



Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors

Board Meeting

Wednesday 9th November 2022 – 14:00 BST

Attendees:-

Ekkehard Stade (ES)	James Vavasour (JV)
Doug Devoy (DD)	Michael Chan (MC)
James Miller (JM)	Vishal Sharma (VS)
Aureliano Schirripa (AS)	Alison Cooper (AC)
Sean Hogue (SH)	Hector Grant (HG)
John Munnings-Tomes (JMT)	

Ref	Item	Action	Due Date
1	Apologies for Absence David Ballands, Stephen Norman, Jonathan Vine, Ian Stewart		
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 12/10/2022 The minutes were approved. Proposed: Vishal Sharma Seconded: James Vavasour		
3	Membership Committee Report		
A	SOMWS member recommendations There were no SOMWS member recommendations.		
B	Screening committee update In DB's absence there was no update. ES suggested adding to the next agenda an update as to where we were with new applications and budget.	HG	
C	Continuing professional development / Associate log book AS to provide an update at the next meeting.	AS	
4	Communications report		
A	SOMWS Membership Database System In DB's absence there was no update.		
B	LinkedIn update		

	<p>A good month for LinkedIn. The history post received a lot of engagement. Visitors are up 40%. We have 813 followers. Anything educational is very well received. Lessons Learned has gone down well.</p> <p>JV suggested running member spotlights. Members would be chosen using a randomiser software. We can then approach the member and invite them to answer some set questions surrounding being a SOMWS member. JV said he would create a graphic in PowerPoint and circulate to members. ES said we need to be mindful re content as it needs to be sanitised to ensure no commercial interest. JV is to decide on the questions and will circulate the questions amongst the board members for approach. It was agreed to trial it.</p> <p>It was suggested to set up a LinkedIn feed directly to the website.</p> <p>C Monthly members email This continues to be a beneficial.</p> <p>D SOMWS conference attendance JM said the London Energy Conference is next November and there is a Lillehammer Claims Conference taking place in February. Other options are Mariners and IUMI.</p> <p>We need to actively identify events we can piggy back on that are taking place in 6 to 8 months' time.</p> <p>VS suggested SOMWS re-visit what we wanted to do in 2019 which we had organised but then cancelled during the pandemic.</p> <p>JM said we could use previous options as a framework for future conferences.</p> <p>JM suggested setting up a small group to progress this. SN and JM to have a further discussion. AS and VS said they would like to assist.</p>	<p>JV</p> <p>SH/HG</p> <p>JM, SN, AS & VS</p>	
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5 A	<p>SOMWS / JNRC Working Group Report</p> <p>At the full JNRC meeting we had an in-depth look at the insurance market response and damage caused to the Nord Stream pipeline plus threats to other offshore activity and possible hostile activity in the North Sea.</p> <p>Item 2 – Working Group: Renewables (Offshore Wind) Operational Report Format Was moved to a draft for broker sharing.</p> <p>Item 3 – Working Group: Upstream Energy (Offshore) Operational Report Format Due to one of the key players having a family bereavement this has been delayed.</p> <p>The other items were covered in detail at the last meeting and are all progressing.</p> <p>The majority of the Survey & Engineering Committee are joining the Word Forum on Offshore Wind on Friday.</p> <p>We are still waiting for a significant response in regards to LL Naga 7. Thankfully all crew got off safely. Very little in the public domain as to why the loss happened. We will keep on persevering.</p> <p>The Committee is very busy and planning to sit with Mel Raven, the current chair, in January next year to move forward on ensuring priorities for 2023. Largely we are working on projects in direct response from requests from the underwriting group.</p> <p>Part of our planning in 2023 is to sit down and decide which of our existing documents need to be reviewed and given a refresh.</p> <p>There was some discussion around the original purpose of the document in that it was to cover the gap until the industry would have sufficient numbers of SOMWs</p>		



	<p>members available. JMT advised the primary reason for the document was to provide a checklist of questions they can put to either the broker or the warranty company to give the underwriter comfort that they can in fact be included on a pre-qualification list on an insurance list.</p> <p>JM added that the pre-qualification document was aimed more at companies and whether they had the collective resources to match the project. SOMWS focuses on the individual.</p> <p>JMT said the document is independent of an individual's membership of SOMWS and predates any notion that SOMWS would go down a corporate membership route. It is for providing guidance to underwriters to aid their own pre-qualification.</p>		
6	<p>Industry Liaison Group (ILG)</p> <p>There was a discussion around the ILG group and its purpose. The education process is not just underwriters and brokers it is clients as well.</p> <p>ES asked if there was any sense in re-vitalising the group or combine with JNRC when it comes to educational pieces tailored to markets and clients?</p> <p>JV advised that there needs to be set a target on what we want to accomplish. We should finish the work with the JNRC and then move on to ILG.</p> <p>It was decided to park ILG until the JNRC working group has concluded with their efforts.</p> <p>HG to remove ILG from the agenda.</p>	HG	
7 A	<p>Membership Corporate</p> <p>To be discussed in December. Board members to re-visit discussions in previous board minutes to refresh memories.</p>	All board members	



B	Lifetime membership HG to investigate lifetime membership options.	HG	
C	New director profile In SN's absence there was no update.	SN	
8	Secretariat Management accounts show expected income and expenditure. A few retired members are now part of SOMWS. Chasing nonpayers. HG to put together a budget for 2023 considering potential applications for next year. HG confirmed the board meeting schedule for 2023, attached.	HG	
9	Any other business There was no other business.		
	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14 th December 2022 @ 14:00 GMT		