

FOR THE ALUMNI OF TOLANI MARITIME INSTITUTE

cynosure

the guiding star — the point all eyes turn to

The second call

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We came back together to turn intent into structure — moving from who's interested to an actual working committee, with real ownership of what gets built next.

three work-streams · **a working committee taking shape** · **one shared direction**

WHAT WE'RE BUILDING TOWARD

The room agreed on three work-streams to carry Cynosure forward, plus a standing way for alumni to keep learning from each other.

- ◆ **Administration** — brand, marketing, technology and strategy for the whole network
- ◆ **Member Acquisition** — growing and reaching alumni across every batch and geography
- ◆ **Job & Career Portal** — the job exchange that's already gaining real traction
- ◆ **A monthly knowledge-sharing circle** — senior alumni sharing how they built businesses and made career moves

"It's time we built something strong of our own."

— from the call

WHAT THE ROOM SAID

A working session, not a sales pitch. A few threads carried the room:

- ◆ **Contribution earns the ladder** —
not seniority, not who proposed the idea — everyone climbs the same way
- ◆ **It has to be mutual** —
give-and-get, not charity; every member should get something real back
- ◆ **Structure before scale** — get the foundations right before pushing for numbers
- ◆ **Independent, not isolated** —
complementary to the institute and other alumni bodies, never in competition

WHAT WE DECIDED

A working committee has formed, with two tiers of commitment — a core group driving the near-term agenda, and a wider support group contributing on specific initiatives. Everyone moves up the same ladder as they contribute. WhatsApp is now our main channel for the committee.

NEXT STEPS

What the committee is turning to right away:

- ◆ **Lock the next call date** — so everyone can plan around it
- ◆ **Finalise Vision, Mission & Values** — and put it to the whole community for alignment
- ◆ **Draft the membership & financial framework** — clear and fair, before we scale sign-ups
- ◆ **Stand up the three work-streams** — so people can plug into one directly
- ◆ **Open a direct line to the committee** — beyond just the calls
- ◆ **Run the first knowledge-sharing session**
- ◆ **Widen outreach** — more geographies, more batches, and our colleagues still at sea

THE PLAN AHEAD

Over the next couple of months: the core structure gets finalised — Vision, Mission & Values, the membership and financial framework, and each work-stream standing up its own rhythm. The first knowledge-sharing session runs, and outreach widens into the geographies and batches we don't have deep coverage in yet. A second working-committee call checks progress against all of it.

◆ NEXT CALL

Date coming soon

Microsoft Teams — we'll share the link and agenda as soon as it's locked.

Couldn't make it this time? The door's still open. The committee is being built now, and the people who show up are the ones who'll shape it — count yourself in below and we'll notify you the moment the next call is set.

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