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TO: Grand Secretary-Treasurer, International Ship Masters' Association, All Member Lodges

The following proposal to amend the Constitution of the International Ship Masters' Association was approved at Lodge 23 meeting dated 19 November 2018.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SHIP MASTERS' ASSOCIATION for consideration at the 2019 Grand Lodge Convention held in Traverse City, MI.

WHEREAS The need to attract new members to the association as well as disseminate information to existing members and the general public has become a more urgent need to the continuing success of the association and industry, as identified at the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago in 2016 and reinforced in Alpena in 2017, and;

WHEREAS The constitution only provides for one standing committee on an ongoing basis (NELC), and there has been various other ongoing work done without proper standing and authority, and;

WHEREAS Standing committee chairmen are unable to join the discussion at the Grand Lodge, even on particular issues they have brought up in their reports or may have knowledge of, unless they are delegates from a Member Lodge;

BE IT PROPOSED That the ISMA constitution be amended to define standing committees and include the committee named "Membership and Outreach" by replacing Sec 5 of the "BY-LAWS AND GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE" with the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Sec 5 The Grand President shall appoint standing committees to conduct business of the Grand Lodge throughout the year. As advisors, chairmen of standing committee may join Grand Lodge discussion the same as delegates from Member Lodges; however, chairmen do not have a vote in Grand Lodge Business. The chairman of each standing committee shall give a report to the Grand Lodge in the normal order of business.

Sec 5 (a) Navigation, Engineering and Legislative Committee (NELC)

The Grand President shall name and appoint a Navigation, Engineering and Legislative Committee each year at the opening of the Good of the Order. The committee shall operate as a standing committee for the entire year.

The committee shall consist of Active members. The committee shall have one member named as chairman and two named as vice-chairmen. Rejection of any appointee to this committee may be made by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the Grand Lodge meeting. The committee shall have the full authority of powers enumerated in the constitution and in addition shall have the following duties and powers:

- (1) To take effective and prompt action on matters that pertain to the marine profession, and the betterment of our profession and safety of all mariners.
- (2) To take any action as directed by the Grand Lodge.
- (3) To notify promptly the Grand President and all members of the Committee of any proposed actions to be taken and of the results.
- (4) To render bills upon the Grand Secretary-Treasurer for itemized expenses of the committee.
- (5) To give the Budget Committee an estimate of its expenses for the following year.
- (6) Should any member of the committee not be a member of Grand Lodge, he may, nevertheless, be called upon by the Grand Lodge to give the committee report or to be questioned by the Grand Lodge on committee affairs.

Sec 5 (b) Membership and Outreach Committee (M&O)

The Grand President shall name and appoint a Membership and Outreach Committee each year at the opening of the Good of the Order. This committee shall operate as a standing committee for the entire year.

The committee shall consist of Active members and may also contain Associate members. The committee shall have one member named as chairman and up to two named as vice-chairmen. Rejection of any appointee to this committee may be made by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the Grand Lodge meeting. The committee shall have the full authority of powers enumerated in the constitution and in addition shall have the following duties and powers:

- (1) Maintain and improve the ISMA website and associated social media accounts
- (2) To take effective and prompt action to disseminate information to Member Lodges using current technology and adapt to future changes thereof
- (3) Conduct regular periodic surveys of the organization, both of the membership directly and of the Member Lodges to identify issues and work to address them, as possible
- (4) Support Member Lodges as needed and requested in their efforts to outreach and maintain their current membership
- (5) Develop and adjust strategies for recruitment and marketing of the Association and to notify the Grand President and all members of the committee of these proposed actions and their results.
- (6) To take any action as directed by the Grand Lodge
- (7) To render bills upon the Grand Secretary-Treasurer for itemized expenses of the committee
- (8) To give the Budget Committee an estimate of its expenses for the following year.
- (9) Should any member of the committee not be a member of the Grand Lodge, he/she may, nevertheless, be called upon by the Grand Lodge to give the committee report or to be questioned by the Grand Lodge on committee affairs.