



## **Constitution**

### **Introduction**

1. The name of the Association shall be the "International Windship Association" (referred to in this constitution as the "IWSA").
2. The IWSA was established on 1st July, 2014.
3. The IWSA has the following mission statement -

"The International Windship Association facilitates and promotes wind propulsion for commercial shipping worldwide and brings together all parties in the development of a wind-ship sector to shape industry and government attitudes and policies."

### **Objectives**

4. The IWSA shall have the following objectives -
  - Network - create a clear sectoral approach, grouping like-minded organisations and individuals that can share ideas, skills, technical and market information, resources for the development of commercial wind-ships.
  - Promote – promoting the economic value of wind propulsion to the industry
  - Incubate - assist in securing funding streams, project collaboration, grant applications, research and the pooling of resources.
  - Educate - act as a central information hub for the wind-ship sector, the media, NGO's, equipment producers, shipbuilders, ports, govts and the general public. Research papers, press releases etc.
  - Facilitate – initiating the establishment of common approaches/criteria for all stages of wind-propulsion projects, advise stakeholders and lobby legislative bodies on policies, activities, funding and incentives required to retrofit, upgrade and the new build of commercial wind-ships.

### **Membership**

5. Membership of the IWSA is available to companies and organisations active in the marine wind propulsion sector. Admission to membership is at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

General Criteria - Full Member - made up of active projects that are already taking concrete action in the field of wind ship development (ships, projects, products, trade). This membership will come with full voting rights, opportunity to be members of the Executive Committee.

### **Associates & Supporters**

6. The Executive Committee shall, at its discretion, admit as an associate or supporter of the IWSA any organisation or individual that is interested in the business. Associates and supporters shall be entitled to receive most publications and other literature

prepared under the auspices of the IWSA, and otherwise be entitled to participate in the affairs of the IWSA as decided by the Executive Committee.

General Criteria - Associate Member - made up of other companies, industries, organisations and individuals that are already taking concrete action and supporting the field of wind ship development (industry, ports, ship design, equipment development, logistics, trade etc.) or are heading in that direction.

Supporter –Individuals, companies, associations and groups (media, academia – students & researchers and the leisure maritime sectors) that share our vision and are willing to support it.

### **Finance of the IWSA**

7. The financial year of the IWSA shall be the calendar year but this may be changed by resolution of the Executive Committee.
  - The subscription scale shall be set by the Executive Committee.
  - Associates and supporters shall pay an annual subscription fixed by the Executive Committee.

### **Meetings of the IWSA**

8. The IWSA shall hold an annual general meeting not later than four months after the end of each financial year. At least 10 members of the IWSA, or the Executive Committee, may at any time require the Secretary to convene a general meeting of the IWSA. In convening such a meeting the Secretary shall give not less than 21 days notice to members.

### **Executive Committee**

9. The affairs of the IWSA shall be directed by an Executive Committee comprising -
  - Six-ten elected members, each member serving for a one-year term (maximum of three consecutive years). The Executive Committee may make bye-laws governing the conduct of elections including provision to phase retirements.
  - A member of the Executive Committee shall cease to be a member if s/he resigns from, or if s/he ceases to hold office in, the institution in which s/he has hitherto held office.
  - Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. The Chair shall have a second, or casting, vote in the event of equality.
  - The Director General (if appointed) and Secretary shall have one vote on matters decided at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

### **Chair and Deputy Chair**

10. The Executive Committee shall, at its first meeting in each financial year or AGM, elect a Chair to hold office until the first meeting in the following financial year (or AGM). The Executive Committee shall also elect a Deputy Chair. No person may hold the office of Chair, or of Deputy Chair, for more than three consecutive years. In

the event of the Chair or the Deputy Chair resigning or ceasing to be a member of the Executive Committee, the Committee shall have power to elect a replacement to serve for the remainder of the term, this period of office not counting for the purpose of the requirement in the previous sentence.

## Publicity

11. The Association shall publish an annual report on its activities and a list of subscribing members. Both these documents will be published on the Association's website with the membership list being always up to date.

## Committees and Panels

12. The Executive Committee may establish and maintain sub-committees and project groups, and may delegate matters to them.
  - The Executive Committee may appoint technical panels to advise and assist it.

## Additional Association Positions

13. The Executive Committee may appoint a Director General who shall be responsible to it for the management of the Association and who shall also be the principal representative of the Association and the principal policy adviser to the Executive Committee.
14. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Secretary who shall be responsible to it for the daily operations of the Association.

## Delegation

15. The Executive Committee and the Director General may delegate any of their powers

## Revision of the Constitution

16. This constitution shall be amended by the IWSA, provided that at least 75% of the members of the IWSA present at the meeting vote in favour of amendments of which prior notice has been given.

### Membership/Subscription scale and entry fee

Type	Subscription	Additional Contribution	Benefits
Full Member	E300 annually	Time, resources etc.	Full voting, Executive Committee access, conference time etc.
Associate	E200 annually	Resources, media, data etc.	Ltd voting, discuss key issues at general assembly, full network access, market development etc., media, conference time.
Supporter	No charge (donation requested)	Networks	Invitations, networking, media and data access.