

IASST 79TH INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES



Date: 27 October 2022

Venue: The Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Department of Maritime Studies. Cape Town. South Africa

Secretariat: Samantha Montes (CPUT)

Adoption of Agenda

Minutes of the June 2022 meeting (Halifax) were circulated for comment via email prior to the meeting. Approved without objection.

In Attendance

IASST Board Members:

- Henk Spanjer (Chairman) - Maritiem Instituut Willem Barentsz,
- Cormac MacSweeney (Finance Director/Vice-Chair), NMCI
- Naoki Saito (Marketing Director), Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)
- Nikita Versockis - Novikontas
- Samantha Montes (Membership Director) - Cape Peninsula University of Technology

Yvonne Wright, Paul du Plessis - Project Maritime Training

Paul Douglas - Survival Systems Limited

Daniel Iannello - WoW Company International SA

Yann Chauty - CEPS

Cor Blonk FISH Platform

Emil Luca - Ceronav (Via Teams Link)

Apologies

Mike Tipton UK HON 8

Russell Gray UK HON 12

John McMillan, mcmillanoffshore USA FDR3
Illama (as guests)
Ben Pluck
Aleksejs Bogdanecs
Kristoffer Joelsson
Hilmar Snorrason HON
Ashraf Halawa.

Approval of Minutes

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Special Acknowledgement

Congratulations to our Chairman, Henk.

IASST Chairman, Henk Spanjer, lecturer at the Maritime Institute Willem Barentsz (MIWB) and voluntary coxswain at the KNRM lifeboat station Paal 8 Terschelling the Netherlands, received on 19th October the IMRF “Vladimir Maksimov Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Maritime SAR Sector”.

Board

An introduction to the newly formed board after the election process that was done in Halifax, Canada. We look forward to each board member’s contributions to the board and IASST.

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- Cormac MacSweeney (Finance Director/Vice-Chair), National Maritime College of Ireland
- Naoki Saito (Marketing Director), Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)
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Feedback from Board Meeting

- Website improvements or updates- if members have encountered challenges or have suggestions – please let the board know. Any feedback is appreciated.
- Streamlining of payments. Paypal is working.

Membership Updates

New Members voted in by International Meeting:

- Blue Orange Wave – associated membership approved
- Azda Marine Institute – associated membership approved.

Members with outstanding payments and no response to correspondence attempts- have been deactivated.

Please contact the membership director to update contact details on the webpage if needed.

It was agreed that the more members are in IASST the more knowledge sharing can happen and the aim is to improve safety standards. This is done at seminars, international meetings etc.

Financial Report

- Cormac MacSweeney (finance director) presented the report

IASST is a Limited company with Charitable status in the UK thus IASST is obliged to make UK Revenue returns & returns to the Charities Commission as & when required. The next set of returns is due at the end of 2022.

We have 93 paid-up members (Full, Assoc & Personal) for 2022 (On 30/9/2022). A small number, 16 remain unpaid – some have made contact. Statements will be sent out.

Continuing accounts difficulties with bank reconciliation. All payments are for £200, we need the membership or invoice number first with payment advice.

A reminder that we can accept credit card payments using PayPal.

Our account at PayPal is accounts@iasst.com

- Financial details (figures are rounded up)

Current Assets	2022	Notes
Income	£18,750	Membership fees
Expenditure	£29,210	Website/conference/charity/Legal/ Accountant/Directors
Over spend	-£10,460	
Bank Balance Jan 22	£52,080	
Balance Sept22	£41,620	
Savings Account	<u>£50,000</u>	
Overall funds	<u>£91,620</u>	

Website and Marketing

- Mr Naoki Saito (Marketing Director) made a presentation. IASST uses LinkedIn, and Facebook as social media tools to promote the association, and to share news related to safety training and upcoming seminars or conferences. The members present discussed the use of more social media platforms, for example, Instagram. It was agreed that the current platforms were sufficient.

Members are again asked to review the webpage and to send suggestions, and comments for the board to implement.

If any member would like to provide more safety-related information, please share. For example- case studies, maritime accidents etc. Members are engaged in STCW, OPITO, and GWO training globally.

Discussions were had about online learning and various modes of delivering training.

The suggestion was made for a portal to share online documents.

Concerns were raised that if you explore more social media or marketing endeavours- how is this cost covered? E.G.- do you need to employ the services of a specialist?

Members agreed that the core business of the IASST is knowledge sharing and this should be on voluntary basis.

Discussion around IMO NGO status and the impact on Taiwanese Members

- Background was given on why Taiwan IASST members were deactivated.
- It was unanimously decided that IASST would no longer explore IMO NGO status and that Taiwanese members be approached- firstly to clear up any miscommunications due to language barriers and to allow them to decide if they would accept an invitation back into IASST.
- Chairman to communicate directly with those members to discuss the way forward.

Presentation by Ceronav

- Mr Emil Luca presented on Ceronav as the next host for IASST
- Request that the date of the meeting is scheduled in late May 2023 and not April as advertised.

Next Meetings

- May 2023 – CERONAV, Constanta, Romania
- Oct 2023 – Azerbaijan
- April 2024 - Nigeria
- Oct 2024 - Latvia (conference 2 days...)
- April/October 2025 – MIWB (TBC)

A suggestion was passed to the meeting for Hybrid meetings. This was tabled for future discussions.

At 15:00 the meeting was closed.