



## ASSOCIATION OF Average Adjusters

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By Email only

Dear Stuart

I am writing to you requesting that CMI consider the Association of Average Adjusters for Consultative Membership status.

The Association of Average Adjusters came into existence in the UK in 1869. Initially the intention was to arbitrate on disputed claims but this soon became "The promotion of correct principles in the adjustment of Averages and uniformity of practice amongst Average Adjusters and the maintenance of good professional conduct". Over the last nearly 150 years, the aims of the Association have changed little and they currently are the promotion of professional standards and correct principles in the adjustment of marine insurance claims and general average, including by:

- ensuring, through examination or otherwise, that those becoming a Fellow or an Associate Member possess the requisite level of expertise;
- providing a forum for discussion and by establishing rules of practice where necessary in order to achieve uniformity of practice amongst Average Adjusters;
- imposing a strict code of professional conduct in order to ensure the independence and impartiality of its Fellows;
- establishing procedures by which advice on all aspects of marine claims may be obtained;
- promoting marine insurance education amongst members of the maritime insurance

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profession and the general public; and

- promoting the professional interests of Fellows and Associate Members.

Over its history, the Association's Chairpersons have included a number of prominent Law Lords in addition to senior adjusters of the day.

The current membership includes 37 fully qualified practising Fellows, 21 non-practising Fellows/Honorary Fellows, approximately 150 qualified Senior Associates and Associates and around 350 Subscribers and Representative Members. Whilst the membership was once dominated by members from the UK, the membership is increasingly internationally diverse with representation at all levels from all over the world.

As one of the only organisations which actively looks to promote high quality qualification in our particular specialisation, we can boast some of the world's leading average adjusting minds within our organisation together with a wealth of international experience in dealing with marine casualties and their aftermath.

The Association has long been interested in areas of the work undertaken by CMI – particularly with regard to General Average and the York / Antwerp Rules – and has often given input through various Maritime Law Associations (principally the BMLA). We feel, however, that now is the time to seek a more direct association with CMI and hence our request for you to consider us for Consultative Membership status.

We look forward to your consideration in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, Association of Average Adjusters

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