

INSOL International
Minutes of the Board Meeting
held on the 23rd March 2017

Present:	Mark Robinson (MR)	Apologies:	Richard Heis (RH)
	Adam Harris (AH)		Ron Silverman (RS)
	Julie Hertzberg (JH)		Jasper Berkenbosch (JBe)
	Scott Atkins (SA)		
	Brendon Gibson (BG)		
	Mat Ng (MN)		
	Paul Casey (PC)		
	Mahesh Uttamchandani (MU)		
	Leonardo Morato (LM)		
	Nick Edwards (NE)		
	Gerhard Gispén (GG) (On behalf of Jasper Berkenbosch)		
	Hugh Dickson (HD)		
	Catherine Ottaway (CO)		
	Prof. Li Shuguang (LS)		
	Juanito Damons (JD)		
	Claire Broughton (CB)		
	Jason Baxter (JBa)		
	Tina McGorman (TM)		

1) Welcome and apologies

MR welcomed everyone and gave the apologies.

2) Official appointments and retirements

The Board thanked MR for his work on behalf of INSOL over the term of his Presidency. MR said that it had been personally fulfilling and a pleasure to represent INSOL in this way and thanked the Executive, Board and Secretariat for all their help and support particularly in and around the Strategic Plan adding that he felt that during his term INSOL had delivered a great deal of value and to its members as well as many high calibre events including the 2017 Congress. MR along with the Board wished AH luck in the role of President. AH said that it was a privilege to take on this role.

Adam Harris was appointed as President of INSOL International March 2017- March 2019

Julie Hertzberg was appointed as Vice-President INSOL International March 2017-March 2019

Scott Atkins was appointed as a Director at large on the executive Committee March 2017-March 2019

3) Feedback on INSOL 2017 from Board Directors

There was a lengthy discussion on INSOL 2017 whereby each Board member articulated his / her thoughts. Feedback was generally positive with Board members providing their own thoughts and communicating feedback they had received during and after the conference from delegates. The case study received a great deal of praise as did the Moot. The positive opportunity Congress had presented to have individual sessions with the MA's as well as a full MA meeting was also singled out.

4) Board Conference Call 2nd March 2017

The minutes of this call were approved.

5) New COO's first impressions of INSOL / Website / CRM build

JB provided the Board with his first impressions of INSOL having been a part of the organisation for close to three months. He praised the level of engagement it enjoys with many of its members, noticeable in its ability to attract such big attendance levels at its conference. Referring to the this JB added that he had been impressed with the scale of the main event itself, as well as all the ancillary meetings and dinners which had provided him with an opportunity to speak to many of the delegates regarding their interaction with INSOL. He reported that those he had spoken to were very complimentary regarding INSOL membership.

Referring to MA meetings JB said that these had been very interesting and had provided much food for thought regarding ways in which to enhance the current level of interaction. With respect to the G36, JB explained that he had met with some representatives of these firms in London over the last two months and together with those he had been fortunate to meet in Sydney and those he will meet in NY (May 2018) he hoped to pull together some significant feedback on the value derived by these firms as well as a clearer understanding of how they are utilising their membership of this group. JB referred to the comprehensive induction programme that had been set up for him by CB and explained that this had provided him with a good understanding of the tasks performed by the INSOL secretariat as well as an opportunity to get to know the staff.

With respect to the Strategic report JB reported that he had been fortunate to sit in on the briefing calls with the various MA's which had provided an opportunity to increase dialogue with these bodies and look for opportunities to work together. All considered JB stated that it was an exciting time to have joined INSOL.

Regarding the website / CRM project, and referring to the paper that had been distributed to the board in early March, JB reported that having seen many potential providers and assessed their suitability based on business/cultural fit, deliverability of the desired product and cost, Envious Digital had been selected and approved by the Executive Committee.

6) Taskforce 2021 initial feedback – Chair Taskforce Scott Atkins

The remainder of the Board Meeting was dedicated to the Taskforce and the board split into working groups to discuss some of the key proposals in the Strategic Plan.