



IMSF
Minutes Steering Group Meeting – 29th May 2011
HONG KONG

Present: John Dowden (Chair); Chris Pålsson; Jakub Walenkiewicz; Wally Mandryk;
Colin Cridland; Eva Perez García; Pat Tye

Apologies: Doug McDonald

1. Minutes of the previous meeting (29th October, 2010) covered and any outstanding action points from that meeting were discussed.
2. As discussion moved towards the Hong Kong annual meeting, the Chairman stated his pleasure with the number and quality of those attending the meeting. Also, the excellent programme to be presented over the following days. Local organisations had responded strongly to the presence of the IMSF in Hong Kong and the support was apparent in the number of invited guests attending.

3. Succession:

The Chairman also raised the issue of a succession plan which included the roles of other key positions such as Vice Chairman, Secretary and Programme co-ordinator. The Chairman stated that he was prepared to continue for the next 12 months after which the SG will elect new office holders.

4. Future IMSF Annual Meetings:

Potential Locations: Greece 2012, Canada 2013, China 2014.
Discussion took place about possible co-operation with Professor Merikas (Shipping Investment & Asset Management Forum) Piraeus. Chris Pålsson would contact Merikas to discuss any possible tie-up.

Action: Chris

(Several other options came to light during the Annual Meeting and these will be discussed by the Steering Group at the next meeting – date to be arranged).

5. Membership:

Discussion also took place around the issue of future membership as people retire or move on in their careers to different positions in their organisations.

- As the forum is geared around Active Membership, it was agreed that the Secretary would draft a 'confirmation email' to re-affirm past attendee's commitment to the aims and support of the organisation.
Action: Pat
- The Secretary advised the SG that he proposed to post a revised membership list on the website once the above exercise was completed.
- It was agreed that retired members could remain in the organisation should they wish to do so.

6. **The IMSF Constitution:**

The IMSF is a unique organisation in terms of the composition of membership and the fact that fees are not levied to members. In order to attract the 'right' members and encourage active support of the group a revision of the IMSF constitution was necessary.

At the same time the constitution has to be flexible enough not to discourage genuine candidates. Secretary to co-ordinate.

Action: Pat

7. **Website:**

It is apparent that certain parts of the website are not working correctly, particularly some of the past presentations and applications for membership.

Discussion also took place about the 'accessibility' of the website and in particular how open Annual Meeting papers should be to organisations outside IMSF. It appears that the committee are divided on the issue and it has been suggested that the papers should be password protected.

(Following the Annual Meeting, at least two presenters stated that they wished for restricted access to their papers as they contained commercially sensitive information).

Action: Pat

8. **Membership Application:**

The application for membership for Apollonia Miola from JRC was approved by SG.

Meeting Closed

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Pat Tye 28th June 2011