

**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE LINDNER HOTEL, ANTWERP
AT 2.00 p.m. WEDNESDAY, 25th MAY 2022**

Present:

Mr. A. Mantrach	President
Mr. B. Szalma	Executive Vice President
Mr. J. Dulce	President Designate, Regional Vice President for the Americas
Mr. J.A. Foord FICS	Immediate Past President
Mr. M. Mouselhy	Regional Vice President for Africa
Mr. A. Belmar da Costa	Regional Vice President for Europe
Dr. D. Mahasneh	Regional Vice President for the Middle East & South Asia
Capt. J. Karmelić	Vice President for Education
Mrs. J. Cardona	Chair, Association Best Practices Committee
Mr. M. Tak	Chair, ECASBA
Mr. R. Troch	Chair, Inspiring our Future Committee
Mr. F. Carlini FICS	Chair, Ship Broker Committee
Mr. S. Carlini MICS	Vice Chair, Ship Agent Committee
Mrs. B. Blomqvist	Vice Chair, Association Best Practices Committee
Mr. J. Delfino	Vice Chair, Inspiring our Future Committee
Mr. M. El Mezouar	Vice Chair, Ship Broking Committee

In Attendance:

Mr. J.C. Williams FICS	General Manager
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Mr. O. Brahmī	Algeria	Mr. E. Khalil Didi	Mauretania
Mr. A. Mingo Jozami	Argentina	Mrs. N. Beccera Pocaroba	Mexico
Mr. P. Campbell	Argentina	Mr. M. Andrade Gomez	Mexico
Mr. B. Ardhanari	Bahrain	Mr. N. Banovic	Montenegro
Capt. S. Falati	Bahrain	Mr. J. Tyminski	Poland
Mrs. H. Bruggeman	Belgium	Mr. R. D'Orey	Portugal
Mr. E. Wouters	Belgium	Mr. G. Necmeskal	Slovenia
Mr. S. Mackenzie	Chile	Mr. J. Fernandez Guillen	Spain
Mr. C.P. Papavassiliou	Cyprus	Ms. A. Ruiz Garcia	Spain
Ms. S. Turkilla	Finland	Mr. A. Ferrandiz	Spain
Dr. A. Geisler	Germany	Mr. E. Eminoglu	Turkey
Mr. A. Dobson FICS	Great Britain	Mr. R. Duzgit	Turkey
Mr. A. Veneris	Greece	Mr. B. Tonguç	Turkey
Mr. A. Mataragas FICS	Greece	Mr. E. Kaya	Turkey
Mr. B. Szalma jnr	Hungary	Ms. K. Torpey	USA
Mr. A. Santi	Italy	Mr. J. Kelly	USA
Mr. V. Totorizzo	Italy	Mr. M. Brattman	ITIC
Dr. D. Mahasneh	Jordan		

This meeting was undertaken in compliance with FONASBA's Anti-Trust and Competition Policy and at no time were any discussions undertaken in relation to: fixing of terms, prices or rates, matters relating to particular customers or suppliers, boycotting or black listing particular customers or suppliers, dividing markets or customers or otherwise seeking to distort competition

Item

Action

1. President's Welcome

The **President** welcomed all those present to the 2022 Council Meeting. He also acknowledged and welcomed the 23 delegates from 17 members and two observers that were participating at an Annual Meeting for the first time. The names of the new participants are attached to these minutes.

The **President** then asked all participants to stand and observe a minute's silence in memory of Mr. Emil Bandelj, the former President of the Slovenian Shipping & Freight Agents Association, who was a regular participant at previous Annual Meetings.

The **General Manager** reminded those present that the meeting was being held in accordance with FONASBA's Anti-Trust and Competition policy (see above).

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting held virtually on 25th November 2020

No comments were received, the minutes **were approved**.

3. **Matters Arising**

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

The FONASBA introductory video was then shown to delegates, who were encouraged to use it for promotional purposes with potential members and local authorities.

4. **President's Term Review**

The **President** made a short report detailing the developments within FONASBA during his term of office. The presentation is attached. The President also thanked the Executive Committee, **General Manager** and the membership for their support and encouragement during his term of office.

5. **Annual Meeting 2024**

The applicants to host the 2024 FONASBA Annual Meeting, Greece, Jordan, and Turkey, made presentations to Council for its consideration. Following completion of the presentations, voting slips were presented to all Full members. Mr. **Brattman** of ITIC would act as ballot scrutineer.

6. **FONASBA Secretariat Update**

The **General Manager** gave a short update on the status of Secretariat staffing, including an update on Mrs. Marsh's maternity leave, his plans to reduce his working hours from the end of 2022, and the move of the office to the International Chamber of Shipping. The presentation is available from the Members' Area of the FONASBA website.

7. **Finance/Funding**

Using a short presentation of the main items (available in the Members' Area), the **Honorary Treasurer** opened the discussion on the formal accounts for 2020/21, the budget analysis and the auditor's report, all of which had been circulated previously. As there were no questions, he proposed that **the accounts for 2020/21 be approved**. On a show of hands the motion was **carried by a majority**.

He then proposed that **the budget for 2020/21** (also circulated previously) **be approved**. This motion also was **carried by a majority**.

The **Honorary Treasurer** then introduced the proposal (again circulated previously) to maintain **membership fees for 2022/23 across all membership categories at the same rates as for the previous year**. The proposal was put to Council and **approved by a majority**. He also reminded Council of the introduction of the FQS fees approved at the 2020 virtual Council Meeting

The **Honorary Treasurer** then advised that FONASBA's auditors, Messrs. Blain Pritchard, had once again offered their services and **proposed that they be reappointed for 2020/21**. This proposal was also **carried by a majority**.

Due to the decision not to hold an Annual Meeting in October 2022, a **proposal to host a virtual Council Meeting in October 2022 for the express purpose of attending to the Federation's financial obligations** had been circulated previously. On a show of hands, it was **approved by a majority**. (*Post-meeting note: Formal notice has now been sent to all Members confirming the meeting will be held on Monday 17th October at 2.00 pm London time*).

Finalising this item, the **General Manager** advised Council that a request for reinstatement had been received from former Associate member Transoceanic of the Republic of Congo. Their previous membership had been terminated by Council in November 2020 by reason of non-payment of membership fees for the period 2018-2021. He explained that reinstatement of former members is provided for in By Law 7.2, which makes provision for the reimbursement of outstanding fees. Transoceanic had agreed to settle the debts due and on that basis the Executive Committee was proposing their reinstatement, albeit it would not be effective until full settlement was made. Council **approved the proposal**, and the **General Manager** was asked to notify Transoceanic accordingly (*Done*).

8. **Regional Reports**

Presentations outlining the status of membership, the Quality Standard and the Port Procedures Survey, as well as future plans for expanding same, were provided by the **Regional Vice Presidents** for the Americas, Europe, the Middle East & South Asia and by the **General Manager** on behalf of Mr. Iigaki, RVP for Asia, who was unable to attend the meeting. In their presentations (available from the Members' Area) the RVP's highlighted the following:

Mr. **Dulce** welcomed Mr. **Mackenzie**, attending his first Annual Meeting as President of

ASONAVE of Chile, and acknowledged the support of his colleagues from CIANAM in promoting FONASBA in the America during COVID when travel was not possible. He also highlighted the presence during the meeting of Mr. Philip Grey, representing the Caribbean Shipping Association as an observer and expressed his hope that the CSA would make an application for membership soon.

Mr. **Belmar da Costa** welcomed the participation at the Meeting as an observer of Mr. Hans Nicolai Edbo of the Norwegian Shipping Association and looked forward to further discussions with the NSA with a view to bringing it back into membership. He also acknowledged the situation in Ukraine and indicated his intention to travel there as soon as the situation allowed. Regarding the FONASBA Quality Standard, he encouraged the Turkish delegation, present at the meeting, to make progress on its implementation amongst the membership.

Dr. **Mahasneh** introduced himself as the new RVP for the Middle East and South Asia and said he was very happy to being present in person at an Annual Meeting. He highlighted the recent regional seminar on the impact of COVID-19 on the region and said he hoped to organise two more, one on the effects of the war in Ukraine and the other on green transportation. He also indicated Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Oman as potential new members.

9. **FONASBA Education:**

Capt. **Karmelić** made a presentation (available in the Members' Area) on the range of education initiatives now being offered by FONASBA. He took the opportunity of acknowledging all the associations that provided education courses and thanked FONASBA's partners ASBA, ACB and ICS for their support in providing the joint programmes. He reminded Council of the courses offered and recommended they regularly remind their company members of the availability of these courses. He also congratulated Ana Garcia on winning the Young Agent and Broker award for 2021.

At the conclusion of this report, the **President** congratulated Capt. **Karmelić** on his re-appointment as an IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador and presented him with his certificate.

10. **External Relations**

The **General Manager** gave a short presentation on FONASBA's cooperation and engagement with other international organisations and maritime sector bodies. A copy is available in the Members' Area.

11. **Annual Meeting 2023**

Mr. **Ardhanari** and Capt. **Falati** made an update presentation on the October 2023 Annual Meeting to be held in Bahrain. Mr. Ardhanari said that plans for the meeting were on track and the Bahrain Association looked forward to welcoming FONASBA to Manama next year. The presentation is in the Members' Area.

Annual Meeting 2024

Following the Bahrain presentation, and at the invitation of the **General Manager**, Mr. **Brattman** announced that the 2024 Annual Meeting would be held in Jordan, hosted by the Jordanian Shipping Association. Dr. **Mahasneh** as Chair of the JSA, thanked the delegates for selecting Jordan and assured them of an excellent Annual Meeting. The **General Manager** thanked Greece and Turkey for having put themselves forward as hosts and reminded them that they would be welcome to bid again for the 2025 meeting.

12. **Election of Officers**

The **General Manager** reminded Council of the nominations put forward by the Presidential and Officers Nominating Committees and circulated previously. He also confirmed that no alternative candidates had been proposed by the membership. Accordingly therefore, the Officers for 2022 – 2024 were approved by acclamation.

The newly elected President, Mr. **Dulce**, thanked Council for honouring him with this position and committed himself to further developing and expanding the Federation.

As it was their last FONASBA Annual Meeting, Mr. **Foord** and Mrs. **Cardona** thanked Council for their support, encouragement and friendship and wished FONASBA every success in the future.

13. **Any Other Business**

No issues were raised for discussion.

14. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The new **President (Mr. Dulce)** advised that the next Council Meeting of FONASBA would take place in Bahrain on **Wednesday 18th October 2023**, and he looked forward to welcoming everyone to that meeting. He also thanked NAVES and ASV for the excellent organisation of this meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the President brought the 2022 Council Meeting to a close.

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