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At the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc. (SMA) on May 11, 2021, SMA members elected LeRoy Lambert as President and Robert C. Meehan as Vice-President.

Mr. Lambert succeeds Nigel J. Hawkins who served as President since 2019. Mr. Hawkins will continue for one year as an ex officio member of the SMA Board of Governors. Mr. Lambert expressed the thanks of the SMA to Mr. Hawkins for his exemplary service as President and many years of service to the SMA.

Mr. Lambert, an SMA member since 2016 and Vice President since 2019, recently retired as General Counsel of Charles Taylor P&I Management (Americas), Inc. Prior to joining Charles Taylor in 2009, Mr. Lambert was in private practice in New York at Healy & Baillie (1984-2006) and then Blank Rome (2006-2009).

Mr. Meehan, an SMA member since 2006, Board Member and Treasurer since 2016, is Senior Partner of Eastport Maritime USA, global tanker-brokers engaged in daily transport negotiations of parcel and feed-stock chemicals, contract of affreightment and time-charters. His career spans over 35 years in the industry.

The short professional biographies of all SMA members, including its officers and the members of its Board of Governors, are available for review at the SMA's website: [www.smany.org](http://www.smany.org).

The SMA is a professional, nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate the general public and members of the maritime and related industries about alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and maritime law, including arbitration, mediation and conciliation, and to encourage the use of ADR for the resolution of commercial disputes in the maritime industry and international trade.

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