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## THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS

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Members of Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

### Council Meeting – 11 April 2018

The draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 Apr 2018 are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'T. Blakeley', is written over a horizontal line.

Trevor Blakeley  
Chief Executive

Enclosure:

Minutes of Council meeting held on 11 Apr 2018

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**Minutes of Council Meeting held on 11 Apr 2018**

**Present:**

N P Pattison  
J Frier  
H F Spencer  
P Wrobel  
L Santini  
A Bain  
R W Birmingham  
D A Andrews  
P Wrobel  
R Townsend  
R Cripps (By telelink)  
B Rosenblatt (By telelink)  
R Gehling (By telelink)  
M Renilson (By telelink)  
A King (By telelink)  
H Karanassos (By telelink)  
T Blakeley (Chief Executive)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 25 JAN 2018**

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 25 Jan 2018 were approved

**ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

2. Action 05/17: Chairman of Publications Committee to review the Committee's TORs

**Outstanding**

**RESIGNATIONS FROM COUNCIL**

3. The Chief Executive reported that Gillian Smyth had resigned from Council.

**REPORT BY VICE CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES**

4. The Vice Chairman reported that the Board had last met on 25 Jan 2018, and the minutes of the meeting had been forwarded to members of Council. There were no queries concerning the Minutes
5. The Chief Executive reported that D Aldwinckle had queried the requirement in the By Laws for Council to endorse the appointment of members of standing committees. It was agreed that this requirement could be met without change to the By Laws by each chairman reporting annually on the status of the committee wrt membership.

## **Resignation of the President**

6. The Vice Chairman reminded members that at its last meeting of Council he had confirmed to members of Council that T Boardley had resigned as President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees with immediate effect, citing as his primary reason "a situation where the Trustees seem unwilling to exercise what I consider to be appropriate levels of Governance". He had also reminded members of Council of his letter to Council in which he reassures members of Council that all Trustees agreed that any suggestion that the Governance of the Institution was inadequate was without substance or foundation.

7. At the meeting, a number of views had been expressed, and it had been agreed that further information was required in support of his view that governance was inadequate and there was lack of support by members of the Board for change. A number of proposals for action by the Board were put forward by members of Council. All those views and proposals had been considered by the Board at its subsequent meeting, when it had been agreed that in the absence of more information by T Boardley to substantiate the issues he had raised in his resignation, the Board was unable to give a detailed response. Therefore, the Board had accepted Past President Peter French's offer to meet with T Boardley to give him the opportunity to substantiate the reasons given for his resignation.

8. That meeting had taken some time to arrange, and the Board had only recently received the report of the meeting. That report would be considered by the Board at its next meeting, following which it would advise the Council of its response to the detailed justification given by T Boardley for his view that governance was inadequate and he had not had the support of the Board.

## **REPORTS BY CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **IMO Committee**

9. The Vice Chairman reported that since the last meeting of Council, members of the IMO Committee had attended the following industry and IMO meetings:

- ICS Industry Lifeboat group – to gather information and support for the submission to MSC 99 on the proposed lifeboat submission
- PPR 5
- IMO 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, for more lifeboat submission discussions
- SSE 5 where discussions were concluded on the lifeboat submission and submitted it to MSC 99 with co-sponsorship from the Marshall Islands and verbal support from other flag states and NGOs
- ISWG-GHG 3 where initial IMO strategy for GHG reductions was developed which will have far reaching consequences across shipping
- MEPC 72
- IMO Glofouling project presentation during MEPC 72

10. He reported that the Committee had entered into discussions with SNAME for closer cooperation, and invited the Chair of the T&R Steering Committee to become an ex officio member of the IMO Committee.

11. Hiro Yamada (IMO Conference Section Director) has replaced Heike Deggim on the Committee as IMO Liaison. Two other new members from London based Greek shipowner Lomar Shipping have joined the Committee.

12. The Danish society has been invited to become a member of the IMO Naval Architecture Group.

### **Maritime Safety Committee**

13. The Chairman reported that the Committee had met once since the last Council meeting. Although this was his first meeting as Chairman, he believed that there was a reasonably good spread of expertise in the Committee with its members coming from different sectors and backgrounds. He considered that one of his main objectives as chair was to encourage cross fertilisation of safety good practices between sectors, including military, cruise, cargo, oil, energy.

14. The Committee had reviewed previous actions on the stability incline experiment best practice. He personally found it a steep learning curve that sole use of manual calculation still existed, as Defence had mandated computer models and polar method since the 1980's. The relative cost was marginal.

15. He expressed frustration that the request to publish an article in the *Naval Architect* had been declined. [The Chief Executive asked for details, so he could investigate]

16. The Committee had reviewed previous action and study on lifeboat seats and capacity. He noted the physical trial had shown that the rating in the standard was not achievable by a considerable margin and welcomed the co-sponsorship by Marshall islands.

17. He reported that the Safety Techniques Workshop course ready to run once a date had been set. The Committee was considering whether it should to run a summary course of current good practice (as planned) or try and lead the agenda with latest thinking and best-practices.

18. He stated that as Chairman, he had been made welcome by the Maritime Innovation and Maritime Environmental Committees. He believed that the Professional Affairs Committee should consider the need to place safety and risk in undergraduate education, especially given the work by RAEng and the revised UKSPEC standards emphasis. There was also a need to consider CPD and recording.

19. He stated that the Committee would seek to offer new and additional ways to inform the members of its activities.

20. Council approved the award of its Certificate of Appreciation to S Watts, in recognition of her contribution to the work of the Institution as the Chairman of the Maritime Safety Committee. The Certificate will be presented by the Chairman of the Committee at its next meeting.

### **Maritime Innovation Committee**

21. The Chairman reported that the Maritime Innovation Committee had met once since the last Council Meeting.

22. The various groups have now completed their assessment of those key emerging technologies likely to have an impact on our industry now and in the future with some recommendations regarding possible actions for the future.

23. The various presentations are now being finalised before being published on the RINA Website for each of the *Maritime Innovation* themes such that the presentations could be uploaded initially and further information such as technology watch information, links to useful information etc. could

be added over time. Each page will have a discussion forum to allow members to interact with the committee.

24. It was also agreed to try and publish an article in *The Naval Architect* journal (*June 2018 issue*) of the Committee's findings and outlining ways of interacting with the Committee. The Committee discussed the possible ways of engaging with the membership.

25. Once the Maritime Innovation information is ready it will be made visible through:

- RINA website
- Conference themes
- Workshops should be arranged on key technology areas
- Announcements at RINA branch meetings
- Linked-in posts & other social media

26. Members will be able to interact using:

- The online Maritime Safety Group Forum
- Potentially a webinar session
- RINA Branch meetings if committee members are willing to present at their local meeting

### **Maritime Environment Committee**

27. On behalf of the Chairman, the Chief Executive reported that the Environmental Committee had met in February and continued the work of assessing and prioritising the work of the committee. Progress was made on the list of issues and matters to be considered by those involved in the design, construction and maintenance of marine vessels and structures when considering environmental aspects their roles.

28. It was also agreed to develop an environmental vision statement for the organisation that would be reviewed at the next committee meeting. Interaction with the IMO committee on matters related to GHG reductions, decarbonisation of shipping and zero emission ships were also discussed and it was agreed that the Committee should be more proactive in its engagements on these issues going forward.

### **Professional Affairs Committee**

29. On behalf of the Chairman, the Chief Executive reported that the PAC has met once since the last Council meeting.

30. David Smith has resigned as a long standing member of the PAC, and the Committee recommends that Council awards its Certificate of Appreciation to him in recognition of his long service. The Committee is still seeking further academic representation on the Committee, and Southampton and Strathclyde Universities will be approached.

31. Council approved the award of the Certificate to D Smith, to be presented at an opportune time.

#### **• Academic Accreditations**

32. Having accredited the BEng but not the MEng in Marine Technology at Plymouth University, the Committee is supporting the University in their development of an action plan to meet the requirements for accreditation.

33. The Committee has determined that only courses which fully meet the learning output requirements of the UK-SPEC will be accredited. Therefore, the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology distance learning course which had previously been accredited as partially meeting these requirements will not be re-accredited.

34. Application for accreditation has been received from Politeknik Perkapalan Negeri Surabaya (PPNS) (Indonesia) for the accreditation of nine separate courses, not all of which are considered appropriate for accreditation by the Institution. The Committee is currently assessing which courses to accredit and who will form the panels.

- **IPD Accreditation**

35. The Atkins Graduate Training Scheme has been accredited.

36. DNV-GL have resubmitted the documentation for its Graduate Training Scheme, as requested, and it is expected to carry out the accreditation in early June. There are no graduates on the Scheme at present.

### **Disciplinary Committee**

37. The Chairman reported that the further information on the allegation of professional misconduct which he reported at the last meeting had been requested had been received. The Disciplinary Committee had considered the allegation and the member's response, and had concluded that there had been no professional misconduct in respect to the survey about which the allegation had been made, but that the quality of the Survey Report was not that which would be expected of a member. The member had been informed of the Committee's decision.

### **Membership Committee**

39. On behalf of the Chairman, the Chief Executive reported that the Membership Committee had met once since the last meeting, at which it had carried its routine business of considering applications for membership and registration.

### **Publications Committee**

40. The Chairman stated that the Committee had met to determine the Medals and Prizes for papers published in the 2017 Transactions.

41. With regard to the outstanding action, he reported that he was awaiting comments from members of the Publications Committee on proposed changes to the TORs.

### **AUSTRALIAN DIVISION CONSTITUTION**

42. The proposed changes to the Australian Division Constitution were approved.

### **MARITIME 2050: CALL FOR EVIDENCE**

43. In response to a query, the Chief Executive reported that the Institution had not received an invitation from the UK Department for Transport to forward evidence to support a long term strategy to secure the future of the UK maritime sector, although he was aware that a number of individual members had.

44. The Chief Executive was actioned to forward a copy of Maritime 2050: Call for evidence to members of Council, and for members to determine whether a response by the Institution would be appropriate.

*Post meeting note: The Maritime 2050: Call for evidence document may be downloaded at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/maritime-2050-call-for-evidence>*

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

45. The next meeting will be held at 11:00 on 12 July 2018

#### **ACTIONS ARISING OR OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING**

46. Action 05/17 (Para 2): Chairman of Publications Committee to review the Committee's TORs

47. Action 01/18 (Para 44): Chief Executive to forward copy of Maritime 2050: Call for evidence to all members of Council.

48. Action 02/18 (Para 44): Members of Council to determine whether response to Maritime 2050: Call for evidence should be made by the Institution