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PRESIDENT'S REPORT
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Dear Membership,

It has been my pleasure to serve as the President of the Board of Marine Underwriters of San Francisco for the last year – and what a crazy year it has been.

The year started strong with final plans for the 2020 Seminar coming together. We finalized the agenda with timely, interesting and educational presentations and had opened registration, with attendance increasing rapidly. For the first time, we announced the opportunity for seminar sponsorships, and several companies supported us in this way. Once quarantine was announced, we successfully negotiated terms for postponement with The Palace Hotel, Presidio Golf and other vendors, and announced the postponement to 2021. As the year moved on without containment of Covid-19 and it became clear that the opportunity to hold the meeting in 2021 was not likely, we went back to the hotel and other vendors and negotiated further postponement. At this time, we have a tentative date with The Palace for 2022, which will be confirmed in early Spring 2021 once we have confidence that conditions will allow us to move forward.

Although we have postponed the seminar, we have been exploring the opportunity to present some topics in a virtual format. The Seminar Committee will be working toward creating a 2021 education calendar that we will announce soon.

In November, I represented the BMUSF at the AIMU's first virtual annual meeting, reporting the activities of not only BMUSF, but of the Association of Marine Underwriters of SF, Marine Insurance Association of Seattle, and Marine Underwriters of Southern California. The event was well run and well attended, and it was good to "see" some of the faces of our colleagues from other places.

Planning and presenting the Marine Seminar is a huge undertaking, and postponing a seminar turns out to be no less daunting a task. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Seminar Committee for their tireless time and effort, and especially for their support in making these difficult decisions this year. The Seminar Committee consists of Marie Meadows, Karla Scott, Annette Ing-Firmeza, Sean McCormick, Benjamin Cruz, Bang Sin, Donna Green-Tye, Geoff Robb, Peter Knowles, Richard Yerian, Marla Bach-Saltzstine, Russ Light, Cassandra Yu, Karen Dunn. I'd also like to welcome the newest member of committee, Garrett Weston, who is replacing Tyler Van Spanje this year.

It is the BMUSF's mission to provide education to the Marine Insurance industry, and we appreciate your continued support of our efforts. I would like to encourage any of you who have an interest in furthering that mission by either providing educational opportunities, or working with us in presenting those opportunities to contact any member of the BMUSF Board of Directors.

I sincerely hope you that you have been navigating the peaks and troughs of the rough seas we have been sailing, and your crew is healthy and well. We look forward to whatever the "new normal" will be in 2021, and to seeing you at the BMUSF Biennial Seminar in 2022.

Sincerely,

Julie Voge
BMUSF President
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