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**MINUTES OF THE 97th MEETING OF THE IME(I) GOVERNING COUNCIL
(TERM 2021 - 23) HELD ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023**

(iaw Rule A15, A17, & A18 Part II of ORP and Articles 14, 15, 17.2 & 18.2 of M&AoA)

Meeting Notice and Agenda

1. Notice for the Governing Council Meeting (GCM) was given to GC members on 31.08.23 through WhatsApp Group and on 19.09.23 through GC Google Group with Agenda. Extract of the e-Notice and the circulated Agenda is reproduced below:

Notice is hereby given to members (Term 2021-23) for the conduct and request to attend the Meeting No. 97 of the Governing Council (GC) scheduled **at 1430 hrs on 23rd September 2023 at IMEI House Board Room** and through Virtual Meeting Application: Zoom (Link to Join the Meeting is at the end of this Agenda). Agenda for the meeting is as below:

<u>Time (Hrs.)</u>	<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Agenda / Event</u>
0925	-	Members to Log-in for AV Checks
0930	-	Observance of a Minute's Silence in Honour of Deceased Members
0933	1	Welcome Address by President
0938	2	Adoption of Agenda for 96 th GCM - By Circulation
0939	3	To Grant Leave of Absence
0940	4	Adoption of Minutes of the 95 th GCM - By Circulation
0942	5	Proposal to encourage and recognise Persons / Entities contributing financially to IME(I)
0955	6	Proposal to Introduce Welfare and Benefit Schemes for Members
1110	7	Nominations for 2024 IMO Gender Equality Award
1115	8	Proposal for Collaboration with Ocean trade Media for 'Maritime Inventions & Technology Awards 2024'
1125	9	Review of planned activities before elections for the next term and preparatory actions for Election
1133	10	Approval of Drawn Resolutions (through e-Mail)

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1135	11	Any other matters with the permission of Chair.
1205	12	Date for the next GC Meeting
1206	13	Vote of Thanks & Closure - By Vice President
1210	-	Management Review Meeting
1300	-	Completion of all activities.

2. Any other points will be taken up with the permission of Chair subject to availability of time. View inability of some members to travel this GCM will be in hybrid mode (physical attendance at Kochi and through web-based videoconferencing software, the link for which is shared herein).

Attendance

3. Attendance of various GC Members for the meeting which was held at IMEI House/Board Room and virtually, is as tabulated below:

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Name of GC Member</u>	<u>Parent Branch</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
(i)	Mr. Vijendra Kumar Jain	Mumbai	Hon. President	P
(ii)	Mr. Amit Bhatnagar	Kolkata	Hon. Vice Pres.	P
(iii)	Mr. Bhupesh Tater	Mumbai	Hon. Gen. Secy.	P
(iv)	Mr. Arun Kumar Gupta	Mumbai	Branch Chairman	LOA
(v)	Mr. Yatindra Nath	Mumbai	GC Member	P
(vi)	Mr. Girish Sreeraman	Mumbai	GC Member	LOA
(vii)	Mr. Rajeev Nayyer	Mumbai	GC Member	P
(viii)	Mr. Sanjeev Vakil	Chennai	Branch Chairman	P
(ix)	Mr. Anil Kumar P.K.	Chennai	GC Member	LOA
(x)	Mr. Vaman Mangesh Gaitonde	Goa	Branch Chairman	LOA
(xi)	Mr. S Krishnan Kutty	Kochi	Branch Chairman	P
(xii)	Mr. Mathew Koshy	Kochi	GC Member	P
(xiii)	Mr. Gautam Sen	Kolkata	Branch Chairman	P
(xiv)	Mr. Swapan Kumar Saha	Kolkata	GC Member	P
(xv)	Mr. Sanjeev D Ogale	Pune	Branch Chairman	P
(xvi)	Mr. Vijayananda Kumar Amara	Vizag	Branch Chairman	P

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(xvii)	Mr. Dilshad Singh Anand	Vizag	GC Member	P
(xviii)	RAdm. B Ajay	Delhi	Branch Chairman	LOA
(xix)	Mr. Chirag Bahri	Delhi	GC Member	LOA
(xx)	Mr. Vicky Malhotra	Delhi	GC Member	LOA
(xxi)	Mr. Uday Purohit	Mumbai	Imm. Past Pres.	LOA
(xxii)	Mr. Kushal Roy	Chennai	Imm Past HVP	LOA
(xxiii)	Mr. Tarun Kumar	Mumbai	Imm Past HGS	LOA
(xxiv)	Mr S Shenoj (Chennai Nominee for Mr Anil Kumar GC Member)	Chennai	Vice Chairman	P
	Mr N Rajan (Nominee for Kochi Branch Mr Kirshnan Kutty)	Kochi	Hon. Secretary	P

Formal Agenda Points

4. **Homage to Departed Member.** Upon commencement of the proceedings, HGS requested all present to observe a one-minute silence as a mark of respect and prayer for Mr. SM Mukherjee who had recently passed away.
5. **Welcome Address by President (Agenda Item 2).** The President, Mr. V.K. Jain, while presiding over the meeting, extended a warm welcome to the members of the GC and expressed appreciation for the exemplary work being carried out by the Chairmen and members of various sub-committees in their respective roles. Additionally, the President kindly requested the GC to sustain the ongoing decision-making process.
6. **Adoption of Agenda for 97th GCM (Agenda Item 3).** The previously circulated Agenda for the 97th GCM was considered as circulated, read and adopted unanimously by the GC.
7. **Leave of Absence (Agenda Item 4).** Leave of absence was granted to GC members who had previously conveyed their inability to attend the GCM. The members being Mr. Girish Sreeraman, Mr. Tarun Kumar, Mr. Sanjeev Vakil, Mr. VM Gaitonde, Mr. Uday Purohit, Mr. Kushal Roy, RAdm. B Ajay, Mr Arun Kumar Gupta, Mr. Chirag Bahri, Mr Vicky Malhotra and Mr Anil Kumar

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8. **Adoption of Minutes of 96th GCM (Agenda Item 5)**. The GC members present adopted the Minutes of the 96th GC Meeting which were previously circulated via E-mail and on GC Google Group, resolved as below:

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Details of Resolution</u>
97.05.01	RESOLVED that the minutes of the 96 th GC meeting, as presented, are approved.
<u>Proposed By:</u>	Mr. S Krishnan Kutty
<u>Seconded By:</u>	Mr. Y Nath


9. **Commencement of Classes at Goa and Kolkata (Agenda Item 6)**. The Chairman of Kolkata Branch updated the GC about the substantial progress made in the past two weeks on putting the classroom infrastructure in place for the Training Centre. Chairman CDSC, Mr Rajeev Nayyer updated the progress status for Goa Branch in absence of the Goa Branch Chairman and also informed the GC that the approvals for Kolkata are being progressed by the newly appointed Principal, with the DG Shipping.

10. **Global Maritime India Summit-2023 (Agenda Item 7)**. The HGS informed the GC that the GMIS-2023 has been shifted from New Delhi to Mumbai without any changes in dates. IME(I) will be participating in the Summit along with CMMI under the aegis of BES which is taking up the Booth (A33) at the Summit.

11. **Jury for RL Jain Awards 2023-24 (Agenda Item 8)**. The GC unanimously approved the following names proposed to be constituted as part of the Jury to adjudge the RL Jain Lifetime Achievement Award for the Year 2023-24: -

- (a) Shri CV Subba Rao
- (b) Shri Bimdhru Mohan
- (c) Shri Sanjiv Vakil

12. **Payment to IMU Chair (Agenda Item 9)**. HGS informed that the issue of payment of the annual charges to the IME(I) Chair at IMU has not progressed after having obtained the opinion of our CA. He informed that the GC that legal advice of Abja

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Advisory is also being solicited. The President informed that no clarity has emerged post discussions with Mr Makkar as well and brought out that it may be more appropriate for the issue, especially the taxation is dealt with professionally through the respective CAs. It was unanimously decided after deliberations that payments as recommended by Abja Advisory be progressed based on the discussions of CAs of IME(I) and MR Jagmeet Makkar on how the invoices should be prepared with regard to the taxation.


13. **GST Payment by Sahar Star - INMARCO-2022 (Agenda Item 10).** HGS informed that the legal advice obtained from Abja Advisory clearly brings out that serving a legal notice to Hotel Sahara Star for non-payment of GST is essential to protect the interests of IME(I). GC unanimously approved the issue of legal notice and advised HGS to give the required directions to Abja Advisory for the same at the earliest.

14. **Approval of Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement for FY 2022-23 (Agenda Item 11).** Comments on the circulated balance sheet and the statement of Income & Expenditure for FY 2022-23 were received from Mr Y Nath and Mr SM Rai. All observations raised have been addressed to and replied / clarified and no changes to the circulated Balance Sheet are warranted. The GC thereafter adopted the following resolution as the raised queries had been resolved: -

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Details of Resolution</u>
97.11.01	RESOLVED that the consolidated audited accounts of IME(I) for the FY 2022-23 are accepted and approved.
<u>Proposed By:</u>	Mr. Rajeev Nayyer
<u>Seconded By:</u>	Mr. Y Nath

15. **Financial Contribution to IME(I) (Agenda Item 12).** HGS informed that so far only three donations have been received and the details of donors are being published as per Resolution No. 96.05.01. The President urged all present to reach out to more Members for their contribution. He also highlighted that branches had been advised to step-up this noble cause and the next Committee may decide on how to proceed further.

16. **Mail of Mr Arunabha Kar on Grievances (Agenda Item 13).** The HGS informed that the mail raising certain grievances and requesting the same to be included

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in the forthcoming AGM, as received from Mr Arunabha Kar had been referred to Abja Advisory for legal advice. After examination all facts, Abja Advisory has indicated that the issue had been sufficiently addressed by the President in his March 17, 2023 email. Given the unchanged circumstances and facts, it was deemed ineligible for inclusion in the forthcoming AGM. It was further advised that should the matter be continued to be pursued by Mr Kar, it should be handled by the legal counsels of both parties hereafter. Post deliberations, the GC unanimously approved the office bearers to proceed with actions as advised by Abja Advisory and if raised again by Mr Kar, he be advised to pursue the matter with Abja Advisory through his lawyer.


17. **Approval of Drawn Resolutions (Agenda Item 14)**. The relevant resolutions would be circulated on GC Google Groups for approval.

18. **Any Other Matters (Agenda Item 15)**.

(a) **Benevolence Fund**. The Chairman Benevolence Fund informed that a request for continuation of financial support (as approved vide Resolution No. 35/36.01 dated 27.05.2009) from the fund being provided for the son of Late Mr. SP Singh (AM 5726) has been received from of Mrs Sadhana Singh (spouse of the deceased Member) for a further period of 5 years. GC advised that the same be examined and processed by the Branch and then be submitted for the consideration of the Benevolence Fund as per existing procedure.

(b) **International Chapter at Sri Lanka**. The President, in absence of Chairman IRSC, informed the GC on progress made on opening of a new Chapter in Colombo. In order to enable expansion and outreach of the IME(I), the GC adopted a resolution as below:

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>Details of Resolution</u>
97.15.01	RESOLVED that after submission of documents and completion of fulfilment of criteria as stated in the ORP, a new international Chapter be opened in Colombo.
<u>Proposed By:</u>	Mr. Y Nath
<u>Seconded By:</u>	Mr. DS Anand

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19. **Vote of Thanks (Agenda Item No. 16)**. There being no other points, and this being the last meeting of the GC for the current term, it was left for the incoming President to decide upon the date for the next meeting of the GC as per new composition for the next term. Mr. Amit Bhatnagar, Vice President thereafter presented the Vote of Thanks and thanked the members for attending online. There being no other points, the meeting was drawn to a close. The GC members then proceeded for attending the AGM.