

ARCSOPT

Committee Meeting Minutes

15 February 2024



ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE COMPANIES, SHIP OPERATORS, PORTS & TERMINALS PO BOX 350, Adamstown NSW 2289	
Committee Meeting Minutes	
Date:	15 February 2024
Location:	MS Teams
Record of attendance and apologies	
John Finch (Chair)	Port Authority New South Wales
Megan Suurenbroek (Secretary)	MER Solutions
Port Authorities Sub-group	
Savio Fernandes (Deputy Chair Port Authorities)	Fremantle Port Authority
Myron Fernandes (Committee Member)	Port Authority New South Wales
Carl Kavina (Committee Member)	Flinders Ports South Australia
Terminals Sub-group	
Mark Beale (Deputy Chair Terminals)	Port Kembla Coal Terminal
Craig Longmuir (Committee Member)	Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal
Resource Companies Sub-group	
George Mathews (Deputy Chair Resource Companies)	South 32
Nicole Del Borrello (Committee Member)	Roy Hill
Dylan Walker (Guest)	FMG
Ship Operators Sub-group	
Swapnodeep Mondal (Deputy Chair Ship Operators)	Anglo Eastern Ship Management
Vivek Venugopal (Committee Member)	NYK Line
Jonathon Willis (Committee Member)	Synergy Group
George Evdaimon (Committee Member)	TMS Dry
Apologies	
Corey Carless (Committee Member)	BMA
David Kelly (Committee Member)	Roy Hill

George Laou (Committee Member)	TMS Dry	
Lindsay Copeman (Committee Member)	Pilbara Ports Authority	
Item 1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	
1.1	<p>Minutes of the Last Committee Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Formal Apologies received from George Laou (TMS Dry), Corey Carless (BMA), David Kelly (Roy Hill) and Lindsay Copeman (Pilbara Ports Authority).</p>	
Item 2	Outstanding Action Items	
2.1	<p>Formalising ARCSOPT as an industry body and Funding Model update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought guidance and advice from other similar associations / organisations such as AMPI, Ports Australia, CSSF and Nautical Institute) • ABN application completed, submission pending. • Register with Australian Charities and Non-for-profits commissions as a not-for-profit organisation. • Open Bank Account for invoicing. • Funding Model was endorsed at the 2023 In-Person Meeting, the wider membership will be charged a membership fee to fund the In-Person Meeting, Administration and Legal costs. 	Ongoing
2.3	<p>Resource Company Sub-Group Members Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHP have advised BMA will represent BHP has a whole entity. • The Committee endorsed moving BMA from Terminal to Resource Company Sub-Group. • This now opens a position in the Terminal Sub-Group. • FMG will review the Terms of Reference internally and provide feedback. 	Endorsed
Item 3	Technical Proposals & Guidelines - https://arcsopt.org/publications/	

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<p>3.1</p>	<p>Technical Guideline 03/2023 – Marine Pilot Transfer Arrangements</p> <p>Savio Fernandes has requested a review of the current guidelines to include items of the Pilot Transfer arrangements to include items such as securing strops, combination ladders, strong points etc. The intention is to allow the Guideline to encompass broader aspects of pilot transfer arrangements.</p> <p>Savio Fernandes shared a presentation on Non-Compliance Pilot Boarding Arrangements at Fremantle Port. Presentation attached with minutes.</p> <p>Update from the Ports which have implemented the guideline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broome have had no issues with compliance. - Mid-West Ports have reported 2 cases of noncompliance. - Esperance and Albany are fully compliant. - Awaiting data from Bunbury, PPA Ports and Melbourne. - Townsville have reported 3 cases of noncompliance. - Gladstone is still yet to enforce guideline. - Darwin have reported 95-98% compliance. <p>It was noted, there is a powerful opportunity to present these findings at the Port Australia Working Group in March to continue to promote the Guidelines across Ports in Australia to ensure a consistent approach.</p> <p>Savio Fernandes noted Fremantle Ports hosted a Maritime Industry engagement session focusing on risks, current trends and future measures in Marine (pilot) transfer arrangements, ship mooring systems and vessel vetting. In attendance was AMSA, Classification Societies, Flag administrations & P&I Clubs.</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Technical Proposal 04/2023: Mooring Guidance Document</p> <p>Nil to update.</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Technical Proposal 05/2023: Pre-Arrival Questionnaire</p> <p>Terminal sub-group have submitted the following documents via email on 19 February 2024, followed by a workshop held on the 28 February 2024. Overall received positive feedback on the Standardised Question Set. Seeking committee feedback by end of March 2024.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The presentation provides an overview of the process followed to arrive at the current state of the pre-arrival questionnaire. 2. The spreadsheet provides a comprehensive list of all of the data that would be required by terminals from arriving vessel. Discussion was held whether each of the items would require as IMO descriptor or ARCSOPT descriptor.

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Item 4	Sub-Group Chair Updates
4.1	<p>Port Authorities Continuing ARCSOPT engage with container terminals and ship operators.</p>
4.2	<p>Terminals ACTION: Mark Beale will seek nominations for the vacant Terminal Sub-group position now available with BMA moving over to the Resource Company Sub-Group.</p> <p>Mark Beale has shared the Pre-Arrival Questionnaire work done to date with the Australia Coal Terminal network. Continue to promote the value of this project.</p> <p>Craig Longmuir updated the group on the Maritime Single Window Concept and recent submissions provided (links below). Port Australia will request an update Department of Infrastructure.</p> <p>Report 213 (aph.gov.au) Submissions – Parliament of Australia (aph.gov.au)</p>
4.3	<p>Resource Company Su Yin Anand from South 32 has transitioned roles from shipping into aluminum. George Mathews has taken over Su’s position on the ARCSOPT committee.</p>
4.4	<p>Ship Operators Swapan Mondal noted the “Standardisation of Pre-Arrival Question Set across Australia Ports & Terminals” has been shared with the Operator group and, feedback/comments have been requested.</p>
Item 5	Safety Share
5.1	<p>Myron Fernandes (Port Authority of New South Wales) attended Container Ship Safety Forum in November 2023. A presentation was provided around fatalities on various ship operators over the past 12-18 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mooring line parted incident on large 20,000 TEU container ship. Captain and Chief Officer were undertaking their deck rounds. There was also gale warning in place. The crew were passing under the lines under tension on the forecastle deck. At the same time mooring line parted striking the Chief Officer resulting in a fatality. • Ship monorail on the aft deck being used for spares / stores. This equipment had an electrical failure and was stuck in the outboard position over the wharf. The electrical officer climbed onto the monorail to rectify the situation. At the same time the shore container crane was moved and collided with the ship’s monorail resulting in a fatality of the electrical officer. • Third engineer on board was working in the engine room and ingested a chemical from a clear plastic water bottle which resulted in a fatality days later. The chemical was used by the engineering staff for cleaning the air compressor.

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	<p>Craig Longmuir advised the Australian Coal Terminal Operators and AMC Search have developed a safety video around ship mooring line safety. ACTION: Will share a viewing at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p>Myron Fernandes questioned whether any ship operators have tested Wilhelmsen snapback arrester concept. NYK & TMS noted currently undertaking some trials. Mixed feedback to date received. TMS noted the biggest learning is from crew deck experience and training to prevent incidents.</p> <p>TMS noted they have circulated the Technical Proposal 04/2023: Mooring Guidance Document. Worth noting, they are gradually reducing the MBL of the mooring lines to conform with the new IMO regulation. However, NYK noted they are not reducing the strength of the ropes being used. Savio Fernandes noted a large number of vessels are incorrectly carrying out Brake Render Tests. It was proposed to convene a meeting to discuss. Craig Longmuir supported this and can provide data collected around parting line events highlighting key factors.</p>
Item 6	Other business & closing
6.1	<p>Next Meeting Next committee and wider membership meeting will be scheduled for 10 April 2024.</p>

John Finch - Chairperson	Megan Suurenbroek - Secretary
	