



# ASSOCIATION OF MARINE SURVEYORS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Minutes of the General Meeting held March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
The Mission to Seafarers, Vancouver, B.C.

## In Attendance:

Alistair Beaton  
Richard Smith  
Capt. Ieuan Lampshire-Jones  
Capt. Don Tranter  
Pat Haliburton  
Cecil Noronha

## Regrets:

Philip Oldham  
George Patterson  
Laurie Langill  
Roy Sluyter  
Kenneth Rorison  
Darryl Martins

### **1) Call to Order:**

Alistair Beaton called the meeting to order at 19:10 hours.

### **2) Agenda:**

The Agenda for the Meeting was read by the Members and items were added as follows:

- Letter to Chamber of Shipping with current list of Members.
- New Members – Formalities to be completed
- Naval Officers Association – Proposal and Presentation
- Mission to Seafarers – Manager's Offer
- Port Security Meeting
- Letter from Australian Institute of Marine Surveyors

The motion to accept the Agenda as amended was proposed by Capt. Don Tranter, seconded by Richard Smith and all present voted in favour.

### **3) Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were read and a motion to accept the Minutes was proposed by Capt. Lampshire-Jones, seconded by Richard Smith and all present voted in favour.

Before proceeding with the items on the Agenda, it was pointed out by Alistair Beaton that the postponement of the General Meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at short notice had caused considerable

inconvenience to Members who were not aware of the last minute change. Alistair had apologized for the inconvenience caused in a letter to the Members and a formal apology is hereby recorded in the Minutes.

It was suggested that Members RSVP their intentions for attending (as well as their regrets if unable to attend) – especially considering the proposal below.

The Manager of the Mission to Seafarers has suggested that they could provide food (pizza, sandwiches, cake, etc.) for the Members if they had advance notice of the numbers expected to attend.

#### **4) Old Business/Matters arising from the last General Meeting:**

Letter to the Chamber of Shipping – A current list of Members will be drawn up by Cecil Noronha, in consultation with Roy Sluyter. Richard Smith will forward the same to the Chamber of Shipping with a covering letter.

The current list is being updated with details of new Members including Membership numbers and contact details.

#### **5) Executive Highlights / Director's Reports:**

Naval Officers Association – Alistair Beaton informed the Members that the NOA had passed a resolution at their Meeting to allow Merchant Navy Officers with Certification from Commonwealth countries to join the NOA. The new category of “Associate Member” would be created and an annual fee of CAD \$45 would reportedly be charged. The NOA holds Commemorative and Periodical dinners and lunches at reduced rates for Members. Application forms and further details can be obtained from Alistair.

At the last Meeting of the NOA, Richard Smith gave a presentation on “General Marine Surveying” to an audience of around 25 Members present. The presentation was well received by all. It was suggested that a “Speakers Group” be formed for such occasions, where there exists the opportunity to raise the profile of the AMSBC. Richard Smith offered to look into the possibilities of forming such a group and will report back to the Members. Any views and suggestions relating to the same may please be directed to Richard.

##### **• Membership Director's Report:**

Pat Haliburton informed the Members that he had followed up on previous enquiries for Membership and was awaiting responses from Capt. Vladimir Bondarev, Bryon Polly, David Cudlipp and Andrew Murray.

Colin Jones had submitted his application with all the required signatures and this was passed on to Capt. Don Tranter for review.

Pat also stated that recent Members had yet to receive their Stamps and Certificates. The delay is in finding out details required for the Stamps which are as follows:

- Membership Number
- Members initials and preference (first and last name initials OR first, middle and last name initials, etc.)
- 3 digits - denoting month and year Membership attained.

Richard Smith suggested a web linked list for ease of reference for these details and would check out the possibility of implementing the same. With feedback from Members and the list in place, it would be easier to renew or order new Stamps.

Pat also informed the Members that David Atkins, a Member of good and long standing had retired from the business of Marine Surveying and had surrendered his stamp. The Members wish David Atkins all the best in his retirement and this is duly noted in the Minutes.

Alistair Beaton suggested that a category of Membership be formed somewhere between the “Inactive” and “Honorary” status whereby those who are not actively working as Marine Surveyors but are yet involved in the Marine Industry may be taken on as “-----“ Member.

Richard Smith offered to check the by-laws and report back to the Members if such a possibility existed.

• **Treasurer’s Report:**

Roy Sluyter could not make it for the Meeting and had sent his regrets. If there are any queries or concerns about the financial affairs of the AMSBC, please contact Roy.

**6) New Business/Any Other Business:**

- The Manager of the Mission to Seafarers has suggested that they could provide food (pizza, sandwiches, cake, etc.) for the Members if they had advance notice of the numbers expected to attend.
- Capt. Jones informed the Members that a Port Security Meeting has been scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at the Westin Bayshore Hotel. This meeting would have particular significance for Marine Surveyors and their jobs in the secure areas of the Port. It is hoped that this meeting will be well attended by Members of the AMSBC who can offer their views and opinions with regard to future policies involving this issue.
- The Australian Institute of Marine Surveyors had sent a letter stating a positive response from six of the addressees who had been sent the proposal for formation of a Federation of Marine Surveyors – the AMSBC being one of the six. Further information on responses would be forthcoming in early May.

**7) Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 hours.

The next meeting is scheduled for **May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008** at **19:00** hours at the Mission to Seafarers. Kindly RSVP your attendance or absence in keeping with the proposal from the Manager of the Mission to provide food before the Meeting.

Proposed Schedule of Meetings:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>
Wed. March 19th 2008	19:00	Mission to Seafarers - Vancouver	General Meeting
Wed. May 21st 2008	19:00	Mission to Seafarers - Vancouver	General Meeting
Wed. September 17th 2008	19:00	Mission to Seafarers - Vancouver	General Meeting
Wed. November 19th 2008	19:00	Mission to Seafarers - Vancouver	General Meeting
Wed. January 21st 2009	19:00	Mission to Seafarers - Vancouver	General Meeting
Sat. February 7th 2009	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	A.G.M.