



Dear NAWE Members,

To reduce the number of emails we send, we will now be sending out weekly updates under the title **NAWE NEWS**. Here we will provide highlights on the frequent updates and news from the association.

NAWE President Lauren Brand Testifies Before House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on COVID-19 Impacts on U.S. Maritime Industry

WITNESSES

<p>Lauren K. Brand PRESIDENT National Association of Waterfront Employers</p>	<p>Ben Bordelon CHAIRMAN Shipbuilders Council of America</p>	<p>Mario Cordero CHAIRMAN Board of Directors, American Association of Port Authorities</p>
<p>C. James Patti PRESIDENT Maritime Institute for Research and Industrial Development</p>	<p>Michael G. Roberts SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Crowley Maritime</p>	<p>Del Wilkins PRESIDENT Illinois Marine Towing</p>

“State of the U.S. Maritime Industry: Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic”
February 9, 2021, 11 a.m. EST


 The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Earlier this week, NAWE President Lauren Brand testified before the House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on USCG and Maritime Transportation at their hearing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the maritime industry.

The hearing was transmitted live February 9th at 11AM EST, but a recording of the hearing may also be viewed at <https://transportation.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/state-of-the-us-maritime-industry-impacts-of-the-covid-19-pandemic>.

Legislative Updates

- **Biden Administration Updates**

Status of Cabinet Nominations

- **Seven Biden Cabinet Picks have been confirmed:**
- **DOD** (Lloyd Austin),
- **DHS** (Alejandro Mayorkas),
- **Treasury** (Janet Yellen),
- **State** (Anthony Blinkin),
- **VA** (Dennis McDonough),
- **CIA** (Avril Haines), and
- **DOT** - Pete Buttigieg confirmed and sworn-in as new Transportation Secretary.

- **MARAD** – Lucinda Lessley has been installed as Deputy Administrator. According to our sources, she and the other modal DOT administrators are being installed as deputies/acting administrators, pending their nomination and confirmation.

- **Upcoming Congressional Schedule**

President's Day District/State Work Period

- House and Senate adjourn for the President's Day Recess Week February 15-19
- House and Senate return the week of February 22nd and are expected to have floor votes on the budget reconciliation resolution during the week.

- **FMC Updates**

Commissioners Urge Biden Admin to Prioritize Vaccines for Maritime Industry

NAWE efforts for vaccine priority were not all lost, however, as Commissioners Maffei and Bentzel sent a letter to President Biden and other Admin officials on January 29th reiterating the importance of vaccinating the maritime workforce. <https://www.fmc.gov/commissioners-maffei-and-bentzel-urge-biden-administration-to-prioritize-vaccinations-for-maritime-industry/>

Proposed Rule on Service Contract Filing

On January 15th, The Federal Maritime Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that, if adopted, will permit ocean carriers to file original service contracts at the agency up to 30 days after going into effect.

Members of the public have until March 4, 2021, to file comments in response to this NPRM. The Commission will consider all public comments before voting on final regulatory actions.

2021 Strategy Session



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2021 STRATEGY SESSION

Hosted by the National Association of Waterfront Employers
FEBRUARY 16-17 1:00PM EST

DAY 1:
STRATEGIC SPEAKERS

DAY 2:
STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

The *NAWE Strategy Session* will be taking place next week **February 16th & 17th**. On the first day of the session, industry experts from Capitol Hill will lead the discussion on the upcoming legislative projections that will affect the maritime industry in 2021. Our Panelist includes:

- Federal Maritime Commissioner Carl W. Bentzel
- Robert Hickman - Legislative Assistant for Charles E. Schumer (Senate Majority Leader)
- Dave Jansen former Democratic Staff Director, Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation Subcommittee

On day two, an all-member discussion will take place as the members of NAWE will strategize and set the tone for NAWE's mission for the year.

If you have not done so already, please take the Strategy Session Pre-Event Survey as your answers will help lead the discussion of the association's needs.

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Dues yet?**

• Please reach out to
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As a reminder, NAWE 2021 First Quarter Membership Dues are now payable. Please see your invoice for payment details. Reach out to **Heather Banikas (Hbanikas@nawe.us)** if you have not yet received your company's membership invoice.

NMSA is creating a Job Board.

A hub for jobs tailored for the Maritime Industry.



A New Maritime Industry Job Board on the Way

NMSA is creating a job board tailored to the Maritime Industry. The job board will be featured on the NMSA's website where members and non-members will be able to post open job opportunities, which are then searchable by job seekers. This job board will deliver relevant job opportunities for the maritime industry and serve as a powerful tool for finding qualified applicants.

*If interested, please connect your Human Resources department with **Victoria Rodrigues (Vrodrigues@nawe.us)** to arrange future job postings.*

Lamar University is Looking for Guest Speakers in Upcoming Course



Lamar University is facilitating a four-week course concentrating on military transporters, logisticians, and SDDC civvies. They are anticipating doing another course in the summer and are looking for individuals who have experience with working with military cargo as speakers. if you are interested in speaking, please reach out to:

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