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GOST CO-FOUNDER BRIAN KANE ELECTED NMEA VICE CHAIRPERSON

SEVERNA PARK, MD—The National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) is pleased to announce that members have elected Brian Kane to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors. He has served as Secretary/Manufacturer Director of the NMEA Board for several years and will begin his new term on January 1, 2020.

Kane got his start in the marine industry at the age of 16 running a fuel dock and operations at a busy marina. Several years later he graduated from college with a Bachelor of Science degree in electronic engineering and went to work for a yacht management and electronics installation company. Kane left to become a founding partner of GOST as a startup maritime security and monitoring company, where he currently serves as Chief Technology Officer and board member.

"My goal as Vice Chairman is to help the NMEA add further value to all our industry members and cultivate relationships between our Dealer, Trade, and Manufacturing members," said Kane. "In particular I want to advocate for further training programs that can encourage the next generation to get involved in our industry to create lifelong careers."

Also elected to the Board of Directors were incoming chairperson Steven Katz (Steve's Marine Service, Dealer Member), along with directors Paul Comyns (Intellian, Manufacturer Member), Peter Braffitt (Gemeco, Trade Member), and Brian Swanke (CWR, Trade Member).

The NMEA manufacturer membership category represents roughly 200 national and international companies engaged in the direct manufacture of marine electronics equipment. NMEA's other membership categories are Dealer, Boat Builder, Trade, and Associate, which gives NMEA the ability to represent the entire spectrum of the marine electronics industry to the benefit of the boating public.

NMEA President & Executive Director Mark Reedenauer said, "I want to congratulate Mr. Kane on being elected into the vice chairperson position. I look forward to working closely with Brian and the rest of this exciting and energetic board, to expand member benefits and programs for all of the marine electronics industry. There will be additional board openings beginning in 2021 and beyond, as existing terms expire, so we will welcome new board member interest again later in the fall of 2020."

About the NMEA

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.

