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Sweeney Is Board Head

Ralph D. Sweeney of Los Angeles ~~yesterday~~ was elected chairman of the board of governors for the California Maritime Academy at a meeting held shortly before the graduation exercises.

In another important action the board passed a resolution and citation honoring Hugh Gallagher, former member and chairman, for his many efforts in behalf of the school.

The special citation named Gallagher an honorary commodore.

Another honorary commodore citation and resolution of praise was presented during the ceremonies to Dr. J. Burton Vasche, an eight-year member of the board who is resigning to become president of the new Stanislaus State College at Turlock.

The presentation of the citation to Dr. Vasche was made in Mayo Hall by Sweeney and it cited his efforts in behalf of the academy while a member of the State Department of Education.

Other citations were approved by the board for Capt. Gene Harris, USCG (ret.), and Ellis R.

Randall, both former board members, and to Capt. T. S. Crawford for his untiring efforts in assisting midshipmen with financial aid.