



FONASBA

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COUNCIL MEETING
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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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“Active engagement with organisations representing other sectors of the maritime sector, and with regulatory bodies, is integral to our activities. It promotes and protects the interests of members, extends and multiplies FONASBA’s global reach, and ensures the role of the ship agent and ship broker is recognised and acknowledged industry-wide. It is not just what you know, but who you know, that is important.”



Current Actions with:

- External Organisations
- Club Members



External Organisations:

- IMO/1
 - Participation at FAL 46 in May, jointly with the International Chamber of Shipping to monitor all working groups
 - FAL 46 approved the following:
 - Review of the Annex to the FAL Convention – approved without revised Form 2 (cargo declaration), to be addressed before FAL 47
 - Guidance to Address Maritime Corruption – approved
 - Revised Guidelines for the Establishment of a Maritime Single Window
 - Guidelines for the Prevention of Smuggling of Wildlife on Ships were endorsed with a view to approval at FAL 47
 - FAL 46 also saw further work on e-maritime topics, passenger controls and the establishment of National Maritime Transport Facilitation Committees



External Organisations:

- IMO/2

Other FONASBA actions:

- Contributed to, and co-sponsored*, actions to protect maritime transport and seafarers during COVID pandemic, including crew change protocols and ship/shore interface guidelines (see ICS below)
- Contributed to, and co-sponsored*, paper on Corruption in the Maritime Sector at FAL 44, coordinated by Liberia and the Marshall islands on behalf of MACN cross-industry WG members, (see above and MACN)
- Co-sponsored* a paper on the need to retain port community systems within national maritime single window environments
- Capt. Jakov Karmelić, IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador

* Papers requiring action can only be sponsored by MS, NGO's can only support



External Organisations:

- UNCTAD/UN-CEFACT
 - Led the industry experts group in revising the 1988 UNCTAD Minimum Standards
 - The Standards now encompass ship brokers as well as ship agents, reflect the current operational practices of both sectors and acknowledge the use of electronic data interchange
 - They also reference the FONASBA Quality Standard and Code of Conduct, albeit in footnotes
 - Published October 2021 and circulated to members



External Organisations:

- WCO/PSCG
 - FONASBA represented on the Private Sector Consultative Group (PSCG)
 - Attend monthly virtual meetings of the Group
 - Main issues under discussion: E-commerce, Free Trade Zones, Revised Kyoto Convention, Customs Performance Management, the Harmonised System, the Future of Customs



External Organisations:

- **International Chamber of Shipping**
 - FONASBA remains a member of the pan-industry groups led by the Chamber in relation to both COVID-19 and the situation in Ukraine. Group includes ship owners, P&I clubs, crewing agents, ports, class societies etc. FONASBA participates in weekly Teams meetings on these issues
 - Development of the crew change protocols and other related actions in IMO
 - Supported “Shaping the Future of Shipping” event at COP26
 - Worked with ICS colleagues to ensure coverage of all the working groups at FAL 46
 - ICS now supports the FONASBA Quality Standard
 - FONASBA is now based at ICS offices



External Organisations:

- **Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN)**
 - MACN established a Cross-Industry Working Group of IMO NGO's to assist in raising awareness of the effects of corruption in the global maritime sector, FONASBA has been a member since the start. MACN made a presentation to FAL 43 and also introduced a paper to highlight the issue. The correspondence group established after FAL 44 has developed the guidelines approved at FAL 46
 - Role of Centro de Navegación in supporting successful action against corrupt demands for hold cleaning in Argentina has been acknowledged. MACN now working on cooperative action in Nigeria, Ukraine and India.
 - The Cross-Industry Working Group has not met in the past year, although a meeting is expected shortly to determine its future actions



External Organisations:

- **United for Wildlife (UfW)**
 - Formed by the Royal Foundation to campaign against the movement of endangered species (CITES). Joined its Transport Taskforce in December 2018
 - Taskforce members include major transport organisations and companies across all modes, supported Kenya paper to FAL 46
 - Aim is to publicise the impacts of the movement of endangered species and bring together major players in the transport chain to eradicate the trade
 - Regular intelligence briefings issued on smuggling routes/methods, reviewed by Secretariat and forwarded to members in countries concerned (thankfully rare)
 - UfW also has a financial taskforce looking at movement of funds etc.



Club Members:

- **BIMCO**
 - Membership of BIMCO DC, GENCON Revision, support for FQS, judge and sponsor of YABA Award, member of ICS industry groups
- **Comité Maritime International**
 - Action to support convention on judicial sale of ships
- **INTERCARGO**
 - Support for FQS, member of ICS groups
- **INTERTANKO**
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Club Members:

- **IPCSA**
 - Joint action in IMO on e-Maritime matters, collaboration on Emerging Technologies
- **ITIC**
 - Legal advisers, judge and sponsor of YABA Award
- **Shipbrokers' Register**
 - Long-term support for FONASBA and FQS through highlighting in Blue Book
- **Baltic Exchange**
 - Provision of weekly summary of market information to FONASBA members



Thank you.