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NMEA ADDS FOUR INDUSTRY VETERANS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New directors and incoming chairperson bring extensive marine electronics experience

SEVERNA PARK, MD—The National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) is pleased to announce the appointment of four additional members to the Board of Directors. During their three-year terms they will be responsible for helping to create and drive NMEA strategies, programs and efforts in all areas. Additionally, Mike Spyros of Electronics Unlimited took the reins as NMEA Chairman on Jan. 1, 2017, after serving as Vice Chairman since 2014. He succeeds Johnny Lindstrom of Westport Yachts, whose term ended at the end of 2016. Board members Steve Katz of Steve’s Marine Service and Lou Rota of FLIR Systems moved into the positions of Vice Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

Named and approved by the NMEA membership to the board during the annual meeting in Naples, FL were Brian Kane, Sean Hatherley, Jason Young and Kevin Boughton.

Brian Kane is Chief Technology Officer, founding partner and Board of Directors member of Global Ocean Security Technologies—GOST. His responsibilities include overseeing design, integration, and documentation of new security, tracking, monitoring and video surveillance technologies. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronic Engineering from Wentworth Institute of Technology in 2003.

Sean Hatherley has been Sales Director at Navico since 2014, overseeing sales to technical installers, local retail accounts and wholesale distribution in the Americas. He works with a team of 15 territory sales managers covering all of Navico’s recreational brands. Hatherley has an Electronics Engineering degree and has served on the Board of the National Marine Manufacturers Association.
Jason Young oversees the outside sales department, key account management and brand management at CWR Electronics for more than 15 vendors. He began his marine electronics career as a board-level technician at Sea-Trac Offshore. Young is a Certified Marine Electronics Technician and holds an FCC GROL with Radar Endorsement.

Kevin Boughton, as senior technician, oversees techs and installers at Midcoast Marine Electronics in Rockland, ME. After attending an electronics trade school and a tour in the Coast Guard, he helped to establish a marine electronics shop at a marina in Camden, ME. Boughton is a Certified Marine Electronics Technician and holds an FCC GROL with Radar Endorsement. He has been an NMEA trainer and on the Education Committee since 2014.

Founded in 1957, the NMEA has led the way in establishing technical standards for data exchange in marine electronics, with the widely accepted NMEA 0183 data protocol, NMEA 2000® and certification standards for marine electronics technicians. NMEA standards and programs focus on ensuring that the boating consumer is provided with reliable products and professional service. For more information, visit the NMEA website at www.NMEA.org or call (410) 975-9425.

Mike Spyros, Technical Director/Service Manager, Electronics Unlimited

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Sean Hatherley, Sales Director, Navico

Jason Young, Sales Director, CWR Electronics

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