

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

LISA B. HIMBER

Lisa B. Himber is President of the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, a nonprofit trade association. The Maritime Exchange represents port businesses and related organizations operating throughout the tristate Delaware River region.

Ms. Himber is responsible for the various initiatives designed to meet the organization's mission to promote and protect maritime commerce within the Delaware River and Bay port complex. To meet this mission, she leads Maritime Exchange government affairs and public policy initiatives and works directly with legislative, regulatory, and enforcement agencies, including Customs, Coast Guard, USDA, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition, Ms. Himber oversees Exchange programs such as its computer information network — known as Maritime On-Line® — communications and public relations, membership, organizational policy and procedures, and financial management.

Prior to her appointment as President, Ms. Himber served as Vice President, Director of Operations and Computer Operations Manager for the Maritime Exchange. She was responsible for the initial design, development, implementation, operation and user support for the various port automation programs operated by the Exchange. These include, among others, the TRACS cargo manifesting system, the PORTS tide and weather system developed with the National Ocean Service, and the Delaware River ID system which served as predecessor to the national Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC).

Ms. Himber was appointed by the U. S. Secretary of Homeland Security to the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee in 2005, and she served as its Chair and in other leadership positions until her term expired in December of 2015. She is a member of the Sector Delaware Bay Area Maritime Security Committee Managing Board, is the President of the Seamen's Center of Wilmington board and serves on the boards of the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society, Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia and South Jersey, and the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce. She holds leadership positions within the National Association of Maritime Organizations (NAMO) and Maritime Information Services of North America (MISNA). She is also a founding member of the Delaware Bay Chapter of the Women's International Shipping & Trading Association.

Ms. Himber has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the prestigious Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award. She was also named an Honorary Customs Officer for her work to improve Customs processes and has been recognized for leadership by the nine-state All Hazards Consortium. In 2021, Ms. Himber was inducted into the Delaware Maritime Hall of Fame.

She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and earned a master's at Drexel University. She resides in Wilmington, Delaware.