

# International Association for Safety and Survival Training

## 78th IASST International Meeting

### 14th Annual General Meeting

4 June 2022

Marriott Harbourfront, Halifax, Canada

Chaired by Aleksejs Bogdanecs

Opening remarks by incoming chairman Henk Spanjer

Attendance

Guests Dr. Michael Taber      Dr. Jennier Smith

Apologies

1. Mike Tipton UK HON 8
2. Russell Gray UK HON 12
3. Jerry Dzugan, AMSEA USA F167
4. Derick Akana, Harvard mpti Equatorial Guinea AF271
5. Mike Gowlant
6. John Mc Millan
7. Hilmar Snorrason
8. Robert Wickstrom
9. Riemert Moleman
10. Frode Skarstein
11. Daniel Iannello
12. Heikki Hyrylainen
13. Paul Douglas

Minutes of Previous Meeting

No comments by email.

Supporters for approval

Approved

Election of IASST Officers

Chairman      Henk Spanjer

No vote required.

Finance Cormac Mac Sweeney (Capt.) Remarks from Cormac  
No vote required  
Dmitrijs Semjonovs offered thanks to Ben Pluck for his work for the association

Membership and Marketing prospects to connect remotely at 9:30

Nikita Versockis and Samantha Montes joined meeting via zoom. Capt. Naoki Saito is present in person

Presentation time 5-7 minutes per person

Capt. Saito applying for Marketing Director

Samantha Montes applying for either position

Nikita Versockis applying for Marketing Director

Discussion of options and vote including expanding board to 5 seats including one director at large to support board members and negate stalemates in votes. Rules for board call for 4 members, but does not stop adding additional position. 3 people is minimum.

Votes:

Samantha Montes for membership – 4 yes 1 nay

Marketing Capt. Naoki 7 yes, 0 nay

Nikita Versockis No vote necessary

Nikita Versockis to be offered general board membership – 7 yes, 0 nay Accepted

Henk congratulates new members of the board

Ben requested info for registration with UK government

Finance report (Ben Pluck)

Finance for 2021 IASST is a registered company in UK and have to report to gov't. The accountant was late reporting last year – fine paid by accountant

IASST is a registered charity in UK – reporting made and in good standing

96 paid full members some outstanding

Request from Finance – when making payments – please add invoice or membership number

Paypal now offered for credit card payments

Finance: Balance 2021 Surplus of £14,085

## Membership

Drop in membership over past 3 years due to outstanding membership fees. Rules state outstanding payments up to 3 years during oil crisis. Changed to 1 year outstanding after crisis ended. Numbers are increasing as centres are reaching out asking to be reinstated.

### New members in 2021

1. N2M consulting, Dr. Michael Taber, associated A279
2. Paul Debnam, Personal Member (previous director Princess Cruises) P280
3. Ilona Denisenko, Personal Member (previous chair of IMHA) P281
4. ClassNK, Capt. Naoki Saito, associate member A282

Request from Viking Life-Saving Equipment A/S (A111) to become full member.

### New Members in 2022

1. Marine Institute FDR 7 (St. John's, Canada) reinstated
2. Maersk Training Center (Louisiana, previous Shell Robert Training Center) reinstated
3. Meridian Maritime Training Centre, LLC (Batumi, Georgia) AF 283 (applicant full member)
4. Survival Systems Training Limited (SSTL) International A 284
5. William G. Thompson, HRT Safety Manager of US Coast Guard Base (Personal) P 285

Remote presentations by Meridian Training Centre (Nina Kakhidze) and Viking Safety Academy (John Grivas)

### Discussion of applications

#### Vote

Meridian	Support 1	Henk Spanjer
	Support 2	Aleks Bogdanecs
Viking	Support 1	Henk Spanjer
	Support 2	Yann

Vote Meridian 7 yays no Nays

Viking 7 yays no nays

Welcome to new members

New Board – Henk had conversations with new board members who accepted proposal to offer Ben Pluck and Paul Douglas to become honorary members.

### Board Activities

Applied for IMO NGO status - presentation went well, but were refused. There was too much similarities and overlap with other organizations. They also felt the IASST did not fully

understand how the IMO works. They will accept an application again in two years. One issue was Taiwan member of IASST. The company was asked to cancel their membership, but have full ability to attend events as special invitee, but not voting abilities. If we are not re-applying, they want to be re-instated as full member. Discussion on this item and how to move forward. The member in question was not happy about being removed, but are still willing to have membership re-instated.

NGO status requires activity from members, not just the board. The request to apply came from the membership with IMO. If members wish to re-apply, the member in question cannot be re-instated. Noted that it was only one member who needed to be removed. If we want to re-apply the membership needs to make the decision.

Suggested that IASST members who are also IMO members attend IMO events and promote IASST. New board to undertake discussion on participation, payments, etc. and defer to next meeting.

IASST web-page updated to make more user friendly. Additional tools added to improve communications as articles are added. Added abilities to hold meetings/roundtables remotely.

Future meetings –

Autumn meeting – planned host has refused. Samantha Montes has offered to host. Henk to reach out to Samantha to confirm hosting.

Several members interested in hosting in 2025, including new members joining today.

Future topic

Joint events with similar associations and exhibits such as FISH Platform and Offshore Energy Amsterdam, November. Potential to tie future meetings with existing exhibits.

Association regulation require full seminar/meeting \_\_\_\_\_ other meetings can be smaller

Potential to have Viking Spring 2025, Bluedrop (Stephen Hosking) Spring of 2026. Maybe autumn 2025 in Rotterdam with Offshore Energy.

New Board to work with FISH platform to explore provisional commitment\_\_\_\_\_