



Draft MINUTES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 05 July 2022 | 12:00 – 12:30

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair, Emiel Brouckaert, welcomed all participants to the meeting. Apologies were received in advance of the meeting by Dominique Thomas (OPCMPEMM), Bruno Dachicourt (ETF), Alexandra Philippe and Jacopo Pasquero (EBCD). The agenda was adopted.

Action points from the last meeting (24 September 2021, virtual)

1	Secretariat to circulate the poll on the Members Area to all members
	Postponed due to high workload
2	Secretariat to inform the Commission on the efforts made specifically in relation to OIG membership
	Membership drive is under way, the Commission will be informed at the end of the financial year.
3	Secretariat to carry out a written procedure for the approval of the new Executive Committee.
	Finalised in November 2021.
4	Secretariat to initiate written procedure for approval of delegation of power from the GA to the management team for the purpose of the AGM under Irish company law.
	Approved unanimously by the General Assembly on 16 November 2021.
6	Secretariat to initiate the setting up of a Focus Group on Social Aspects.
	The Focus Group was established in October 2021.

2. Classification Member Organisations in the NWWAC

Mo Mathies recalled the Secretariat's call for filling in and returning the membership classification form and urged participants to send the requested information, as it is a requirement from the Commission under the new Delegated Regulation. Mathies also explained that the information received so far has highlighted no need to reclassify any member organisation.

She then introduced the application for "other industry" category by France Pêche Durable et Responsable (FPDR). However, no FPDR representative was present at the meeting.

ACTION: Reschedule FPDR presentation on application for "other industry" category for next General Assembly meeting.



3. Discussion and approval of NWWAC Work Programme & Budget Year 18 (Secretariat)

Mathies provided a brief overview of the topics included in the draft Work Programme for Year 18, which was distributed in advance of the meeting for review by members. She explained that both the draft Work Programme and the Budget had already been submitted to the Commission in June as part of the NWWAC grant application for Year 18, to allow sufficient time for the Commission for review before the summer break and avoid a delay in the payment of the grant. However, it is still possible to make amendments if needed. She also mentioned the new lump sum approach established by the Commission, including the new templates for Work Programme and Budget. In this regard, Mathies explained that the NWWAC must indicate the number of advice submissions expected in the next financial year, as the payment of the end-of-year balance will be based on deliverables achieved in the Work Programme (i.e., number of meetings, number of submissions.). The list was prepared by the NWWAC Management Team based on previous years' timelines and submissions. Mathies added that discussions on this approach are still ongoing with the Commission, as it is difficult to have a precise estimate of the number and timeline of submissions. A lot of the AC's work evolves organically over the year. Similarly, the Commission requested an overview of the meetings planned in the first half of the year.

Looking at income for Year 18, Mathies explained that a good amount of membership fees and contributions by the Member States have already been received. Commission income is agreed at €330,000 under the new lump sum approach, of which 80% will be received as pre-financing at the start of the financial year. The balance payment at the end of the year will be based on the deliverables achieved. Then, she gave an overview of the proposed expenditure for Year 18, which is similar to previous years and has already been agreed by the Commission. She added that there will always be the possibility to move amounts among the different budget lines without the need to report to the Commission.

The General Assembly approved both the Work Programme and the Budget for Year 18.

Mathies then introduced the NWWAC Performance Review. This is a requirement under Commission Delegated Regulation 2022/204 which entered into force in March 2022. Terms of Reference have been developed by the NWWAC Secretariat and approved by the Executive Committee on 29 April 2022. Invitations to Quote were sent to 4 candidates on 12 May 2022 (Belgium, France, Ireland, Sweden), who all replied by the 01 July deadline (3 proposals, 1 declination). The proposed timeline for the Performance Review is as following:

- Award of contract anticipated by 01 September 2022
- Presentation of successful candidate to NWWAC General Assembly by 28 September 2022
- Project launch meeting by 03 October 2022
- Mid-project update to NWWAC Executive Committee by March 2023
- Presentation of preliminary conclusions to NWWAC Executive Committee by July 2023
- Presentation of full performance review to NWWAC General Assembly by September 2023



No comments were received from participants during the meeting.

Finally, Mathies provided a quick overview on the upcoming meetings of interest to the NWWAC as follows:

- 12 September 2022, hybrid, Malta CABFishMan project
- NWWAC plenary meetings, virtual
 - 13 September: Horizontal WG
 - 14 September: Regional WGs
 - 28 September: Executive Committee & General Assembly
- 21 September 2022, hybrid, Brussels DG MARE ‘Promoting “Fishing For Litter” activities & use of EMFAF support!’
- 26-20 September 2022, hybrid, Brussels STECF EWG 22-08 Skates & Rays

4. NWWAC policies

The two policies developed by the Secretariat on GDPR and equal opportunities and dignity at work were circulated to members in advance of the meeting and are available on the website Members Area. Mathies explained that the GDPR policy is a legal requirement, while the “Equal opportunities and dignity at work” policy was developed following recommendations from the Commission, which is also working internally to implement a policy on that topic. Both policies are based on legal requirements in Ireland.

The General Assembly approved both policies.

5. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

1	Reschedule FPDR presentation on application for “other” industry category for next GA
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Participants

NWWAC members		
José	Beltran	OPP-7 Burela
Emiel	Brouckaert	Rederscentrale
Juan Carlos	Corras Arrias	Lonja de la Coruña, S.A./FREMSS/ PESCAGALICIA-ARPEGA-OBARCO
Gérald	Hussenot Desenonges	Blue Fish
Jan	Kappel	EAA
Manu	Kelberine	CRPMEM de Bretagne
Julien	Lamothe	ANOP
Franck	Le Barzic	OP COBRENORD



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Geert	Meun	VisNed
Sander	Meyns	Rederscentrale
Patrick	Murphy	Irish South & West Fish Producers Organisation
Aodh	O'Donnell	IFPO
Sean	O'Donoghue	KFO LTD
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Irene	Prieto	ANASOL
Arthur	Yon	FROM Nord
Experts and Observers		
Killian	Chute	EFCA
Caroline	Gamblin	MSC
Dirk	Van Guyze	Dep. Agriculture and Fisheries
NWWAC Secretariat		
Mo	Mathies	Executive Secretary
Matilde	Vallerani	Deputy Executive Secretary