



**MINUTES OF THE 27th CESMA COUNCIL MEETING ON 5TH MAY 2022,
GENOA, ITALY**

Those present:

Captain D. Dimitrov	President, BSMA, Bulgaria
Captain G. Ribaric	Deputy President, ZPU, Slovenia
Captain M. Badell Serra	Vice President, ACCMM, Spain
Captain H. Ardillon	Secretary General, AFCAN, France
Captain H. Ammerlaan	Administrator, NVKK, Netherlands
Captain D. Lakos	Webmaster, UKPTM, Croatia
Captain M. Giannelli	USCLAC, Italy
Captain C. Tomei	USCLAC, Italy
Captain W. Martens	VDKS, Germany
Captain W. Wittig	VDKS, Germany
Captain B. Kavanagh	IIMM, Ireland
Captain A. Badiul	IIMM, Ireland
Captain T. Crawley	IIMM, Ireland
Captain B. Baert	KBZ, Belgium
Captain J. Karnincic	UKPTM, Croatia
Captain G. Lettich	CNPC, Italy
Captain M. Carobolante	CTPC, Italy
Captain I. Conev	BSMA, Bulgaria

The Council is welcomed by the President of CESMA, Captain Dimitar Dimitrov.

ITEM 1: OPENING BY THE PRESIDENT

The President, Captain Dimitar DIMITROV opened the 27th CESMA Council Meeting in the very nice Maritime Museum of Genoa. He firstly expressed his thanks for the previous Council and AGA hold at Rijeka in last September 2021, especially to Capt Juraj KARNINCIC who made the entire organization. He expressed also his thanks to USCLAC president Claudio TOMEI and its CESMA representative Marco GIANNELLI for this year Council and AGA.

Despite the two actual facts which could affect this meeting, Covid 19 pandemic which is not ended and the war in Ukraine, it is a pleasure to meet some CESMA members again. No doubt that the discussions these two days will be on that important subjects for seafarers and captains.

ITEM 2: APOLOGIES

At first members were informed that Captain Francois de MEULDER, independent member, passed away last 10th April. CESMA was represented at his funeral ceremony by Capt. AMMERLAAN and Capt. BAERT on 22nd April.

Apologies are received from Members not able to come, due to work or difficulties to travel in connection with pandemic (Spain-AVCCMM, Finland-HSF, Latvia-LKKA, France-Hydros), or being on board vessels (Romania-ACNR).

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

As usual, each council member presents himself and mentions the shipmasters' association and which country he represents.

ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with a modification. Item 12, presentation of the new CESMA website was moved to item5.

ITEM 12: CESMA NEW WEBSITE.

Capt. ARDILLON and Capt LAKOS related the history of the change of host company. First it was necessary to require the property of the name (cesma-europe.org) from the previous webmaster. That was done, and paid of course. Then it became possible to change host company to a new one situated in Croatia, country of Capt. LAKOS, the webmaster. Then Capt. LAKOS opened the site directly, and explained how the website is running, for the public and the member area.

In the same time, it was distributed to each member the user name and password for their association in order to be able to enter in the member area.

It should be noted that the site is also valid on portable phone with access to internet.

Then there was a discussion about the documents which would be available to public or to members only.

As an example, documents for Council and AGA would be divided to public (minutes and resolutions) and to member area (agendas, lists, finance, others which should not be accessible to the public).

Following a question from Capt. BAERT (KBZ, Belgium), it is confirmed that it would be possible to renew the password of the member area, after asking webmaster.

Future improvement: addresses emails par function which will enable to remove the private e-mails addresses from the website, and also to have continuity in addresses when another member would be elected in the board.

ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 26TH COUNCIL MEETING, RIJEKA ON 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2021.

Captain DIMITROV, CESMA President informed the floor that the minutes of 26th Council Meeting had been agreed after the event and published in CESMA News September 2021. It was sent also by Secretary General a week before actual Council. No remark had been reported and the minutes had been adopted unanimously.

ITEM 6: ORGANIZATION AND RUNNING OF CESMA BOARD

As 3 of the 4 Board members were elected last year, capt. ARDILLON asked members their opinion on how to renew Board members. First solution is to renew Board members one by one, which means a vote each year and the administrative procedure with Netherland Chamber of Commerce to be done each year too. Second solution is to renew Board members at the normal end of their 3 years time, which means less contact and administrative work with Netherland Chamber of Commerce. Solution 2 is approved in majority by the members. Concerning the bank administrative procedure, it is reminded that actually Secretary General and Administrator are registered to the bank, which means that when Secretary General will be renewed, the Administrator cannot be changed the same year, in order to keep bank access

all the time. Of course in case there is a change for the Administrator, the Secretary General cannot be renewed at the same Council.

ITEM 7: RENDERING OF THE 2021 FINANCIAL PAPERS.

The financial papers were presented by Secretary General. Two associations (LCC, Lithuania and UKPCG, Montenegro) did not pay their subscriptions for 2021. There is communication with them. As per 2020, and also due to the pandemic which avoided during months the possibility of travelling, the 2021 budget ended with a positive balance.

For 2022, the budget is kept at the same level than previous year, in the hope that travelling conditions will be upgraded. Out of the travel expenses for the Council and AGA, it is already scheduled to participate to the congress organised by AVCCMM mid May on the 500th Year of the Magellan's expedition where Vice President and Secretary General will go.

To conclude the financial papers had been adopted as proposed.

ITEM 8: SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Captain ARDILLON presented the Secretary General's Report which gives the activities of CESMA in the year 2021. With the notable exception of our September Council and AGA at Rijeka, the almost full part of meetings was held on internet which is good for the finances, but less for the contacts we could have face to face with authorities and shipping deciders.

As per the Logbook for 2021, there were a lot of conferences with discussions on change of technologies, digitalization, cyber security, air pollution and new fuels, but also and this is something quite new, but probably due to the virus, on the wellbeing of seafarers. Also it can be noted the physical meeting in Saint Nazaire, France whose subject was the medico-psychological problems for seafarers.

When it is impossible to meet physically the people, the other possibility to join them is to send a letter. This is what we did in 2021 with the European Commission by sending letters on different subjects (with copy to the European Parliamentarians) such as the vaccination for seafarers, the piracy in Gulf of Guinea (and thanks to NVKK, The Netherlands who were at the origin of the letter), the repatriation of dead seafarers (after being informed by ACNR, Romania) and the omicron variant.

During the internet webinars we participate, one of the important questions was "how to attract youth to become seafarer".

There are no remarks on the report and as such it was adopted by the Council.

ITEM 9: STATUTES AND BY-LAWS

There were no proposals of modifications.

ITEM 10: MEMBERSHIP

Capt. LAKOS is in contact with a Polish Association of Shipmasters to which Capt. ARDILLON sent the CESMA statutes as required by one of their member. Same should be discussed during their last GA, but it was unfortunately not done as per information received few days ago. Contact is to be done again by Secretary General.

ITEM 11: COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Capt. DIMITROV, President, informed on his participation to EMPA meeting days ago. Unfortunately, the EMPA President who was invited to come to our AGA was not allowed to travel due to health.

Speaking about pilotage, Capt. MAERTENS, VDKS, gave some words about VDKS concerns on German pilotage system (see item 13 – Resolutions).

For the AGA, here at Genoa, a Director from EMSA will come to speak. Intention is given by the board to meet EMSA in the year, probably in autumn, which could also give the opportunity to meet our members from SINCOMAR, Portugal at the same time.

There are e-mailed contacts time to time with IFSMA. Capt. ARDILLON informed that each letter sent to European Union is also copied to IFSMA.

ITEM 13: EVALUATION OF RESOLUTIONS FROM 26TH AGA, RIJEKA.

ITEM 14: NEW RESOLUTIONS PROPOSALS.

Capt. ARDILLON, Secretary General, proposed new resolution subject Ukrainian seafarers. After discussions, this new resolution was divided into two new resolutions – on STCW certifications: expiration and recognition of courses followed in EU, wording proposed from IIMM representatives. Capt. KAVANAGH informed that actually there are several Ukrainian officers who are following the courses at Cork National Maritime College of Ireland

The preamble was also changed in order to underline the changes in the requirements for sea and port pilots as required by Capt. MAERTENS, VDKS.

Resolution on Covid was also rewritten to take into account of the changes, mainly for vaccination of seafarers, in the situation since last AGA, RIJEKA.

Ex resolution 2 (Implementation of sulphur cap and ballast water management) and ex resolution 4 (fatigue and safe manning) were removed, but kept in memory of course.

ITEM 15: ANY OTHER MATERS

JOLLY NERO: Capt. LETTICH, CNPC, informed that the Jolly Nero case should be given by tomorrow, (in fact it was postponed to 15th September), following the appeal with proposal to reduce the sentences for the Captain, the Chief Engineer, the Chief Officer and the Watchkeeping Officer. Capt. LETTICH made a short return on the story of the case.

All is recorded on the bridge, and warnings should be given to all captains to be cautious with internal discussion on bridge, all being recorded. It is also noted that VDR is mandatory on merchant vessels, but not on tugs, and so that the good execution of orders from pilots to tugs cannot be witnessed electronically contrary to the merchant vessel bridge. But on the Jolly Nero, all is based only on the VDR and AIS recording, no human witness is recorded.

Capt. GIANNELLI, USCLAC, introduced a Stella Maris representative from Genoa who related the actions during the pandemic in favour of seafarers.

INVITATION FOR THE NEXT AGA.

Capt. CONEV from BSMA, Bulgaria, proposed next Council meeting and AGA to be held in Varna, Bulgaria on May 2023, probably in the Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy. The proposed dates are 18th and 19th May, subject to further confirmation from the host organization. Information to the members will be sent in due time at last by end of 2022. Varna, Bulgaria was adopted as the place for the next CESMA Council Meeting and AGA.

Captain D. Dimitrov
President

Captain H. Ardillon
Secretary General