

**Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee**  
**Managing Board**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**April 16, 2018**  
**1:30PM**  
**Teleconference**

**Attendees:**

Mayor Joe Bereskin, Board Member  
Captain Buddy Custard, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mayor Frank Kelty, President  
Peggy McLaughlin, WSC Representative

Aaron Poe, ABSI  
LT Bart Buesseler, NOAA Office of Coast Survey  
CDR Justin W. Jacobs, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Anchorage  
Tim Robertson, Nuka Research and Planning Group  
Sara Nichols, Nuka Research and Planning Group

**Call To Order**

The meeting of the AIWSC Managing Board of Directors was called to order by President Kelty at 1:38PM.

**Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved by non-objection.

**January 30, 2018, Minutes**

**Motion Custard, McLaughlin to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2018 as presented. Voice Vote; Motion passes unanimously.**

**Ex Officio Comments**

CDR Jacobs stated that he is impressed with the level of participation at the Committee level and with the amount of work the two Workgroups have invested thus far. He thanked the Board for all their hard work getting the organization up and running.

Mr. Poe announced that he now works for the Alaska Conservation Association but holds the same job title as previously. He would like to continue serving as an Ex Officio Member unless the group has concerns.

## Committee Membership Vacancies and Appointments

### **Motion McLaughlin, Custard to approve the following appointments:**

**Bert Ray - Seat (l) P & I Clubs, Primary (ratification of February email vote)**

**Wyatt Morgan - Seat (g) Barges (including cargo and petroleum) and  
Associated Tugs, Primary**

**Ernie Weiss - Seat (i) Port Director, Harbor Master, Local Government,  
Alternate**

**Jennifer Tungul - Seat (j) Terminal Operators, Primary**

**Jeff Williams - US Fish and Wildlife Service, Ex Officio**

**Jeanette Alas, Primary - Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Ex Officio**

**Miranda Westphal, Alternate - Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Ex Officio**

**Lisa Krebs-Barsis, Alternate - Alaska Department of Environmental  
Conservation, Ex Officio**

**Voice Vote, Motion passes unanimously**

### **Committee Chair Report**

Chairwoman McLaughlin stated that the first meeting of the WSC was incredibly successful. The stakeholders were well-represented and very engaged. Both of the Workgroups formed have been very busy behind the scenes.

### **Facilitator's Report**

Mr. Robertson reported that Nuka Research's efforts had been focused on working with the Workgroup chairs and planning the upcoming Committee webinar. A budget review and long term operational budget will be presented at the next Board meeting. The 501(c)3 application is in progress. If you do start fundraising before the IRS status is approved, it will be retroactive once the application has gone through all the proper channels.

### **Sustainable Funding Plan**

The group discussed fundraising methods utilized by other Harbor/Waterways Safety Committees around Alaska and the Lower 48. Because it includes a large geographic area travel is expensive, this organization will require a bigger operating budget if it is the Board's decision to pay for travel to meetings. For just the administration and facilitation of the AIWSC, a ball-park figure would be around \$30,000. Nuka Research was asked to present the total costs of the February 28 meeting at the next Board meeting.

The AIWSC is funded through the calendar year of 2018 by the grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, but the Board will need to begin formulating a sustainable funding strategy for the organization moving forward. Mr. Robertson and Captain Custard will work through the details and bring some ideas before Board.

### **Next WSC Agenda**

The group did not have any additions or changes to the agenda as presented, but did request including an end time in addition to the start time so that people have an idea of how much time to block out.

## **News Release**

Mr. Robertson stated that he would like to capitalize on the momentum of the AIWSC and have Nuka develop a News Release for the Board's approval. It would be best to get it out within 48 hours of the May 1 meeting. The Board will approve the preliminary language via email next week. The Board requested that the release include the small papers in the Aleutians Region also.

## **Joint Workgroup Chair Teleconference**

Mr. Robertson requested a joint call with the WSC Chair and the Workgroup Chairs. It is important to get everyone together once in a while to ensure that they are working in concert. All agreed this is a good idea. Custard requested to be included as the WSC Representative Alternate.

## **Review Action Items**

- Formulate list of ideas for sustainable funding plan – Robertson/Custard
- Add end time of Noon to the May 1st WSC Agenda – Nuka Research
- Draft AIWSC News Release and circulate to the Board via email – Nuka Research
- Coordinate call between the Workgroup Chairs and WSC Chair – Nuka Research

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the AIWSC Managing Board of Directors will be held May 16, at 2PM.

## **Adjourn**

**Motion Bereskin, Custard for adjournment. Motion passes with no objection.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:31PM**