



*Minutes of the
Principal Sponsoring Organisations Meeting
held Friday 17 October 2003 at 15.30 in the
Victoria Room, Westin St Francis Hotel, San Francisco*

Present:

- Mr Rod Allan, Chairman OTC Organising Committee
- Mr Tom Allan, RINA
- Mr Glenn Ashe, ASNE
- Mr Krishna Chidambaram, IMarE India
- Mr Yuen Cheng Liew, SNAME
- Mr Phil Kimball, SNAME
- Ms Marie Lutzen, DSNAME
- Mr Tom Mackey, Chairman WMTC 2003
- Mr Naresh Maniar, SNAME
- Mr Hank Marcus, WMTC Technical Committee
- Professor Hans Meier-Peter, STG
- Mr Agustin Montes, AINE
- Mr Miguel Moreno, AINE
- Dr Seike Ogiwara, SNAJ
- Mr Keith Read, IMarEST
- Mr Bruce Rosenblatt, SNAME
- Mr Marcelo A Santos Neves, SOBENA
- Mr Rob Tagg, SNAME

In attendance: Miss Kathy Goodrich, IMarEST

1. Introduction

Tom Mackey welcomed all attendees to the meeting and stated the main aims of meeting which were to:

- Form a WMTC Steering Committee (WMTSC)
- Nominate and approve sponsor society(s) as host(s) for WMTC 2006
- Discuss the future role of the WMTSC



2. *Formation of WMTCS*

An event with similarities to WMTC in terms of interaction between societies is OTC. This is an annual meeting with a focused topic and always held at the same venue with 13 sponsoring organizations. Rod Allan, Chairman OTC explained that 2004 sees the 35th OTC which hosts a very large exhibition with around 2000 exhibitors and a technical conference of around 300 papers incorporating lunches, breakfasts, awards etc. They expect more than 50,000 attendees over 4 days. Each sponsoring organization contributes financially to the event (overall budget \$10-11 million) and receives a proportion of the profits (most income comes from the exhibition). SPE are commissioned to manage the event. Each sponsoring society nominates a representative to the board of directors for 4 years – they vote on financial issues etc and each society is represented on the Programme Committee developing technical themes/ papers etc therefore the programme is developed jointly by 13 organisations.

Tom Mackey explained that this year a technical representative was requested from each of the participating societies and that although SNAME made a profit on the exhibition this was offset by the conference costs. It was agreed that as WMTC was still in its early stages it was unreasonable to expect financial contributions from all societies but that the ultimate aim would be for the mechanics of WMTC to work in a similar way to that of OTC. The risks this year were seen to be financial, voluntary service and SNAME HQ services - SNAME day to day business was effected as the event was more successful than expected.

It was agreed that the WMTCS should be an international committee comprising of a representative from each sponsoring organization. All societies present agreed to appoint an individual and an alternate to the WMTCS and forward those names to Keith Read by Friday 14 November 2003.

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It was agreed that participation in WMTC 2006 should not be limited to those involved this year but expanded to include also organizations from China, India, France and the Netherlands and perhaps others.

3. *WMTC 2006*

The options of hosting WMTC by an organization or Nation was discussed and it was agreed that WMTC should be hosted by an individual society for ease of communication and organization purposes as well as difficulties such as dividing the risk and responsibilities.

Offers to host WMTC 2006 were received from IMarE India, IMarEST and SNAME. After short presentations from each of the prospective hosts IMarE India withdrew its proposal and SNAME supported IMarEST in its bid to host WMTC 2006 but left their proposal on the table for future WMTC events. It was encouraging to see so much interest in hosting this event which bodes well for the survival of WMTC long term.



Keith Read proposed that reporting to the WMTCSG there should be an Executive Committee which provides the mechanics of running the conference predominantly comprised of the organizing society's personnel; for 2006, IMarEST. Technical committees would be drawn from all societies as appropriate. This was agreed as it was recognized that this allowed one society to take the risk to achieve current aims of WMTC but could also be modified to reflect an OTC type model once WMTC has gathered a sufficient following.

4. *The Role of the WMTCSG*

The aims of WMTC were agreed to be:

- Encourage interaction between international marine societies to benefit of all members
- Achieve a technical programme that caters to a broad spectrum of marine industry
- Build upon the inter relationships within the marine industry e.g. technical and operational - how they relate to each other and how can assist each other
- Attract a technology community that represents the industry
- International

The WMTCSG will however be more than a 3 yearly conference bringing all societies together, it will investigate how societies can work together to disseminate technical information, provide technical support to international maritime causes and offer joint input into IMO and other organizations. The case of the technical review of the Estonia disaster is a good example of how societies could contribute and work together. They will also develop the idea of an International Confederation of Maritime Societies.

5. *The Way Ahead*

The first International WMTCSG meeting will be held at IMarEST HQ in January 2004 to approve the appointment of a Chairman WMTCSG, produce terms of reference/ mission statement for the WMTCSG and discuss the ongoing structure of such a group. SNAME will report on the lessons learnt from WMTC 2003, IMarEST will detail their intentions for WMTC 2006 and the committee will also investigate ways of working together as per 4 above.

It was agreed that SNAME would provide shadow Chairman of the WMTCSG until this position was officially appointed and Keith Read nominated Tom Mackey. This was approved.

6. *Any Other Business*

SNAME will trademark WMTC in the US. It was agreed that the trademark would be assigned to the WMTCSG whose participants can investigate extending the limits of this trademark protection outside the US if appropriate.

Kathy Goodrich
29 October 2003