



Report of the meeting of the Industrial Members Committee, Video conference 25th June 2020

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GENERAL

The meeting of the IMC was held by video conference on the 25 June 2020. The meeting was chaired by the president Mr Marcel Tetu and was attended by Mr John Sugarman, Mr Noboru Maruoka, Mr Chris Procter, Mr Alfredo Dominguez, Mr Lars Mansner, SG Francis Zachariae and DSG Omar Eriksson.

1. OPENING REMARKS

The president welcomed all participants. The Secretary-General made a short report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on IALA. He indicated that the staff was now working from home and that all the events planned until the end of the year 2020 would be held virtually. The celebration of the World Marine Aids to Navigation Day would also be celebrated virtually, with the display of photos of AtoN from members. However, although virtual meetings are a good solution to continue the work during the pandemic, it was specified that committee meetings will resume to physical format as soon as it is possible. The Dean of the World-Wide Academy, Mr Omar Eriksson also reported on the impact of the world-wide pandemic on the activities of the Academy. He indicated that distance learning was being improved, and regarding missions, the assessments would be done remotely as much as possible. Each member reported on the situation in their areas and the difficulties arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. It was expressed that the impact of the situation on business would be easier to assess in the next quarters. It is expected that the slow down in transport could last until mid-2021 and financial difficulties may be observed for several months until 2022 at least. Mr Alfredo Dominguez indicated that as of 19 June 2020 Tideland announced that it would cease its activities. Xylem, the group which absorbed the company has decided to exit the Aids to Navigation industry and therefore the office based in Houston will be shut down on 31st July 2020. Alfredo indicated that he will follow up for a smooth transition as necessary.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was no absent.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The draft agenda was approved.

4. ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

All of the action items were completed.

5. UPDATE ON THE SYMPOSIUM

The 14th Symposium is post-poned to 19-23 April 2021, but all the events and the programme will be the same. Lars Mansner will be the main point of contact for the IMC for communication with the Netherlands (Mr Maarten Berevoets). The set up for the event should start in September and potential sponsors are welcome.

6. UPDATE ON THE CONFERENCE

Marcel indicated that the venue, the Windsor, was secured. A contract with a company to organize the event should be signed by November. The involvement of the National member it is handled well together with Alberto Piovesana.

It has been decided that the primary choice for the Industrial Members evening would be the Beach option. This requires an alternative solution in case of bad weather.

Some concerns were raised about the lack of time between exhibitions for the Symposium and the Conference and the consequences of a disturbed economy.

8. PLANNING OF THE VIRTUAL MID-TERM MEETING MONDAY OR TUESDAY 5 OR 6 OCTOBER 2020

It was decided that the Mid-Term Assembly would be held virtually on Tuesday 6 October from 11:00 to 13:00 CET to accommodate maximum participation on all time zones. The proposed agenda was agreed with the theme: Code of Conduct for Industrial members. The Terms of Reference, that was agreed at the meeting in Rio, will be introduced at the Mid-Term with a possibility of agreement at the Assembly.

The Secretariat will make a new invitation to the Virtual event and develop the paper on the Code of Conduct.

9. FINANCE – FOLLOW-UP FROM COUNCIL MEETING

There was a change in accounting as requested by the auditors to follow the French Law, but the principles for the IMC economy will remain the same. Instead of a separate IMC account there will be provisions in the balance sheet for the activities of the IMC, including the IMC evening etc.

A budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

The possibility of having sponsorship on top of the IMC Budget and the income from selling booths at the Conference should be investigated.

IALA and IMC should coordinate to prepare a paper on this for the next meeting.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing to report

13. DATES AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

- September 2020 pre-meeting for the Mid-Term Assembly and up-date on Conference
- Midterm Assembly, 6 October 2020 (Virtual meeting), 11:00-13:00 CET
- Symposium, 19-23 April 2021
- 2022 Conference



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