

Minutes of a meeting of the Association's North America Regional Committee
held on 23 January 2025 from 14:00hrs UTC via videoconference

Members of the Committee:

Adam Dushinske	TechnipFMC - Chair
Jose Owens	AMC – V Chair
Mark Wieneke	Aqueos
Kirk Raymond	Hornbeck
Sean Hogue	BMS
Sarah Whiteford	OneStep
Alan Malarchick	Heerema
Craig Reid	DNV
Andrew DeMetropolis	Valaris
Gustavo Garcia	TechnipFMC
Greg Gordon	Fugro
Darren McGuire	Oceaneering
Julian Martin	Fugro
Dinny Sharry	Valaris

IMCA

Richard Purser
Dustin Varnell
Bill Chilton
Mark Ford
Winnie Dehaney

1 Welcome and attendance

The chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	16 May 24	10 July 24	9 Aug 24	15 Jan 25	23 Jan 25
Adam Dushinske	TechnipFMC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Attended
Jose Owens	AMC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Mark Wieneke	Aqueos	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Julian Martin	Fugro	Attended	Apologies	Apologies	Attended	Attended
Greg Gordon	Fugro	Apologies	Apologies	Apologies	Absent	Apologies
Alan Malarchick	Heerema	Attended	Absent	Attended	Absent	Absent
Gustavo Hernandez	TechnipFMC	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended
Craig Reid	DNV	Attended	Apologies	Attended	Attended	Attended
Sean Hogue	BH	Absent	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Sarah Whiteford	OneStep	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies	Apologies
Darrin McGuire	Oceaneering	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Andrew DeMetropolis	Valaris	Absent	Absent	Attended	Absent	Attended
Kirk Raymond	Hornbeck	Absent	Attended	Attended	Absent	Attended

1.1 Minutes of the previous meeting

Not discussed at this time, Chair was absent.

2 Purpose of the Meeting

- Objective: Plan for the 2025 activities, including the March 4th Regional Meeting in Rhode Island and discuss the new regime in the Region.

3 Updates and Discussions

3.1 Strategy for Wind Industry and Event Planning

- Recent changes in federal policies affecting offshore wind leases were discussed. Members highlighted the importance of avoiding knee-jerk reactions to policy shifts and maintaining support for the industry.
- Several attendees emphasized the importance of continued regional presence and strategy discussions during the upcoming conference.

3.2 Event Planning Updates

- **Event Logistics:** Winnie Dehaney confirmed venues, registration, and catering were finalised, with a preliminary attendance of 10 registrants. Efforts to boost attendance through verbal and local outreach were proposed.
- **Keynote Speaker:** Efforts to secure a higher-profile keynote speaker, such as a congressman or the Mayor of Providence, are ongoing. Pre-recorded remarks may be used as a backup.

Action: Committee/IMCA

3.3 Emergency Preparedness Workshop

- Discussions focused on medical evacuation challenges, including the need for better emergency planning and coordination with helicopter services.
- Members noted the need to involve local stakeholders, such as responders and hyperbaric facilities, in emergency preparedness sessions.

Action: Committee/IMCA

3.4 Supply Chain and Local Content

- The committee discussed challenges in localising the supply chain for offshore wind projects. Suggestions included inviting representatives from leading firms and collaborating with groups like Oceanic to provide insights.
- The Committee was reminded that it is North America Region which encompasses Canada and Mexico, the committee needs to be mindful of these regions.

3.5 Regulatory Updates

- Members provided updates on the suspension of federal advisory committees such as NOSAC and FACA, which impacts regulatory processes for offshore wind and oil and gas operations.

- It was noted that these committees may need to restart from the ground up once reinstated.

Action: Committee/IMCA

4 Any other Business

The committee stressed the importance of maintaining a positive and proactive approach despite recent challenges in the industry. Key focus areas include supporting local content, addressing emergency preparedness, and navigating regulatory changes

5 Summary of action items

Action	Responsible	Target
3.2 Reach out to potential keynote speakers and stakeholders to confirm attendance.	IMCA	March 25
3.2 Coordinate with local firms for emergency preparedness and supply chain sessions.	Committee/IMCA	Feb 25
Finalise topics and speakers for the March conference, including strategy sessions and workshops	Committee/IMCA	Feb 25
3.5 Monitor developments regarding NOSAC and FACA to address potential impacts on the industry	IMCA	Continuous

6 Date and location of next meetings

Next meeting is proposed 23rd January 15:00hrs UTC

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Signed as a true record

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Date