



Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors

Board Meeting

Wednesday 12th October 2022 – 14:00 BST

Attendees:-

Stephen Norman (SN)

David Ballands (DB)

Doug Devoy (DD)

Ian Stewart (IS)

James Miller (JM)

John Munnings-Tomes (JMT)

Jonathan Vine (JV)

Vishal Sharma (VS)

Alison Cooper (AC)

Hector Grant (HG)

Ref	Item	Action	Due Date
1	Apologies for Absence Aureliano Schirripa, Sean Hogue, Ekkehard Stade, James Vavasour, Michael Chan		
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 14/9/2022 The minutes were approved. Proposed: Vishal Sharma Seconded: John Munnings-Tomes		
3 A	Membership Committee Report SOMWS member recommendations The screening committee recommend one person for membership of the Society, in the categories given below: There were no objections. Proposed: David Ballands Seconded: Jonathan Vine Two people were approved to become Associate members of the Society: It appears SOMWS is close to the end of the road with new members as we are receiving a trickle of applications. DB and AC to meet to discuss the SOMWS member pipeline.		
B	Screening committee update	AC & DB	



	Seven out of the 11 volunteers have been onboarded as new screening committee members. Four volunteers will be taken through the onboarding process later in October.	DB	
4 A	<p>Communications report</p> <p>SOMWS Membership Database System</p> <p>No update. DB is hoping to sign-off testing by the end of this year.</p>		
B	<p>LinkedIn update</p> <p>In SH's absence there was no update.</p>		
C	<p>Monthly members email</p> <p>The month member email continues to be a success. We are hoping to include an article in the next email.</p>	SN	
5 A	<p>SOMWS / JNRC Working Group Report</p> <p>The JNRC met on 6th October.</p> <p>Item 1</p> <p>There are no new bulletins for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>Items 2&3</p> <p>Does not affect SOMWS greatly.</p> <p>Items 4</p> <p>FUMA Update – planned alignment with other JNRC Engineering documents, draft developed and now being reviewed</p> <p>Item 5</p> <p>This was discussed with IS and SH regarding the lessons learned link.</p> <p>Item 6</p> <p>Cables at point of manufacturer have been quite contentious. Completed a draft update. We spoke about it at our meeting last week. It was stated that it was not appropriate to place the burden on the warranty community for losses as generally warranty surveyors are</p>		

	<p>recognised as not being Cable FAT experts. We are working on an appendix for the document. We should be able to produce a draft by the time of the next meeting.</p> <p>Item 7 Met on 4th October. Good progress was made. Mel Raven has been active in speaking to the markets who are not represented on the JNRC but are recognised leaders. We received a lot of feedback.</p> <p>Item 8 We have an opportunity to speak at the World Forum on Offshore Wind particularly in respect to floating wind. We have a meeting with them in early November. We are maintaining good links.</p> <p>Item 9 We have a lot on our plate at the moment. We are moving activity to early Q1.</p>		
6	<p>Industry Liaison Group (ILG) The cooperation between underwriters has been very well received with highly constructive meetings. We have a good representation from SOMWS to look at the contracting mechanism and issues around terms and conditions. Those work groups are driving forward to reach a practical solution, the results of which are to be reviewed. The contracting terms and conditions are quite harsh on a lot of projects. In recent discussions with interested parties about terms and conditions there seems to be a lack of understanding regarding unlimited liability particularly for third parties. We are seeing that unlimited liability is being pushed by all sectors of the industry as a norm to be included in the terms and conditions. There is no equitable engagement in this situation as all of the risk is carried by the MWS typically on small value contracts.</p>		
7	<p>Corporate membership Will review when ES is present at the next meeting.</p>	SN & ES	

8	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>The management accounts were sent last week. Subscriptions are coming in on a regular basis. We do struggle to keep in contact with members who have moved companies where they have not advised us of their new contact details.</p>		
9	<p>Any other business</p>		
A	<p>Review and discussion of 'Lessons Learned' paper from IS - Chatham House Rules</p>		
B	<p>Lifetime membership</p> <p>In JV's absence this was not discussed.</p>		
C	<p>Continuing professional development/Associate log book</p> <p>In AS's absence this was not discussed</p>		
D	<p>New director profile</p> <p>Not discussed.</p>		
E	<p>SOMWS conference attendance</p> <p>JMT suggested launching the Lessons Learned initiative (item 9A) during a forthcoming SOMWS conference.</p> <p>SN has been speaking with Event Organiser. The costs of running the event are reasonably high. The organisation of the event (time wise) is a challenge. The other option is to piggy-back on to another conference. If anyone has any other suggestions on conferences we can join please do let SN know. We should not be short on opportunities. SN and JM-T to liaise over the dates with the JNRC committee.</p>	SN & JM-T	
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 9th November 2022 @ 14:00 GMT</p>		