



Chair Report

Annual General Meeting of SOMWS 27/5/2020

The Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors was incorporated in 2017 and formally launched at an event in the Lloyd's Old Library on 4 October 2018. Full membership has grown to 248 individual surveyors split across all four categories: Oil & Gas Projects, Rigs, Renewables and Cargo.

The numbers per category are as follows:

Oil & Gas Projects	210 members
Rigs	106 members
Renewables	47 members
Cargo	201 members
Associate	11 members

The rate of application turnaround continues to quicken. We believe that with the initial wave of applications behind us, processing and screening time in 2020 will be greatly improved.

Associate Membership

As reported in the last newsletter, the application process for Associate membership level is now live on the website. We have created the Associate membership level to cultivate and develop new talent within our sector. We are happy to announce, that as reported above, we now have eleven associate members. We would encourage anyone with the ambition of working towards obtaining full membership with SOMWS to apply as an Associate member today.

Joint Rig Committee (JRC)

Last year was a pivotal year for the JRC's support for SOMWS through the development and publication of updated Warranty Endorsements, Codes of Practice, and MWS Scopes of Work. With continued support from the JRC, we feel optimistic that 2020 will mark the acceptance and implementation of the requirement for the use of SOMWS accredited surveyors on the majority of MWS contracts.

SOMWS continues to enhance its relationship with the Joint Rig Committee to ensure that the accreditation of our members meet the needs of the Lloyd's underwriting community thus ensuring that SOMWS remains an effective professional body. This has never been more important, particularly as we are challenged with the global Covid-19 pandemic and the JRC's recent release of the JRC Surveyor Access Endorsements.

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those that have continued to support this organization and contributed so greatly to what's been achieved so far; AqualisBraemar, DNVGL, Global Maritime, LOC, Matthews Daniel, Sterling Technical Services, the representatives of the Joint Rig Committee, the LMA, and of course our member base. I wish all of you good health and much success.

James Vavasour

SOMWS - Chair

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