



Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors

Board Meeting

Wednesday 14th December 2022 – 14:00 GMT

Attendees:-

Stephen Norman (SN)
David Ballands (DB)
Doug Devoy (DD)
James Miller (JM)
James Vavasour (JV)

Michael Chan (MC)
Aureliano Schirripa (AS)-14:45
Alison Cooper (AC)
Hector Grant (HG)

Ref	Item	Action	Due Date
1	Apologies for Absence Ekkehard Stade, John Munnings-Tomes, Ian Stewart, Sean Hogue, Jonathan Vine, Vishal Sharma		
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 9/11/2022 The minutes were approved. Proposed: Doug Devoy Seconded: James Vavasour		
3 A	Membership Committee Report SOMWS member recommendations The screening committee recommended 2 people for membership of the Society. The committee also recommended a Full Member for membership in an additional category: Proposed: David Ballands Seconder: James Vavasour There were no objections. There were also four new Associate members of the society. SN commented on the quality of recent applications, particularly around marine warranty engagement. DB said we are reaching the stage where we are receiving		



	borderline applications and more people are being offered Associate.		
B	Screening committee update No further updates.		
C	Continuing professional development / Associate log book AS sent a first draft to HG. HG will circulate after today's board meeting so that board members can review the document prior to discussion at the next board meeting.	HG All	14/12/22 11/01/23
4	Communications report		
A	SOMWS Membership Database System No further updates. DB and AC are to meet over Zoom to run through some live testing w/c 19 th December.	DB & AC	
B	LinkedIn update No further updates in SH absence. SN said that the article about Len Messenger gained a lot of interest and that many people read and commented on the post.		
C	Monthly members email SN to draft a message to go out before Christmas around what SOMWS has achieved in 2022. SN will also draft some wording for a new year message. SN asked the board members to provide input for both posts by the end of this week.	SN All	16/12/22
D	SOMWS conference attendance Covered in point 5.		
5	SOMWS / JNRC Working Group Report Item 7: JNRC MWS Working Group – Ensuring Services are Valued & Sustainable - met on 23rd November. There are two elements, an A group which JM chairs focussing on the current contracting system and a B group led by Pat Milner looking at MWS contracting directly with underwriters. There are quite a lot of commonalities around education. Next steps are to engage with Mel		

Raven and talk about a potential programme for 2023. There is a requirement not to make this London centric.

MWS conference potential. This will probably be SOMWS driven with input from the working group.

The interface document that underwriters can use when appointing a marine warranty surveyor will be updated as there are some gaps. The document needs to be tailored for each project e.g. for renewables there are lots of variation in assets being installed.

The standard contract has been covered and is currently on hold. This needs to be discussed in more detail before making any progress.

Item 8: First draft produced of “General considerations expected when presenting floating wind turbine risks to the insurance market.” There has been an initial meeting between the JNRC subcommittee and the Offshore Floating Wind forum. We will be meeting again in January. Each member has been asked to compile a list of 10 key concerns when it comes to floating wind. This will be addressed at the next meeting. A key thought is to have a look at the renewables MWS scope to see if it needs to be amended for floating wind. Further discussion will be needed to have around the right level of attendances for offshore. SN said there is a continued pressure to cut costs and it is affecting standards. This is a very dynamic period where demands on the industry are very significant. The pace of change will be very hard to manage. JM said the underwriters are keen to have some input. It is positive they have engaged with us at a very early stage, but a lot of discussions do need to take place.

The engineering subcommittee are planning to have a strategy meeting with Mel Raven in January. We need to be prioritising the right issues. There will be a JNRC forum talking about broader JNRC initiatives in 2023.



6	Membership		
A	Corporate		
To be discussed at the next board meeting.			
B	Lifetime membership		
Most organisations have lifetime memberships and create their own rules.			
It was decided that lifetime membership should be awarded to SOMWS board members who have served three consecutive 2 year terms, achieving a total of 6 years.			
The lifetime membership will be awarded once they have stepped down from the board.			
Proposed: James Vavasour Seconded: David Ballands			
C	New director profile		
To be discussed at the next meeting.			
D	Dinner 2023		
HG has supplied a list of potential venues. After discussions with the JNRC and subcommittee there is a significant appetite to hold a dinner with a short 1hr to 1½hr workshop beforehand starting at around 4pm. The approximate cost per head is envisaged to be around £100 to £200. We are looking at approximately 100 people attending. The potential dates for the dinner are 21 st , 22 nd and 23 rd February. Decisions need to be made as to whether we subsidise SOMWS members and how to fund this. We could look at potential sponsorship from the insurance community and the MWS companies. Involving MWS companies might pave the way for more corporate involvement going forward. We need to be mindful of MWS company sponsorship. Ideally, we need to take an all or nothing approach. We will contact SOMWS members to see who would like to attend.			



	<p>JM said he will ask at the JNRC meeting tomorrow to see if there is an appetite for sponsorship.</p> <p>SN will put together some wording for the January newsletter.</p> <p>HG to send a note to the board to ascertain availability.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>SN</p> <p>HG</p>	
7 A B	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>Management accounts Balance sheet is steady. Total reserves up on last year. P&L shows income slightly lower than last year.</p> <p>Budget 2023 The 2023 budget is in line with 2022. SN said at some point we need to decide what to examine the cash in the bank and think about how we can add value to members. JV suggested we could consider donating money as a scholarship. SN to have a look further into this including the potential to provide support for further education of existing members.</p>	<p>SN</p>	
8	<p>Any other business The member spotlights graphic is taking shape. 12 people have been randomly chosen. SN said we need to ensure we have members from different companies, and we need to be careful to sanitise the projects they mention and ensure any answers are not contentious. Questions need to focus on the person and not the company.</p> <p>JV said he was happy to manage the member spotlight process.</p> <p>HG to send names and email addresses of the members who have been selected to JV.</p> <p>SN said that there have been challenges around unlimited third-party liability. Now that we have started to push back, we are starting to see positive results. We are</p>	<p>JV</p> <p>HG</p>	



	moving in the right direction to not accept unlimited liability.		
	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11 th January 2023 @ 14:00 GMT		