Debra Jordan, Operations Manager

Debra is a newcomer to the Naples area and Freedom Waters Foundation. She and her husband Steve moved to Naples In May 2020. After vacationing in the area several times, they fell in love with the beaches, warm weather, and coastal lifestyle and decided

to make Naples their permanent home.

Debra grew up in the Boston area, moved to New Hampshire to raise her son, spent some time in Lynchburg, VA where she met her husband, Steve and then returned to Cape Cod, MA for a while to spend time with family and now has found her joy in Naples.

She has over twenty years' experience serving in non-profit organizations. Debra served as the Executive Director of several public housing authorities providing housing and services to low income families, veterans, seniors and disabled people. She has a strong financial background, grant writing experience, management experience and has served on several non-profit boards. Debra holds a Bachelor's Degree from Stonehill College, a Master's Degree in Education from Antioch University and an Executive Director Certification from Rutgers University. Prior to her non-profit service, Debra served as V.P. of Finance in the private sector.

In her spare time, she enjoys going to the beach, kayaking, boating, meeting new friends, traveling, and spending time with family.

Debra loves helping people and making a difference in people's lives. She especially enjoys spending time with children and seniors, problem solving, and finding a way to overcome obstacles. She is very excited and grateful for this new adventure in her life and being part of the team at Freedom Waters Foundation.

Sue Davison, Development Director/Consultant

Sue Davison is a philanthropy consultant specializing in fund development planning, board and staff training, and major gifts cultivation and stewardship strategies. During her 30+ year career, Sue has worked in development positions at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Connecticut and the United Way. She has served in senior staff roles at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Museums, Hartford Stage and Neighborhood Music School. Recent clients include the Coast Guard Academy, Girl Scouts of Connecticut, The Legacy Theatre and Neighborhood Music School, all located in Connecticut. Sue recently moved to Naples, Florida with her fiancé John and their dog Koko, and enjoys running, hiking, swimming, kayaking and gardening. She is currently working as a development consultant with Freedom Waters Foundation in Naples and is an active member of the Newcomers Club of South Naples.

Mary Mausen, Program Coordinator

My name is Mary Mausen and I'm a Naples, FL native and U.S. Air Force veteran. During my time in the service I worked as a Financial Services and Analysis Supervisor. I also had the privilege of travelling around the world to various bases in the United States, Europe, and Middle East. After 8 years of Active Duty, I decided it was time to come back home to my family and earn my BA in Psychology at FGCU. When I'm not in school, I enjoy fishing, riding horses, biking, shopping, laying on the beach, and spending time with my Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Belle. Serving others is my passion and I'm beyond thrilled to be apart of such an amazing mission and organization.

We are slowly and safely doing boat outings with our participants, so if you would like to volunteer your time and use of your vessel, we would love to share this wonderful experience of serving others with you. Thank you for your ongoing support. www.freedomwatersfoundation.org





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MIPAC 3rd Quarter Contributions

Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens

In 2002 the Marine Industries Association of Collier County formed a Political Action Committee named Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens (MIPAC). This action was taken so that we can support issues and legislative candidates who assist the goals and purposes of the marine industries community.

On a quarterly basis, the MIPAC seeks donations of \$50.00 from each member. The MIPAC's mis-

Upcoming Events

Christmas Boat Parade Naples Boat Show Kids Fishing Clinic Docktail Party sions and goals are to act upon problematic issues that must be addressed at the legislative level for the growth and protection of the marine industry. Monies collected from the MIPAC donations are used in supporting political decision makers that will tackle the very issues that affect all members of our industry. As a good steward of our member's donations, MIPAC adheres to uniform contribution criteria when determining how much and



The MIACC represents you, the marine business owner and your business interests to the government and to the public. At a time when government regulations are expanding, the MIACC is striving to work with government - locally, statewide and nationally to protect equally all marine business concerns. Our goal is to inform our members how their business will be affected and how solutions can be reached if new regulations are at odds with marine business interests. In addition, it is equally important to work with the public in preserving their right to safe and fun boating. The MIACC works with educators and safety organizations to educate the public to practice safe boating. The MIACC also encourages members to put in place hands-on environmental business practices that will prevent pollution and damage to our coastal waters thus protecting boaters' enjoyment of healthy waterways and ensuring a sustainable future for the environment and the marine industry.

to which candidate assistance is allocated.

MIPAC will educate you about the political landscape and issues facing our organization and will strategize political impact. In addition, the committee is always open to suggestions, questions and comments.

Please send your quarterly donations to MIPAC, PO Box 9887, Naples, Florida 34101



3rd Quarter Contribution Requests

Make Checks Payable to MIPAC!

December 12th January 21-24, 2021 March 6, 2021 April 9-11, 2021

