

General Assembly Minutes

Museu Marítim de Barcelona

Saturday, 9 October 2021

Attendees: 15 full members and 1 affiliate member

The meeting starts at 9:00h

1. Welcome by the President

MPP welcomes all participants for having participated in this year's forum and GA meeting. She thanks João Almeida for being present and hopes the best for this relationship with EMH. J. Almeida replies that it is an honour for him to join the team and wishes to open doors between the EMH and AMMM, and solve future challenges together.

2. Short report of 2 mandates of president

MPP informs that she briefed on her two legislations as introduction to the forum (See her document attached).

3. List of tasks developed during year 2019-2021

See point 2.

4. New organizational proposals for AMMM decided in the Extraordinary EC meeting (6/9/21)

This point was not raised.

5. AMMM meetings held online

MPP lists the online meetings held during the last two years:

2020

- EC meeting: 16 September
- GA meeting: 10 December

2021

- EC meetings: 11 February; 14 May; 11 June; 30 June
- Extraordinary EC meeting: 6 September

6. Update on AMMM membership

LP informs that to date AMMM has a total of 60 members: 37 full members and 23 affiliate members.

6.1 New adhesions of AMMM from mid 2019 to October 2021

During the online EC meeting held on 16 Sep 2020 the board decided that the list of applicants received during pandemic period should be sent by email to the EC for validation and then to full members in order to vote online. During the present GA of 9 October 2021 all members would be informed as recap of the votes decided online. Affiliate members who cannot vote, were also duly informed of this procedure. The results of these new adhesions are already included in the total of 60 members before mentioned. Applicants were:

Full membership:

- Lošinj Museum, Croatia
- Museu Maritimo de Sesimbra

Affiliate membership:

- Coord. of Associations for Preservation & Revitalisation of Maritime, Fishing & Shipbuilding Heritage of Kvarner & Istria (Traditional Sails of Kvarner and Istria)
- Associazione Vele d'Epoca Verbano
- Association Aventure Pluriel
- Latinsko Idro Association

Doodle results of votes out of the total of 34 full members:
20 votes in favour; 14 did not vote

Later in time another museum applied. Votes went as follows:

- Museu Marítim de Mallorca (Balearic Islands)

Doodle results of votes out of the total of 34 full members:
28 votes in favour; 6 did not vote

MPP requests AMMM members to present these new entities, whom they invited to join; or requests directly to new museums to introduce themselves:

Tea Perinčić presents **Lošinj Museum** by saying its main theme is local maritime history. Thanks to a European Union project it is now a “sailing museum” (centre of interpretation). Its director is specialised in underwater archaeology.

MPP asks for votes. All present vote unanimously in favour, no votes against.

Word is given to Andreia Filipa Conceição from the **Museu Marítimo de Sesimbra**. She presents the museum as a municipal museum with a rich heritage linked to the sea and fishing, largely the result of working closely with the fishing community. They also presented their candidature to the Emya awards.

MPP asks for votes. All present vote unanimously in favour, no votes against.

Tea Perinčić also presents the **Coord. of Associations for Preservation & Revitalisation of Maritime, Fishing & Shipbuilding Heritage of Kvarner & Istria** (Traditional Sails of Kvarner and Istria), a group of associations managed by Robert Mohović, already member of AMMM.

MPP asks for votes. All present vote unanimously in favour, no votes against.

Next presentation goes for **Associazione Vele d'Epoca Verbano**, which is an entity located at the Lago Maggiore, north of Milano. It focuses on the protection, enhancement and dissemination of vintage and classic boats.

MPP asks for votes. All present vote unanimously in favour, no votes against.

Lluïsa Prieto says that **Association Aventure Pluriel** focuses on sailing activities funded by EU educational programmes addressed to young people. Its president is Thierry Pons, also president of the Fédération du Patrimoine Maritime Méditerranéen, member of AMMM. Lurdes Boix adds that they will visit the town of l'Escala to make an exchange.

MPP asks for votes. All present vote unanimously in favour, no votes against.

Kate Šikić Čubrčić presents **Latinsko Idro Association**, of which she is member. This entity has six boats and is a benchmark in the country: they organise regattas, training for children, organise a pilgrimage, etc.

MPP asks for votes. All present vote unanimously in favour, no votes against.

Albert Forés, director of the **Maritime Museum of Mallorca** informs that his museum is formed of two museums: the Museu de la Mar de Sóller, which has been recovered after seven years being closed, and also the Ses Voltes Cultural Centre in Palma, where occasionally activities are being carried, while a new museum project is in progress.

MPP asks for votes. All present vote unanimously in favour, no votes against.

MPP thanks the effort to AMMM members to invite new museums and entities to join our association.

LP expresses doubts on a membership request: the MuRi Museo civico di Ricadi – Museo del mare Capo Vaticano. The initial information sent does not prove it to be a future full member. In year 2020 two mails were sent requesting for further information. No answer was received. MPP proposes that the museum is affiliate member. LP will inform of this decision, and request again more information. Once analysed the details, this candidate would be voted during next GA.

6.2 Resignation of affiliate members

- Associazione Proval, Naples resigns due to lack of funding for the association. However MPP says to keep Antonio Riccio in the general mailing list of AMMM and that we invite him to future forums in reward for all his work done.
- Ecomuseo urbano Mare Memoria Viva informed that they were not active within AMMM, therefore their decision was to resign.

7. Support to projects

The AMMM signed letters of support to the following projects:

- FLAG costa Emilia Romagna

Davide Gnola says that the project focused on fishing went well.

- ARCA Adriatica - Environment and Cultural Heritage

Davide Gnola adds that this project, with Tea Rijeka's museum as partner, was approved by the EU. Its objective is the development of the common tourism product, based on social and ecological principles and sustainability, which in turn enhances, preserves, protects and promotes the rich maritime heritage. Cervia and San Benedetto del Tronto are also partners of the project.

- Project PRIN 2020 (university of Genoa)

As AMMM did not receive any further information on the success of this project, Lluïsa Prieto will send a mail.

- Festa de la Sal (Unesco label), Museu de l'Anxova i de la Sal, l'Escala

Lurdes Boix informs that Spain has been granted with many Unesco awards so her festivity should be included in a partnership leaded by another country. In fact during AMMM's forum, Slovenia and Portugal showed interest in forming a partnership.

Elvira Mata adds that the candidacy cannot be focused on the festivity. Actually the discourse should be that museums organise festivities as a key element to preserve maritime heritage.

MPP says that it is important that future EC members analyse possibilities of AMMM participating in projects that are 100% funded.

8. Proposal to join a project

MPP informs that AMMM analysed options to be partner of the Lilliput Project, focused on adult training (Erasmus+). The leader of the project was the network Lilliput. Another partner was ICOM Liguria, with Franca Acerenza as coordinator. LP had doubts about the percentage of funding granted, as AMMM does not have income to participate with. Once doubts were clarified (100% of AMMM's participation would be financed), matters on content were discussed. All AMMM was to be a partner, counting with all museums as a whole. To manage AMMM's implementation in project was not an easy task, particularly when no AMMM coordinator was designated. The leader wished that Barcelona's museum hosted several conferences; and that other museums would participate with pedagogical activities, testing them and working out guidelines. The reflexion to make was which museums would participate in the project in the name of AMMM.

MMB declined the invitation to join the project. Galata Museum was not interested in joining. A mail was sent to the EC members to see if museums would belike to join. There was no availability at the moment. All this happened in two working weeks time. So finally AMMM informed that its museums would decline the invitation to join the project.

MPP says that if there are interested AMMM museums, we can contact them again for future calls.

EM says that the Norway Grant funded a Maltese project with 2 million euro. These grants go to specific European countries. Spain or Italian are not included in this call but Slovenia, .or Montenegro for regional cooperation are included. Franco Juri will look into it.

9. ICOM General Assembly

MPP informs that LP prepared the Annual AMMM Activity Reports of 2019 and 2020 which was then sent to ICOM, as requested every year.

In July 2020 AMMM participated in the 35th Ordinary General Assembly. In January 2021 there were elections during the Extraordinary Session of ICOM Advisory Council.

Following the ICOM Kyoto 2019 Conference there was a debate on the new definition of museums, which caused former President to resign. Alberto Garlandini, vice-president, was elected for the rest of the legislation, that is, two years. MPP says that we are in relationship with A. Garlandini since the Italian ICOM Conference of 2016 where AMMM participated. In addition he attended the Rijeka Forum and sent a video for our Barcelona gathering this year, so it is interesting to have built these bonds with him. In fact the concept of "seascape" is more familiar to ICOM thanks to the relationship between AMMM and Garlandini.

Further to this Kyoto issue, ICOM requested all museum members to send their definition of museum. EM requested opinion to some AMMM museums and put together a list of words and definitions, which was later sent to ICOM. She informs she will send it to all members.

10. Next Forum: Pirano 2022

MPP recalls on the list of candidates who requested to organise future AMMM forums: Pirano would be next year and San Benedetto del Tronto in year 2023. Sesimbra wishes to present her candidacy for year 2024, and Sant Feliu de Guíxols for year 2025.

Franco Juri informs on logistics: they will provide with transport from the airport to the city, as it is not very accessible. It is decided that the date to celebrate the forum is the 29th, 30th of September and 1st October. What concerns the theme, it would focus on museums and sea that are accessible. This would include multiculturalism, communication, generational diversity, immigration, etc. Moreover, in June he wishes to make an exhibition that explains what AMMM is. He wishes to ask each member for a text describing their

museum in their own vehicular language and English. He also wants to use video format. He will provide with further information.

Franco Juri requests that the EC meets in spring as well as other interested parties to discuss the programme of the Forum, as it has been done in the past.

11. Treasury: Balance / Settlement excels 2019 and 2020

LP presents the financial documentation (see documents enclosed). MPP informs that there are at present 5.755.65€, income that should be spent. The EC considers that this money should be used for communication expenses; or that it could be used to pay for speakers of future forums.

The settlement and estimate of expenditure of year 2019 is voted in favour, unanimously, no votes against. The settlement and estimate of expenditure of year 2020 is voted in favour, unanimously, no votes against.

12. About elections: new proposals discussed in Extraordinary EC meeting (6/9/21) in relation to the current statute (MPP and EM)

This point is not discussed.

13. Elections for AMMM Executive Committee and president

MPP informs that there is only one candidature by Davide Gnola.

DG takes the floor and says that in this new legislative period he wishes to work in team, thus have an innovative proposal. (See his document accepting Presidency attached). A few ideas to highlight are:

- He says that the AMMM must follow laws (statutes) but that an association has rules of its own.
- He wishes to designate working groups on different themes
- Due to the fact that he manages a small museum without staff resources, he wishes to have a presidency distributed in different people.

The list of candidates is:

EC members:

- President: Davide Gnola (Maritime Museum - Cesenatico)
- Vice-President: Lurdes Boix (Museu de l'Anxova i de la Sal - L'Escala)
- Vice-President: Franco Juri (Pomorski Muzej "S. Masera" - Piran)
- EC member: Kate Sikic Cubric (Muzej betinske drvene brodogradnje - Betina)
- EC member: Maurizio Daccà (Galata Museum of the Sea - Genoa)
- EC member: Enric Garcia (Museu Maritim de Barcelona)
- EC member: Giuseppe Merlini (Museo del Mare- San Benedetto del Tronto)
- Secretary and Treasurer, as per statutes: Lluïsa Prieto (Museu Maritim de Barcelona)

Honorary members:

- Elvira Mata - Honorary President
- Maria Paola Profumo - Honorary member

Working groups

- Annalisa Canali (Salt Museum - Cervia)
- Tamara Nikolic (Kuća or batani - Rovinij)
- Sabrina Marlier (Museum dep. Arles antique - Arles)
- Miquel Martí (Fishing Museum - Palamos)

- Tea Perinčić (Pomorski i povijesni muzej Hrvatskog primorja - Rijeka)
- Antonio Mussari (Museum of the Sea - Naples)

- He wishes that Tea Perinčić and Antoni Mussari join the working group due to their contribution to the association in the past.
- He wishes to count with the know-how of Elvira Mata (founder and former president of AMMM) as Honorary President, in order to assess in matters related to ICMM and other associations.
- He also wishes to count with the know-how of Maria Paola Profumo, for her relations with ICOM. MPP accepts willingly this responsibility but only as Honorary member.

MPP calls for voting.

EM proposes to vote the EC and the working group together as a whole. MPP replies that we must follow statutes and this must be made separately.

Full members vote for a new EC and then for the working groups that will collaborate. All votes are in favour, unanimously, no votes against.

Davide Gnola, as new President of AMMM lists briefly his objectives:

- To promote AMMM and diffuse maritime heritage
- To work with other networks: EMH, ICMM by means of A. Campodonico and A. Dentoni, who form part of the board.
- To liaise more with France
- To strengthen communication (facebook, IG, website...). AMMM income could focus on this objective.

Following this presentation, former EC members resign from their responsibility and new elected EC members sign for the new period of four years. This signed documentation will be sent to the archives of the Ministry of Spain.

14. Other

This point has not been raised

15. Conclusions of the resigning President

This point has not been raised

16. Speech of the elected President

This point has been raised in point 13.

The meeting ends at 13:00h

Barcelona, 28 October 2021

Maria Paola Profumo

Outgoing President



Lluïsa Prieto

Secretary



