



IALA WORLD-WIDE ACADEMY MINUTES OF THE 27TH BOARD MEETING

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1. OPENING

1.1 Welcome by the Chair

During the 27th meeting of the IALA World-Wide Academy Board, the Chair, Mr. Seung-Gi Gug, welcomed all members and expressed gratitude to the World-Wide Academy, especially the Dean, Mr. Omar Erikson. The Chair congratulated IALA on achieving IGO status, stating that it is a great achievement for the safety of navigation around the world. As well, he congratulated and welcomed Ms. Catherine Mulvihill as a new member of the Academy Board. Additionally, the Chair took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Vincent Denamur on his appointment as the Dean of the Academy and to express to him the full support of the Board. Last but not least, the Chair expressed his profound thanks to Mr. Omar Erikson for his outstanding leadership in his role as Dean of the Academy.

The Dean went then through the remainder of the agenda.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

*The Board **approved** the agenda.*

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Action items from last meeting

The last meeting resulted in two action items. The first was about following up on the new three-year sponsorship application to Trinity House Maritime Charity THMC, and the second was inviting the Dean and the Secretary General to submit an input paper proposing new Board members to the Council for appointment. The Dean informed the Board that THMC funds have been approved, and the input paper regarding new Board members is ready to be submitted to the upcoming council meeting.

*The **Board noted** THMC grant to the Academy, and the status of the input paper regarding the appointment of new members of the Board.*

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1 Financial situation

Upon presentation of the Dean's financial statement, the Board found it to be good and did not appear to pose any danger, yet the Academy remains willing to pursue more activities. Sponsorships are expected in 2025 amounting to 1.023.670 euros, of which 695.000 euros are outstanding sponsorships from IFAN.

The Dean updated the Board on the confirmation from IFAN to facilitate liquidity issues, he gave an overview of the Disaster Recovery Funds and explained their purpose, which is to assist coastal states in the event of disasters. In addition, he provided an overview of how the Academy served as a mediator in the facilitation of support for Ukraine and provided examples of support from Australia and other members of the IALA.

*The **Board noted** the financial situation of the Academy.*

3.2 Budget 2024/2025

The Dean pointed out that he expects an increase in expenditures for the education and training function and similar a decrease in expenditures for the capacity building function. This is due to more available workforce in the education and training function than in the capacity building function. Both areas have one full time staff members, but there are more qualified consultants available in the education and training area. Additionally, the Dean stated that capacity building activities will be more focused on follow up then initiating new technical need assessment missions.

The Dean then presented the expected revenue streams and expenditures for 2025 with a total revenue of € 1.357.000 and expenditures of €1.375.000 (WWAB27-3.3.2).

*The **Board approved** the budget for 2025.*

3.3 Funding/Sponsors

The Dean presented the sponsorship prognosis, where IFAN funds are agreed for the next three years, South Korea and Singapore for the next four years, and Malaysia and France for the next three years. During the discussion of potential funds, the Dean stated that the Academy will continue with the existing funds and all sponsorship MoU will be renewed and updated with the new IGO status with, South Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia and other donors during the General Assembly, planned in February 2025 in Singapore. The funds from Trinty House Maritime Charity were recently granted for the next three years.

During the discussion, the Dean informed the Board member that more funds are expected to be brought in thanks to the IGO status of the organization, such as the Nippon Foundation, World Bank, IMO, and other appropriate funds within the delivery as one approach. In this regard, the Dean outlined the IMO project-oriented funds scheme, as well as how the Academy is participating in the Delivery as One initiative with IHO, WMO, IMO, and other relevant organizations. The SG informed the Board members of an initial promising conversation with Loyd's Registry regarding the possibility of becoming an Academy sponsor.

The CEO of IFAN, Ms. Catherine Mulvihill, expressed IFAN's commitment to Ocean protection and sustainability, as well as its willingness to participate in the Academy's capacity building activities. In addition, IFAN is interested in participating in the capacity building effort meeting "Delivery as one".

The **Board noted** the sponsorship prognosis.

Action Item:

The Secretary to invite IFAN to the next meeting of capacity building- delivery as one.

4. QUALITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1 Quality Management System

There was no change on the Quality Management System (QMS) of the Academy. The Dean expressed his commitment to deliver quality work to meet all the expectations.

*The **Board was notified** by the current status of the QMS.*

5. ACTIVITIES

5.1 Activities 2024 – briefing paper

Board members reviewed the briefing paper (WWAB27-5.1.1).

*The **Board noted** the range of activities that had been conducted for the period of March to September 2024. it is noticed an increase on Academy training beneficiaries*

5.2 Action Plan for 2024

In presenting the action plan, the Dean mentioned the schedule for training and technical need assessments missions for the rest of the year.

*The **Board noted** the action plan for the remainder of 2024.*

5.3 Action Plan for 2025

The Dean presented the action plan for 2025 for training, technical visit/follow up and other academy activities. He explained the background on Indonesia Capacity building project and updated on its considerable progress and

impact and the aim of the academy to conduct similar project in Philippines. Additionally, the Dean highlighted the importance of investigating new approach to address needs in capacity development in Africa.

6. STRATEGY & ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT

6.1 Update on the IALA IGO project

In his presentation, the Secretary General provided an overview of the IGO update. IALA has been recognized as an IGO as of 22nd August 2024. The convention has been ratified by 35 countries to date, and other states are in the process of ratification.

As part of his presentation, the SG highlighted the key benefits of the IGO status. In its role as an IGO, the IALA contributes to enhancing international cooperation, strengthening the harmonized framework, improving resource allocation, and having a greater global influence in implementing international requirements and standards for safety of navigation. Further, the SG explained the timeline for the transition period, since there are currently two legal entities in existence, the old IALA and the new IALA, for the transfer of all organization assets, including the secretariat, publications, council, membership, etc. All assets should be transferred by the 22nd of February 2025, and the general assembly will be held at that time. Singapore will host the GA.

As of right now, IALA's new headquarters are still being discussed with the French government. The preferred option is to stay in Saint Germain En Laye. A project for a building within a future development in the city was presented to the Board . It is anticipated that the project will be completed by 2026.

*The **Board noted** the progress of the of the transition period to IGO.*

6.2 Internships and secondments

In his brief presentation on the secondment at IALA, the Secretary General explained that the number of requests for secondments will increase as a result of the organization's IGO status.

6.3 Training/office facilities worldwide

The Academy has received a number of proposals on establishing regional facilities for the Academy and even regional offices. The new MoU with Singapore includes “setting up an office of the Academy within the MPA Academy” and the new IALA MoU with Türkiye offers the use of facilities in Istanbul for any IALA activity, including Academy activities. Subsequent to discussion, the following was agreed:

*The **board agreed** that establishing regional offices is not desirable for the time being, but utilizing available venues offered free of charge around the world may provide a cost-effective way of conducting Academy activities.*

6.4 Academy Development, Dean position

The new Dean of the Academy, Mr. Vincent Denamur, introduced himself to the Board members at the beginning of this agenda item. Vincent is a French navy officer / R-admiral with extensive and comprehensive experience in maritime public administration, including marine aids to navigation, acquired in several positions on both an operational and policy-making level. Moreover, due to his experience in the French overseas territories, he has also demonstrated expertise in capacity building programs. Furthermore, Mr. Vincent served for a period of ten years on the IALA council as the French representative. Mr. Vincent stated his enthusiasm to serve as the Academy's Dean, the Board members welcomed him and expressed their full support in his mission.

As for additional Academy development themes, the Chair made the case that WMU and IMLI should serve as inspiration by considering introducing academy training activities at the Master degree level that span a wide range of subject matters from marine aids to navigation management. The Board members, who noted the positive relationship between the Academy and WMU, IMLI, and Jeimi University, talked about the plan and its viability at this point. The Academy's *limited* resources for such a major shift was brought to the Board's attention by the SG.

The **Board welcomed** the new Dean Mr. Vincent Denamur.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Disaster Recovery Fund

The Academy has continued in serving as an intermediary for information between potential sponsors and Ukraine. The Dean and Mr. Tom Southall meet once a month with the national member from Ukraine with the goal of facilitating communication for any possible support such as bouy tender, hydrographic equipment, and other relevant equipment. The Academy continues to support the State Hydrographic Service of Ukraine (SHSU) with possible training opportunities.

The Dean highlighted the Academy's proactive support and assistance, noting that the general disaster recovery plan has been put in place for any other potential disaster.

The **Board noted** the progress with assisting Ukraine.

8. CLOSING

8.1 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at IALA Headquarters on the 09th April 2025 at 1400 CET.

8.2 Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked all Board members for a successful meeting and for their support of the Academy and closed the meeting. Additionally, he expressed his best wishes for continued improvement and contribution to the safety of navigation.

9. APPENDIX 1

9.1 Board Decisions

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9.2 Action Items

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9.3 List of Participants

Mr. Seung-Gi Gug	Chair
Ms. Catherine Mulvihill	Board Member
Mr. Tamotsu Ikeda	Board Member
Mr. Francis Zachariae	Secretary General of IALA/ Board Member
Mr. Omar Frits Eriksson	Dean WWA/Board Member
Mr. Vincent Denamur	The new Dean of the WWA, Observer
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