CLINTON LIVESAY

NMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE | PRESIDENT, RIO MARINE ELECTRONICS

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I have 25 years of experience in the marine electronics industry, beginning my career as a technician and progressing through Manager, Vice President, and now President of Rio Marine Electronics (RME). I currently lead 28 employees, including 23 technicians, across eight U.S. offices. RME supports commercial and offshore vessels, including tugboats and towboats, with navigation, communications, radar, GMDSS, satellite communications, networking, VHF, MF/HF, camera systems, installation, inspections, and service.

LEADERSHIP & EXPERIENCE

When I began with RME, the company had one Houston location and nine employees. I have been proud to be part of its growth into a multi-location organization. Along the way, I have built long-term relationships with marine electronics manufacturers and worked closely with port captains, port engineers, shipyards, vessel crews, manufacturers, and customers.

Safety, training, and developing people are important parts of my leadership philosophy. I believe a good leader should want their technicians and employees to become better than they are. I believe in trusting employees rather than micromanaging them and cultivating leadership from the top down. A successful company needs both strong management and strong technicians.

I began training and mentoring technicians earlier in my career and now, as President, I train and mentor managers as they develop into leadership roles.

WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE NMEA BOARD

I want to serve because I believe NMEA has an opportunity to expand its role in the commercial marine electronics industry. As NMEA increases its commercial focus and develops commercial equipment training, I believe my 25 years of commercial marine electronics service experience can provide a valuable perspective.

One of the biggest challenges I see is the shortage of qualified technicians and the growing generational gap. Many highly experienced technicians are approaching retirement, and when they leave, years of valuable knowledge can leave with them. I believe we need to do a better job of transferring that knowledge to the next generation and introducing young people to marine electronics as a career. Many people simply do not realize this career exists.

I would like to help NMEA strengthen commercial training, develop the next generation of technicians, and continue making marine electronics a strong and rewarding career.

CREDENTIALS

FCC Radio License | GMDSS Operator/Maintainer License | Radar Endorsement | Multiple Marine Electronics Manufacturer Training Certifications

REFERENCES

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