

FONASBA
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
SOFITEL HOTEL RIO DE JANEIRO
AT 14.00 HRS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th 2002

Present:

Mr. B. D'Orey	President
Mr. A. Perez-Maura	Executive Vice-President
Mr. C.P. Papavassiliou	Vice-President
Mr. S. Winger	Vice President
Mr. G.J. Heinonen	Immediate Past President
Mrs. G.C. Noer	Chairman Chartering & Documentary Committee
Mr. U. Masucci	Chairman ECASBA
Mr. J.A. Good	Chairman, Liner & Port Agency Committee
Mr. P.G.D. Smith	Vice-Chairman, Chartering & Documentary Committee
Mr. M. Froio	Executive Committee

Mr. G. Gordon Finlay	Brazil	Mr. F. Carlini	Italy
Mr. P. Alves	Brazil	Mr. R. Corrias	Italy
Mr. M. Bonelli	Brazil	Mr. V. Tottorizzo	Italy
Mr. J.R. Barbosa	Brazil	Mr. T. Iigaki	Japan
Mr. L. Carvalho	Brazil	Mr. E. Itoh	Japan
Mr. I. Costa	Brazil	Mr. V. Vaichekauskas	Lithuania
Mr. P. Oliveira	Brazil	Mr. S. Karia	Morocco
Mr. V. Pinto	Brazil	Mr. M. Duin	Netherlands
Mr. A.C.R. Branco	Brazil	Mr. P. Bohaugen	Norway
Mr. M. Tudor	Croatia	Mr. A. Belmar da Costa	Portugal
Mr. A. Houtved	Denmark	Mr. J. Luiz	Portugal
Mr. K. Kuusela	Finland	Mr. E. Bandelj	Slovenia
Mr. F. Le Bars	France	Mr. N. Warner	South Africa
Mr. A. Lobadowski	France	Mr. L. Lindebäck	Sweden
Mr. K. Bültjer	Germany	Mr. K. Chen	Taiwan
Mr. J.A. Foord	Great Britain	Mr. L. Karaçelik	Turkey
Mr. P.J. Wood	Great Britain	Mrs. J. Cardona	USA
Mr. G. Georgopoulos	Greece	Mr. G. Knudsen	Intertanko
Capt. S. Finkei	Hungary	Mr. G. Wramfelt	The Shipbrokers Register
Mr. J. Dundon	Ireland	Mrs. A. Robinson	Argentina (Observer)
Mr. W. Lennon	Ireland	Mr. P. Campbell	Argentina (observer)
Mr. M. Ronayne	Ireland	Mr. H. Ferretti	Chile (Observer)

In attendance:

Mr. J.C. Williams	General Manager
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1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The **President** welcomed all those present. A copy of his opening remarks is attached.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting, held Antwerp on October 19th 2001, having been circulated, and with no comments having been made previously or at the meeting, the minutes were taken **as approved**.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not otherwise covered in the agenda.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chairmen of the three Committees, Chartering & Documentary, ECASBA and Liner & Port Agency gave brief summaries of the matters discussed at their meetings. Formal minutes of these meetings will be circulated to all member associations.

5. MEMBER ASSOCIATION REPORTS

The **President** invited **Mr. Branco**, former President of FENAMAR, to make a short presentation. A copy of his remarks is attached.

A written report from ANESCO, Spain, had been circulated previously. For Great Britain, **Mr. Foord** took the opportunity to advise the meeting of the close cooperation which currently exists between agents and the Customs authorities in Great Britain and, following up on discussions during the ECASBA Plenary and Liner & Port Agency meetings, contrasted this relationship with the problems other associations have with their authorities.

6. MEMBERSHIP

The **General Manager** reminded members that the national associations of Dubai and Kenya had joined FONASBA since the last meeting and gave an update on progress towards the China Association's application. He also advised that SYNDINAVI had ignored repeated requests to settle membership fees due since the association had joined FONASBA and that to date fees were due from 2000/1 to 2002/3. He also reminded those present that on their re-election to membership AMAU, of the Ukraine, had promised to settle all fees due promptly upon demand but regrettably the fees for 2001/2 remained outstanding. The Executive Committee had recommended that both organisations be required to settle all fees due by the end of 2002 and a failure to do so would result in automatic expulsion with, in the case of AMAU, no possibility of re-admission. With no adverse comment having been received from the meeting, the proposal was **approved**.

7. ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS REVISION

The draft wording to amend the Articles and By Laws to allow the election of a minimum of two, maximum of four, Vice-Presidents, whose appointment would reflect the international spread of FONASBA, had been circulated previously. Following a brief summary of the reasons behind this proposal, the motion that "**the Articles of Association and By Laws be amended to allow the number of Vice-Presidents of FONASBA be increased to a minimum of two, maximum of four, and that those elected shall broadly represent the international spreads of the membership**" was proposed by **Mrs. Cardona**, seconded by **Mr. Belmar da Costa** and **approved unanimously**.

8. EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

Regrettably BIMCO was not represented at the meeting but it was agreed that currently the relationship between BIMCO and FONASBA was extremely good. For Intertanko, **Mr. Knudsen** said that the relationship was very good and that there were a number of areas of mutual concern that to both organisations on which a bi-partisan approach could be taken. He also said he looked forward to continuing in his role as the link between FONASBA and Intertanko. He also said he had much pleasure in presenting a copy of the Intertanko chartering book to the Chartering & Documentary Committee. The offer was much appreciated and gratefully received.

The **President** advised the meeting that following a suggestion from **Mr. Duin**, it had been agreed to approach the International Maritime Organisation with a view to proposing a reciprocal membership.

9. FINANCE AND FUNDING

The formal accounts for 2001/2, subject to correction of the typographical error on the balance sheet, were proposed for adoption by Council. The motion that **“the formal FONASBA accounts for 2001/2 be adopted”** was proposed by **Mr. Karaçelik**, seconded by **Mr. Houtved** and **approved unanimously**. The **President** and **General Manager** then formally signed the accounts. A revised copy of the formal accounts is attached.

A draft budget for the current financial year had been circulated previously. **Mr. Houtved** enquired as to whether any contingencies had been put in place to cover legal and other potential liabilities. The **General Manager** advised that with FONASBA now having approximately one year's membership income in reserve, the time was right to begin the establishment of contingency funds to cover this and other liabilities. With no other comment having been made previously or raised at the meeting, the motion that **“the budget for the 2002/3 financial year be adopted”** was proposed by **Mr. Foord**, seconded by **Mr. Georgopoulos** and **approved unanimously**.

Mr. Wramfelt then asked the **General Manager** to confirm, for the benefit of those present, the amount of time he was contracted to work for FONASBA and this was confirmed as being three days a week.

Details of the proposed membership fee increases for 2003/4 had been circulated previously but for the benefit of those present it was confirmed that increases of 2% for FONASBA members and an increase in ECASBA fees amounting in total to €5,000, spread across the ECASBA membership, had been proposed. **Mr. Masucci** and the **General Manager** gave a brief explanation of how this amount had been allocated to each member association. There being no further comment from the meeting, the motion that **“FONASBA subscriptions for the 2003/4 financial year be increased by 2% and that ECASBA income for the same period be increased by € 5,000, spread across all member associations”** was proposed by **Mr. Georgopoulos**, seconded by **Mr. Belmar da Costa** and **approved unanimously**.

10. OFFICE REGISTRATION

The **General Manager** advised the meeting that following the move of the FONASBA Secretariat to London, no formal notification of the change had been provided to the Rotterdam authorities and therefore the previous registration in Rotterdam remained in force. In order to effect the cancellation of the Rotterdam registration a formal motion of Council was required.

The motion that **“the current registration of FONASBA as an organisation under Dutch law and based in Rotterdam should be cancelled with immediate effect”** was proposed by **Mr. Duin**, seconded by **Mr. Bültjer** and **approved unanimously**.

11. ANNUAL MEETING 2003/4

At the invitation of the **President**, **Mr. Karaçelik** gave a brief overview of the 2003 Annual Meeting in Istanbul and confirmed the dates as being the week commencing October 14th 2003. He acknowledged the difficulty in matching the advantages, natural and otherwise, that Rio de Janeiro had to offer but he hoped that the Istanbul meeting would be a success and invited all those present to attend. Thanking **Mr. Karaçelik** for his invitation, the **President** said that every annual meeting was different and he was certain that the forthcoming meeting would be as memorable as any that had gone before.

On behalf of the Hungarian Association, **Capt. Finkei** said it was pleased to be able to confirm its willingness to host the 2004 meeting in Budapest and **Mr. Iigaki** advised that JAFTSA would be pleased to host the 2005 meeting in Tokyo. Those present **unanimously endorsed** both offers.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2002/4

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, and in respect of the nomination for Chairman of ECASBA, the Executive Committee, the **President** presented the list of those nominated to serve as officers of FONASBA for the coming two years. With the list having been circulated previously, and with no other candidates having been nominated by member associations, the nominations were **approved by acclamation**.

Accordingly, therefore, the officers of FONASBA for the period October 2002 to October 2004 are confirmed as:

President – Umberto Masucci (Italy)
President Designate – Philip Wood (Great Britain)
Executive Vice-President – Angel Pérez-Maura (Spain)
Immediate Past President – Bernardo D’Orey
Vice Presidents – Mario Froio (Brazil), Takazo Iigaki (Japan), Chris Papavassiliou (Cyprus), Soren Winger (USA)
Chairman, Chartering & Documentary Committee – Grete Noer (Norway)
Chairman, ECASBA – Gunnar Heinonen (Finland)
Chairman Liner & Port Agency Committee – John Good (Great Britain)

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No matters were raised.

14. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The **President** confirmed that the next Council Meeting will take place on **Friday, October 18th in Istanbul**.

15. PRESIDENT’S CLOSING REMARKS, INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Both **Mr. D’Orey** and **Mr. Masucci** made brief statements and a copy of **Mr. Masucci’s** remarks is attached.

There being no further business to discuss, the newly elected President brought the meeting to a close.

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