

INDIAN MARITIME ASSOCIATION (UK)

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

In accordance with the notice and due to the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held via video conference on 22nd July 2021 (after an initial postponement due to covid delays). Members can seek detailed accounts from the treasurer if they wished.

At 1700hrs the Chair Monica Kohli, called the meeting to order and thanked all those attending the AGM, Welcomed to 2021 AGM.

Present: Akshay Misra, Maneesh Varma, Rahul Khanna, Captain Mukundan, Monica Kohli, Sudhir Malhotra, Sanjay Bhasin, Rohinton Khajotia, Maria Dixon, Paul Dixon, Virendra Adhikari, Jayan Pillai.

1. The minutes of the AGM 2020 were approved without any comments or amendments.

2. Accounts

The Honorary Treasurer (Captain Maneesh Varma) presented the accounts for the IMA (UK) for the Accounts from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, which were displayed via shared screen to all participants and explained in detail. Members can seek detailed accounts from the treasurer if they wish. Generally, a trend of lower members was noted, which will need to be addressed. Detailed accounts had also been sent to the Auditor for approval; these are awaiting approval from the Auditor currently.

Jayan Pillai, raised the issues re the GDPR payment GBP 35 and if it was necessary. The chairperson confirmed that this will be investigated further, perhaps under the guidance of Jayan Pillai.

Akshay proposed that the accounts be adopted, and this was seconded by Rohinton.

3. Confirmation of Office Bearers and the Executive Committee.

The Chair read out the names of the following members nominated as executive committee (Exco) members for 2021 who had received 2 or more nominations. These were within the number permitted under the IMA UK constitution, & were elected to the ExCo (2021/2022)

Monica Kohli
Rahul Khanna
Akshay Misra
Sanjay Bhasin
Maneesh Varma
Pushkar Gadani
Shaun Shonchhatra
Rohinton Khajotia
Sudhir Malhotra

Chair confirmed we are open to new committee members.

4. Appointment of the Chair, Vice Chair, the Secretary

Monica Kohli was proposed as the Chair and her continued appointment was supported and accepted unanimously. Proposed by Akshay Misra and seconded by Sanjay Bhasin.

Rahul Khanna was proposed to continue as Vice Chair, his continued appointment was supported and accepted unanimously. Rohinton Khajotia proposed and Capt. Mukundan' seconded.

Akshay Misra, was proposed to continue as Co Vice Chairperson, his continued appointment was supported and accepted unanimously. Monica Kohli proposed and Rahul Khanna seconded

Maneesh Varma was proposed to continue as Secretary and honorary treasurer, his appointment was supported accepted unanimously. Monica Kohli proposed, Akshay Misra seconded.

Sudhir Malhotra was proposed as Joint Secretary, his appointment was supported accepted unanimously. Proposed by Monica Kohli and seconded by Akshay Misra.

5. Appointment of the Auditor

Shaun Shonchhatra was again appointed as auditor but would like to propose a new auditor for next year. Proposed by Monica Kohli and seconded by Rahul Khanna.

6. Appointment of the Web Administrator

It was agreed that Neha Gupta would continue assisting as IT/Web Development administrator for current year.

It was suggested that Administrators within the ExCom could be Rahul Khanna, Akshay Misra and Monica Kohli. This was seconded by Maneesh Varma and Rohinton Khajotia.

7. Social Media presence

Further development of IMA's social media presence (such as IMA LinkedIn profile) was discussed.

Rahul is to lead a committee on technology / social media awareness for IMA.

Further discussion required to address these issues.

8. Other business and future activities

Monica Kohli also informed of the upcoming London International Shipping Week and Capt. Sanjay Bhasin spoke briefly on the likely format of the event, which will take place on 15th September. (Rahul Sanjay and Sudhir working on this together). Sanjay has been instrumental at getting IMA on LISW.

Diwali event in November, this will be explored further depending on pandemic situation.

National Maritime Day 2022; Spring and Autumn Seminars 2022 will need to be explored.

It was discussed that IMA should take the cause of supporting a charity this year
Following discussion, the Chair recorded that not more than GBP 1,000 could be donated to a charity this year as this was an especially difficult year for everyone due to the pandemic. This was agreed by the Treasurer and clarified that continued charity support should be subject to further review for next year/every year.

The Treasurer/Secretary raised issue re non-payment of fees, and it was agreed that this would be discussed in the next executive committee meeting. The Treasurer/Secretary said he would be sending reminders as appropriate.

Chairperson thanked everyone and brought the meeting to a formal end.