



## ASSOCIATION OF MARINE SURVEYORS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday, September 16th 2009 In the boardroom of the M.V. "Coastal Renaissance"

**In Attendance:**

Don Kimura  
Peter Strathdee  
Alistair Beaton  
Roy Sluyter  
Pat Haliburton  
Don Tranter  
Mike Fothergill

**Regrets**

Richard Smith  
Alan Hart

#### **1. Call to Order**

Alistair Beaton called the meeting to order at 17:43 hours.

#### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Agenda for the Meeting was circulated to those present. The motion to accept the Agenda, as circulated, was proposed by Don Tranter, seconded by Don Kimura and accepted by all present.

17.45 to 18.20 hours

The meeting was interrupted by BC Ferries. Before sailing there was a power outage and delay on getting aboard and BC Ferries lost their passenger count. All passengers were mustered and many counts were taken.

#### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Pat Halliburton read the minutes of the meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. A motion to accept the Minutes, as read, was proposed by Roy Sluyter, seconded by Mike Fothergill and accepted by all present.

#### **4. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

Alistair noted that the summer cruise on the paddle wheeler did not work out. Members agreed that the several that had been organized worked very nicely and the Association will endeavor to have a cruise next summer.

Mike Fothergill asked about the status of the Affiliation of Marine Surveying Organizations. Alistair read the working paper of the AMSO. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that this is the way of the future as we seek charter status and a professional designation. However the AMSBC should take care and maintain its own autonomy.

Mike Fothergill also expressed concern about the points system. It was pointed out that a points system is required to monitor professional development and continuing education, however Mike countered that the especially Island members would pay a high price to attend Vancouver meetings. Roy pointed out that many seminars and events that a member might attend will count to their points.

#### **5. Membership Report**

Pat Halliburton and the Membership Committee and have vetted the applications of five applicants. The Board unanimously agreed with the recommendations made by the Membership Committee and these names were put before the Members for a vote.

- a. Volodymr Bondarev – Ordinary Member. Alistair Beaton proposed, Don Tranter seconded and accepted by all present.
- b. Jostein Hoddevik – Ordinary Member. Alistair Beaton proposed, Don Tranter seconded and accepted by all present.
- c. Don Rose – Ordinary Member. Alistair Beaton proposed, Don Tranter seconded and accepted by all present.
- d. Rene Dickinson – Ordinary Member. Alistair Beaton proposed, Don Tranter seconded and accepted by all present.
- e. Allen Waugh – Probationary Member. Alistair Beaton proposed, Don Tranter seconded and accepted by all present.

The secretary will write to the applicants to advise them of the decision. Following that, their dues will be collected by the treasurer.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Roy Sluyter reported that on September 16th, 2009 The Association of Marine Surveyors of British Columbia has the following funds.

\$5,973.47 in our HSBC chequing account.

\$5,571.05 in our ING savings account

We have 32 members in good standing. Mr. Lipsett member #148 is our newest member and is paid up and in good standing. We have 2 candidates yet to send in their initiation fees and 2009 dues.

On June 6<sup>th</sup> the AMSBC paid \$131.36 to the BC Stamp works for member's stamps.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> the AMSBC paid \$75 to the Company of Master Mariners for a wreath for the Battle of Atlantic remembrance ceremony.

A motion to accept the Minutes, as read, was proposed by Don Tranter, seconded by Peter Strathdee and accepted by all present.

## **7. Committee Reports**

In Summary:

- a. Ordinary Member
- b. Probationary Member
- c. Honorary Member
- d. Non Active Member
- e. Any other class of Membership as determined by the Members voting on a special resolution.

Existing, basic requirements for membership:

- a. Must be a Marine Surveyor.
- b. Canadian or Landed Immigrant
- c. Full time surveyor for 5 years within the preceding seven - last 12 months must have been served in Canada.

The above qualifying time requirements may be reduced by credits given for previous qualifications and experience.

- d. Must submit samples of survey reports.
- e. May be subject to a verbal or written examination.

3. The above requirements were discussed and questions/concerns raised were as follows:

- a. What exactly is a Non Active Member? There is nothing in the By-Laws or Rules that describes this class of membership.
- b. Rules do state that "previous members of the Association who wish to be re-instated after a period of absence from membership may do so by paying all outstanding dues or by re-applying for membership. - Do we wish to continue with this as it does not adequately describe what "previous members" means?
- c. There is no class of membership for "students" or other individuals entering the profession. - Probationary Membership still requires an applicant to have been a General Marine Surveyor for the previous 12 months.
- d. There is no class of membership for individuals who are not practicing marine surveyors but who may like to participate - e.g. underwriters, mechanics, repair people etc.
- e. Ordinary Membership and Honorary Membership requirements appear to be ok.
- f. In looking to the future we should ensure that the all applicants SHOULD be subject to an examination rather than MAY be subject to an examination.
- g. The points system seems to have fallen by the wayside – in moving towards an application for “professional status” within the province perhaps this should be put into force.

4. Suggestions:

a. Classes of membership be as follows:

### **1. Ordinary Member**

- Meet existing membership requirements
- Pass entrance exam

May vote at all meetings  
Initiation Fee (one Time) on being accepted  
Annual Dues

## **2. Student Member**

Minimum of 2 years of submitting reports to membership committee.  
Minimum of 12 reports must be submitted each year – at least 1 every 3 mos.  
After 2 years, may sit entrance exam.  
Board will decide if student is ready to take examination based on experience and quality of submitted reports.  
On passing examination becomes Ordinary Member  
If exam has not been taken after 3 years of student membership then member must decide to sit exam or remove application.  
No voting Rights  
No initiation Fee  
50% Annual Dues  
On passing exam – Initiation fee (one Time) and 100% Annual Dues

## **3. Affiliate**

Non practicing member – has interest in the AMSBC  
No voting rights  
No initiation Fee  
30% Annual Dues

## **4. Honorary Member**

No change in current requirements  
No vote  
No Annual Dues

b. Committees may have Students, Affiliates and Honorary Members but the total of these groups combined must not make up more than 25% of the total committee membership.

c. The Probationary Member and Non Active Member classes should be removed.

d. Examinations:

1. There should be an examination for each of the candidate's chosen fields of expertise.
2. The examination should be in two sections:
  - a. Multiple Choice
  - b. Pictures requiring brief essays to describe deficiencies etc. in the pictures.
3. Must include questions on relevant legislation, rules etc.
4. An interview may be required following the examination to allow the candidate to clarify any answers that the membership committee has concerns with.
5. A database of questions should be made up from which examinations can be drawn up.
6. Existing members must either submit 4 questions for this database to be "grandfathered" in under the new requirements. If no questions are submitted then such members will be required to sit and pass the new examinations to retain their membership.

e. Moving Forward:

If the Board are in general agreement, we would suggest that arrangements be made to draft a Special Resolution to make necessary changes to our current by-laws. Such Special Resolution could be introduced at our upcoming AGM (2010).

### **8. AGM 2010**

The Vancouver Boat Show will be in GM place from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>. The AMSBC AGM will be held on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The board will book a spot for April 10<sup>th</sup>. The board will gladly accept recommendations for a guest speaker.

### **9. Correspondence**

The Treasurer advised that correspondence had been received as follows:

1. A letter from the Mission to Seafarers advertising the upcoming "Evening at Sea" dinner on Monday November 2nd.
2. A flyer from Ocean Innovation 2009 advertising their upcoming seminar entitled "Greener Ships – Bluer Waters" (Victoria – October 20th / 22nd 2009).

### **10. Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Kimura, seconded by Don Tranter and all voted in favour. As such the meeting was adjourned at 19:30 hours.

NOTE:

Our next scheduled General Meeting is on Wednesday November 18th 2009 at the Mission to Seafarers in Vancouver at the Main Street dock.

Please check the web-site and your email for details regarding the venue and time for the meeting.