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MINUTES OF THE SECOND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LUOYANG ROOM AT THE KEMPINSKI HOTEL, BEIJING, PRC THE 19 OCTOBER 2012 AT 5.00 P.M.

Participating:

President: Stuart Hetherington

Vice Presidents: Giorgio Berlingieri
Johanne Gauthier

Councillors: Christopher Davis
Måns Jacobsson
Dihuang Song
Louis Mbanefo
Jorge Radovich
Andrew Taylor
Tomotaka Fujita

Secretary-General: Nigel Frawley

Administrator: Wim Fransen

Treasurer: Benoit Goemans

Immediate Past President: Karl-Johan Gombrii

Apologies: Sergej Lebedev

The President opens the Executive Council meeting. The President welcomed Tomotaka Fujita to his first Executive Council meeting.

The meeting continued the agenda from the 14 October 2012 Executive Council meeting:

1. *Directors and Officers Insurance*

Benoit Goemans advised that a quotation had been obtained with a premium of EUR 1,450 plus taxes for EUR 1,000,000 of cover. The President asked the Treasurer to forward a copy of the proposed



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cover to himself and Andrew Taylor to consider the breadth of the cover offered and/or obtain, if considered appropriate, alternative quotations.

2. *ICC / CMI Nominees for Members of Maritime Arbitration Panel*

It was reported that Patrick Griggs had suggested that he be replaced as a nominee on this panel of arbitration. The President is to approach the President of the French MLA to ascertain the interest of the ICC in continuing this arrangement, which has not resulted in any appointments as arbitrators.

3. *Proposal for Young CMI Seminar in 2013*

It was reported that some young members had suggested holding an independent Young Members Conference in Latin America in 2013. The view was expressed that whilst applauding such an initiative, it was preferable that such event take place in conjunction with a CMI event. The President enquired whether it was proposed to hold Young Lawyer events at the Puerto Rico Joint Meeting of the US MLA and IIDM in October/November 2013.

4. *Next Executive Council meeting*

A tentative date was set for mid April 2013 for the next virtual Executive Council meeting.

5. *The Next Assembly*

The next Assembly meeting will be held in Dublin on 1 October 2013.

6. *Future Seminars, Symposia and Colloquia*

Invitations have been received from the MLAs of Germany (for a seminar to be held in both Berlin and Hamburg), Malta and Turkey to host meetings in their respective countries between the Beijing and New York Conferences. The MLA of Brazil has also offered to host a CMI Conference in the future.

7. *Consultative Members - Contact persons*

The President advised the meeting that he would prepare a list of the Consultative Members and would invite Executive Councillors (and other representatives from MLAs in countries where Consultative Members are based) to liaise with the Consultative Members to ascertain their correct contact details and, from time to time, report on activities of those organisations to the Executive Council.



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8. *Current IWGs*

The list of current IWGs was discussed and it was decided to form a new Offshore Activities IWG under the chairmanship of Richard Shaw and a new Review of the York Antwerp Rules IWG under the chairmanship of Bent Nielsen. It was noted that the work of the IWG on Salvage had come to an end at the Conference, but Judicial Sales will need to continue at least until Dublin.

9. *Standing Committee*

It was decided to establish a Standing Committee under the chairmanship of Louis Mbanefo with Rapporteur Deucalion Rediadis of the Greek MLA on Implementation of International Conventions and to explore setting up a Joint Standing Committee with ICS and the IMO Legal Committee. Further to the discussions at the Executive Council on 14 October 2012, it was also decided to investigate setting up a Standing Committee on establishing a database on Jurisprudence on International Conventions. A French lawyer known to Alexander von Ziegler has been identified as someone who might be able to fill the role identified by Benoit Goemans in the meeting on 14 October 2012.

It was also decided to enlarge the membership of the Young Lawyers and establish a Standing Committee with a view to having more materials placed on the website. Discussion also took place as to whether a Standing Committee (or IWG) on arbitration should be established but no decision was taken.

10. *Website / Publications*

Work is proceeding to have the Convention Handbook republished and also its contents put on the website. Christopher Davis will if necessary be taking this matter up further with Frank Wiswall.

11. *Potential new MLAs*

With the assistance of the Singapore Regional Office, CMI will try to unite the two Associations which have been formed in India.

12. *Maritime Security*

The President referred to a Maritime Security Round Table meeting to be held in Brussels on 29 November 2013 and asked to be advised whether anyone would be able to attend.



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13. *General Business*

The President raised the topic of the VOYLAYRULES 1993 Revision Working Group which is considering amendments to the Rules under the auspices of BIMCO. Karl Gombrii is to monitor developments and report back to the Executive Council.

The meeting closed at 6 pm.

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President
Stuart Hetherington

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Secretary General
Nigel Frawley