

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF



**LOCAL AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATION**

AGENDA PAPERS

Friday 2nd October 2020

10:00 - 13:00 CEST

(09:00 – 12:00 BST)

Online Meeting

KIMO International

Annual General Meeting

Online: 2 October 2020 – 10.00-13.00 CEST / 09.00-12.00 BST

Agenda

Opening session (30 minutes)

Welcome and introduction

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| 1. Adoption of the agenda | AGM 20/1 |
| 2. Draft minutes of the 29 th AGM October 2019 | AGM 20/2 |
| 3. International Activities Report 2019-20 | AGM 20/3 |
| 4. President's Report | Verbal |
| 5. Report from International Board meeting 25 th September 2020 | Verbal |

Strategic issues (45 minutes)

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| 6. Action Plan 2020-2021 | AGM 20/4 |
| 7. Reports from the Networks 2019-20 | AGM 20/5 |
| 8. Resolutions | AGM 20/6 |

Comfort break (10 minutes)

Organisational business (30 minutes)

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| 9. Financial reports | |
| • To approve the 2019-20 accounts | AGM 20/7 |
| • To approve the 2019-20 budget | AGM 20/8 |
| 10. Proposal for extension of tenure of Presidency Team | AGM 20/9 |
| 11. AGM 2021 | Verbal |
| 12. AOB | |

Guest speakers (40 minutes)

- **Erik Goksøyr**, Head of the Marine Recycling Centre in Sotenäs, Sweden will speak about the municipality's unique recycling initiative.
- **Karen Sandrini**, Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee of Esbjerg, Denmark, will speak about the roll out of the Coastal Lottery in Denmark.

Concluding remarks – Cllr Jerry Ahlström, KIMO International President

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Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting: 13th October 2019, Velsen, Netherlands

Recommendation:

The AGM is asked to approve the minutes.

Minutes of KIMO Annual General Meeting: Velsen (The Netherlands): 13 October 2019

Present:

First Name	Last Name	Municipality/Organisation
Mats	Abrahamsson	Sotenäs kommun
Jerry	Ahlström	Lomma kommun
Malcolm	Bell	Shetland Islands Council
Arabelle	Bentley	KIMO International Secretariat
Pia	Bergenholtz	Sotenäs kommun
Ulrich	Birstein	SDN
Håvard	Bjordal	Bergen kommune
Helena	Björn	Lomma kommun
Annelie	Brand	Helsingborg kommun
Lena	Breinholt Moeskjaer	Partner
Charles	Buchan	Aberdeenshire Council
Henrik	Damsgaard	Jammerbugt kommune
Albert	de Hoop	Honorary member
Elsje	de Ruijter	Municipality of Vlieland
Anders	Debel	Holstebro kommune
Sebastian	Dinjens	Chair, KIMO Netherlands/Belgium
Alan	Donnelly	Aberdeen City Council
Natalie	Eckelt	Insel- und Halligkonferenz e.V.
Karsten	Filsø	KIMO International
Mark	Findlater	Aberdeenshire Council

Henning	Gad	Tønder kommune
Søren	Gais Kjeldsen	Environment and Energy Department, Aalborg Municipality
Jørgen	Grüner	Slagelse kommune
Ragnhild	Hammer	Arendal kommune
Ejgil	Haurum	Thisted kommune
Steen	Heftholm	Frederikshavn kommune
Turið	Horn	Tórshavnar kommuna
William	Howatson	Aberdeenshire Council
Daniel	Irvold	Vordingborg kommune
Theresa	Jákupsdóttir	Tórshavnar kommuna
Henrik	Kikkenborg	Esbjerg kommune
Andries	Koornstra	Port of Harlingen
Flemming	Kortsen	Slagelse kommune, Center for Miljø, Plan og Teknik
Sinclair	Laing	Aberdeen City Council
Jóhan	Lamhauge	Kommunufelagið, Faroe Islands
Christian	Lorenzen	Fanø kommune
Michael	Mannaart	KIMO Netherlands/Belgium
Grioghair	McCord	KIMO International
Iain	McDiarmid	KIMO International
Faron	McLellan	KIMO UK
Ryan	Metcalfe	KIMO Denmark
Karin	Meyer	KIMO Sweden
Jan Joris	Midavaine	KIMO Netherlands/Belgium
Lars	Møldrup	Tønder kommune
Tina Elisabeth	Nymann	Frederikshavn kommune
Hilda	Overweel	Partner
Niels Jørgen	Pretzmann	Jammerbugt kommune
Jørgen	Rabjerg	Ringkøbing-Skjern kommune
Henny	Rabjerg	Partner
Trish	Robertson	Highland Council
Martin	Robertson	Partner
Lone	Rossen	Ringkøbing-Skjern kommune
Lucia	Schöllhorn	Partner
Hans	Schub	Tanum kommun
Jette	Seifert Kjeldsen	Partner
Sofia	Stengavel	Uddevalla kommun
Robert	te Beest	KIMO International
Kristian	Tilsted	Thisted kommune
Joke	Van Dijk	KIMO Netherlands/Belgium
Kees	Visser	Municipality of Den Helder

1. To adopt the agenda for the meeting

AGM 19/1

The agenda was adopted.

2. To approve the draft minutes of the AGM October 2018

AGM 19/2

The minutes were approved.

3. Annual Activities Report 2018-19

AGM 19/3

There was one comment from the floor: that provision of Emergency Towing Vessels is an issue of relevance to all KIMO members and one that KIMO needs to keep high on the agenda through lobbying of transport ministers nationally.

The annual activities report was noted.

4. Action Plan 2019-20

AGM 19/4

The Secretariat introduced the KIMO Action Plan and highlighted the close correlation between KIMO's actions and EU legislation, the OSPAR and HELCOM Regional Action Plans on marine litter, the MARPOL Convention and the Bonn Agreement, in particular with regard to developments with the Port Reception Facilities Directive and with Fishing for Litter.

The activity report was noted.

Feedback from members

Mr Ahlström introduced an open discussion session, in which the assembled members were asked to share their thoughts with the meeting by responding to three questions. Mr Ahlström explained that more must be done in order that we move KIMO forward. The feedback would be used to inform KIMO's action plan in the years ahead. Members' responses are summarised below:

Question 1 - How can we double the number of member municipalities in 2 years?

- Writing to all coastal municipalities in the north sea, re-engage previous members, invite them to AGM, raise awareness about the work that KIMO does
- Pursue membership in other countries
- Use existing association/organisations E.g. Nordic Council – as an inroad to new member countries (e.g. Iceland)
- Common map to show which municipalities are members
- Utilise our political network to leverage influence more. Local politicians already have contacts in new municipalities. Recruit at joint municipal meetings.

Question 2 - How can we get extra money into our organisation besides having more member paying member fees?

- Get external funding to do research
- Consultancy

Question 3 - If we were to have one or two more focus areas, besides Fishing For Litter, what would they be? (The suggestions needs to be scaleable to international level.)

- Emergency Towing vessels (International problem, easy to understand for public, municipalities don't need to pay)
- Wind Farms – safety of navigation in the vicinity of the windfarms
- Navigational safety
- Litter on the beach: Coastal Lottery
- Sustainable ecosystems
- Cargo ships and cruise ships – pollution affects local level. KIMO can raise attention to the issue at the highest level
- Safety of shipping – (focus on cause not effect: shipping is the cause, maritime pollution is the effect)
- Single use Plastic/PRF directive – chance to pursue EPR. Keep producers close. Get them to use our network to promote ways of reducing plastic waste
- Ensure that our communications convey the message that KIMO is active at local level.

5. Resolutions

AGM 19/5

The Secretariat presented the proposed resolution 19/01 titled 'Air pollution from ships in port' that had been put forward by Norway and the Secretariat. The Secretariat presented the updated resolution 1/08 on 'Lost Containers from shipping. There was a request from the floor to remove the reference to the use of scrubbers as a solution to reduce emissions from shipping since these have not been found to be an environmentally sound solution.

Both resolutions were agreed upon by the assembly and adopted as KIMO policy, with the following amendments:

Resolution 19/01 Air pollution from ships in port – the fourth bullet point in the penultimate paragraph is amended to '[KIMO urges] the European Commission and International Maritime Organisation to introduce measures and endorse best practices to reduce emissions from shipping.

Resolution 1/08 Lost containers from shipping – the number of containers lost by the MSC Zoe is 342.

6. Reports from the Networks 2018-19

AGM 19/6

The network reports were noted.

7. Election of President and Vice Presidents

AGM 19/7

The assembly was asked to approve the following delegates as directors on the International Board:

Under Article 10 of the KIMO Constitution, Junior Vice-President Jerry Ahlström (Sweden) was elected as KIMO President for the two-year term 2019-21.

Under Article 10.1 of the KIMO Constitution, Councillor Robert te Beest (Netherlands) was elected as KIMO Senior Vice-President for the two-year term 2019-21.

Councillor Trish Robertson was elected as KIMO Junior Vice-President for the two-year term 2019-21.

8. Confirmation of members of the International Board

AGM 19/8

The assembly was asked to approve the following delegates as directors on the International Board:

- KIMO Denmark – Cllr Preben Friis-Hauge (to January 2020); Cllr Karsten Filsø (from January 2020)
- KIMO Netherlands and Belgium – Cllr Sebastian Dinjes
- KIMO Sweden – Cllr Emmyly Bonfors
- KIMO UK – Cllr William Howatson
- KIMO Norway - Pål Koren Pedersen

All the nominations were approved.

There are no elected members from Germany, the Faroe Islands or Lithuania currently represented on the International Board.

9. Signing of agreement on the Secretariat contract

AGM 19/9

In May 2019, the International Board voted unanimously to offer an extension to the contract with Shetland Island Council to provide the Secretariat services to KIMO International for a further five-year period, according to the provision made in the original tender. Shetland Islands Council was delighted to accept this offer.

This agreement between KIMO and Shetland Islands Council was formally acknowledged during the Annual General Meeting by the signing of an extended contract by representatives from both organisations.

10. Financial reports

The assembly was asked to approve the 2018-19 accounts

AGM 19/10a

The 2018-19 International accounts were approved.

The assembly was asked to approve the 2019-20 budget and membership fees

AGM 19/10b

The 2019-20 budget and membership fees were approved.

The assembly was asked to endorse the allocation of £25,000 from KIMO International reserves to support membership and project acquisition. The Chair of KIMO Netherlands and Belgium reminded the meeting that, since this arrangement involved the Dutch Coordinator's time, it was dependent upon approval by the Dutch National Board which has now been given and this move is supported by the Dutch National Board.

The allocation of £25,000 to support membership and project acquisition was approved.

11. Honorary member presentation

AGM 19/11

In 2017, the Annual General Meeting voted to include a new honorary membership category within KIMO's membership structure. The role of honorary member will be offered to individuals on whom the organisation wishes to confer this status in recognition of the significant contribution they have made to KIMO. It will allow ex-KIMO politicians and officers to be able to continue to advocate on behalf of the organisation.

In 2018, the Secretariat received nominations from the International President for two candidates, Mayor Albert de Hoop and Mr Rick Nickerson. These were agreed by the International Board without hesitation and approved by the Annual General Meeting in Aalborg, Denmark, last year.

Albert de Hoop was the longest serving President of KIMO International, serving two terms from 2008-2011. He brought drive, vision and integrity to the role, using his experience to identify key issues and had the personal ability to address all levels of government to ensure that the views of municipalities were heard. Undoubtedly his contribution to KIMO was significant and he did a thorough job of leading the organisation through some difficult times. His passion was infectious and his charisma opened doors.

Albert de Hoop retired from his post as Mayor of Ameland last year but was unable to attend the AGM in 2018. We are delighted that he has come to the AGM in Velsen so that we can fully recognise his dedication and contribution to KIMO and we hope he will remain part of the KIMO family for many years to come.

A presentation was made to Albert de Hoop in recognition of his service to KIMO and in appreciation of all that he has achieved for our organisation.

12. AGM 2020

Mr te Beest informed the assembly that the next AGM will be kindly hosted by Aberdeenshire. The date is yet to be confirmed but will be circulated as soon as possible.

13. AOB

There was no AOB.

The Chair of KIMO Netherlands and Belgium thanked the members for coming to Velsen and said he hoped that they had enjoyed the events.

The Secretariat was thanked for its work and its support of KIMO over the past year.

Mr te Beest closed the meeting.

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Annual Activities Report 2019-20

Recommendation:

The Secretariat recommends that the AGM approves the Activities Report.

Background

The purpose of the KIMO International Annual Activities Report is to inform about activities since the last Annual General Meeting (AGM). In this report you will find:

1. Introduction
2. Report on the KIMO Action Plan 2019-2020 key action areas:
 - a. Increase the influence of the organisation nationally and internationally
 - b. Ensure members' voices are heard on issues affecting the marine environment
 - c. Lead by example in improving the marine environment
 - d. Provide members with a viable, supported and fully sustainable organisation
3. Other activities

1. Introduction

At the 2019 KIMO Annual General Meeting in Velsen, the Netherlands, Councillor **Jerry Ahlström** (Lomma, Sweden) was elected President for two years. Councillor **Robert te Beest** (Velsen, the Netherlands) was elected Senior Vice President and Councillor **Trish Robertson** (Highland Council, UK) Junior Vice President, both also for two years.

The agreement between KIMO and Shetland Islands for continuing provision of the Secretariat services for a further 5 years, within the terms of the original contract, was formally acknowledged by the signing of an extended contract. Resolutions were adopted on air pollution from ships in port and on lost containers from shipping (update).

In 2019, there were no new members gained and we lost our last Belgian member, Nieuweport, from KIMO Netherlands/Belgium. The total number of member municipalities at the end of 2019 was 77.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the **International Board** met only once this year in Velsen (the Netherlands) in October. The meeting focussed on developing KIMO strategy for the period 2020-2023. Amongst the attendees we were particularly happy to welcome new delegates from our members in the Faroe Islands – Tórshavnar kommuna and Kommunufelagið. The International Board agreed to allocate up to £25,000 from reserves to support the membership and project work that has been ongoing despite the restrictions caused by the pandemic.

Members of the International Board in 2019-20 were – in addition to the President and Vice Presidents – Councillors **Malcolm Bell** (Shetland Islands, UK), **Emmyly Bönfors** (KIMO Sweden), **Sebastian Dinjens** (KIMO Netherlands and Belgium), **Preben Friis-Hauge/Karsten Filsø** (KIMO Denmark), **William Howatson** (KIMO

UK) and **Pål Koren Pedersen** (Norway). Representatives from Arendal and Bergen (NO) and from the Faroe Islands and Germany have attended the meeting in October 2019. The National Coordinators attend regularly as Observers and the International Secretariat facilitates the meetings.

The National Coordinators have met several times this year to progress the work of KIMO and are now able to keep connected via a WhatsApp group. We are also trying to get Coordinators connected to a dedicated Team space in Microsoft Teams that will facilitate closer cooperation and collaboration between KIMO International and the KIMO networks.

2. Report on the KIMO Action Plan 2019-2020 key action areas

KIMO strategy is implemented through the Action Plan that is revised each year and approved by delegates at the AGM. The following report contains some of the highlights and successes of 2019-20.

a. Increase the influence of the organisation both nationally and internationally

The Secretariat has continued to work to increase KIMO's visibility and influence. We have refreshed the Secretariat newsletter and sent it out regularly to a large number of contacts and stakeholders. We have continued our updating of the KIMO website to make it more contemporary and to improve ease of use and a comprehensive new communications strategy is nearing completion. We are using social media regularly to promote KIMO more widely. The number of visitors to the website continues to increase and we expect that the website and social media communications will encourage more new members and will make clear to the media and others that KIMO is the 'go to' organisation for comments and expert opinion on marine environmental matters.

The Secretariat has also been working to raise KIMO's profile in other ways. We are continuing to establish new networking contacts and are working collaboratively with the GGGI (Global Ghost Gear Initiative), the NSC (North Sea Commission) and Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA). The Secretariat has responded on behalf of the organisation to a number of EU consultations, including on CO₂ emissions from shipping, the Urban Waste Water Directive revision, and the offshore renewable energy strategy.

KIMO continues its longstanding partnership with the organisation Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) to work on hazardous waste. In September 2019, KIMO and NFLA issued a joint media release exposing a proposal by the Japanese Government to support the dumping of more than 1 million tonnes of radioactively contaminated water into the Pacific Ocean. We also submitted a joint response to the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency on proposed changes to radioactive waste management in Scotland that would increase radioactive discharges into the environment.

The International President represented KIMO at the Our Ocean Conference in Oslo in October 2019. This was a high-level conference at which companies, organizations and governments make commitments to improve and clean up the marine environment and are recognised via the website and associated communications around the event. KIMO's participation at the Conference enabled us to network with other people in the oceans community and to highlight KIMO's work on the international stage.

As part of the understanding with the North Sea Commission that enables us to work together on areas of mutual concern, the Secretariat was invited to deliver a presentation to the Marine Resources and Transport Groups joint meeting in February 2020 on the topic of lost containers from shipping. We have been working with both groups on a joint statement on this topic that is expected to be adopted by the NSC later this year. KIMO is the first organisation to have formed this type of alliance with NSC and we think this will be beneficial to KIMO, making a link between local and regional governments' work on marine environmental issues. KIMO has already provided regular input to the North Sea Commission's Marine Plastics Resolution and Marine Litter Action Plan.

KIMO continues to work with the CleanAtlantic project, as an associated partner on the project, where our role is to support the project implementation and give advice on project activities and outputs. The project

is funded by the EU Interreg Atlantic Regional Development Fund and is closely linked to the work of OSPAR's Regional Action Plan on marine litter, contributing to a number of the common (international) actions. In addition to the high-level exposure KIMO enjoys from being associated with this work, KIMO can work to ensure that, with regard to marine litter, the project outcomes are well aligned with KIMO priorities.

In February 2020, KIMO participated in a workshop on circular design of fishing gear that, with its direct links to EU legislation (SUP Directive, PRF Directive and circular economy) gives KIMO a springboard from which we can work on developing guidance for improved waste management. Linked to this, KIMO also participated in the (Fishing) Gear Innovation Summit, focussing on end of life gear disposal and repurposing.

In May 2020, KIMO participated in the OSPAR Intersessional Correspondence Group on Marine Litter in Reykjavik, Iceland and gave presentations on KIMO's report and best practices guide to reduce leakage of waste net cuttings into the marine environment. Participants from the 15 European countries represented at the meeting undertook to promote these resources nationally and we are also exploring with OSPAR whether our guidance could be officially adopted by OSPAR. The resources are available to KIMO members to download from the KIMO International website at <http://www.kimointernational.org/net-cuttings/>

The Secretariat and other members of KIMO have continued working to establish new members in Norway and we are pleased to welcome five new Norwegian members into the KIMO family. Following the success of our information event in southern Norway last year, plans were in progress to hold further KIMO in south Norway, which we hope will be attended by municipality leaders from municipalities and regional councils in south and west Norway. However, these plans have had to be postponed until the pandemic is under control and it is safe to travel.

b. Ensure members' voices are heard on issues affecting the marine environment

The Secretariat has participated in a number of international stakeholder meetings dealing with issues of concern to the organisation. The Secretariat and other KIMO representatives have been actively engaged in promoting these issues and establishing valuable connections with Government delegations, Contracting Parties and NGOs.

The Secretariat has continued to participate in international forums, including those of the Regional Seas Conventions (OSPAR and HELCOM) at which KIMO has Observer status. Following KIMO's paper to OSPAR on the importance of improving control and enforcement measures in relation to paraffin and other high viscosity and persistent floating products, we raised our concern about the likelihood of poor compliance if an effective monitoring and enforcement regime is not put in place. Although this was not supported by OSPAR last year, fact-finding actions were put in place and the issue will be discussed again at the second EIHA meeting in October 2020. We can conclude that KIMO is successfully keeping this issue on the international agenda and making steady progress.

This year the Secretariat has worked to increase KIMO's influence at HELCOM, participating in various relevant meetings and inputting into the revisions to the Baltic Sea Action Plan, to ensure that KIMO's voice is heard in that forum, particularly in supporting the inclusion in the revised HELCOM Marine Litter Plan of bans on mass balloon releases and the handing out of free plastic carrier bags. We also shared our work on preventing plastic leakage from artificial sports turf (PitchIN) and supported the creation of a guidance document for their establishment and operation.

On 23rd February 2020, the MV Trans Carrier lost more than 10 tonnes of plastic pellets in the German Bight when the cargo on board moved during a storm, damaging one of the containers, which broke open. The vessel, operated by Seatrans Ship Management and owned by Sea-Cargo, was loaded with 26 tonnes of polypropylene pellets and was on route from Rotterdam (NL) to Tananger (NO). Since mid-March large quantities of plastic pellets have washed up along Oslofjord, from Kristiansand on the west side of Oslofjord

to the islands of Hvaler on the east side. KIMO members Sotenäs, Öckerö and Göteborg (Sweden), Holstebro and Thisted (Denmark), and Arendal (Norway) were all affected. KIMO issued and circulated its position, calling for immediate action to be taken to mitigate pellet spills and for implementation of a convention on liability and compensation for damage in connection with spills of non-toxic substances.

In June 2020 KIMO successfully applied to present a verbal statement at the 2020 UN Ocean Conference online meeting on local government engagement in keeping the momentum for ocean action, where we highlighted the importance of a collaborative, bottom-up approach driven by local authorities as key to sustainable change in supporting the SDGs.

c. Lead by example in improving the marine environment

Participation in projects remains a key part of KIMO's commitment to improving our coastal and marine environments. Fishing for Litter continues to be one of KIMO's most successful projects. It has been incorporated into OSPAR guidelines and has generated a great deal of interest at EU level with its contribution to the newly revised Port Reception Facilities Directive. New projects have been piloted in Norway and are anticipated for 2021 in the UK and Sweden.

KIMO is also exploring possibilities for collaboration with new partners. One that we are working hard to establish is with the SEAQUAL Initiative. This initiative has created a collaborative model involving NGOs, fishers, local communities, local authorities, researchers, scientists and industry, to clean the oceans, rivers and estuaries, beaches and coastlines. By collaborating with other stakeholders under this initiative, KIMO can play a key role in expanding Fishing for Litter and implementing clean-up and waste management projects in our own member countries and more widely.

A new set of resources - created by KIMO with financial support from the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SWAM) - are now completed and available to members on the KIMO International website. The report and best practices guidance will help fishers, harbours and municipalities to better understand and limit waste from net repairs from ending up in the seas and shorelines.

d. Provide members with a viable, supported, sustainable organisation

This year the Secretariat has organised and attended two meetings of the OSPAR Intersessional Group on Marine Litter (ICGML). KIMO has a contract to facilitate these meetings and the Secretariat is responsible for organisation, agenda management and production of the summary record. The contract benefits KIMO both by providing an income and by keeping its profile raised amongst the 15 Contracting Parties and the EU that work through OSPAR. Resource pressures on some Contracting Parties suggest that this work may eventually be taken in house by OSPAR but the Secretariat has successfully negotiated that KIMO retains it in the short term, at least until the end of 2020.

Together with KIMO Netherlands and Belgium and partners in the SEAQUAL initiative, the Secretariat has been involved with developing a large scale European project. The project is intended to cover all European regional sea basins and the plan is designed as a model that can be adapted for implementation globally, beginning first in KIMO member countries and KIMO target countries (Baltic Sea) and ultimately further afield (Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea). Implementation of new Fishing for Litter projects and other clean up initiatives that focus on local economic growth and sustainability are at the heart of the project.

Under the terms of the contract between KIMO International and Shetland Islands Council for provision of Secretariat services, the Secretariat has continued to address the contractual obligations. It works to meet the administrative and strategic needs of the organisation and to further improve and enhance the service provided, based on feedback from network colleagues and members. January 2020 saw the Secretariat participate in its third performance review with the Presidency Team. No performance issues were raised and the Secretariat received positive feedback from the Presidency Team. These reviews are repeated

annually and an online feedback form circulated to Coordinators so that feedback from the KIMO National Boards will feed directly into the review process.

The Secretariat has continued to facilitate the work of the organisation through International Board meetings, preparation for the 2020 AGM and National Coordinator meetings. The Secretariat has continued to carry out the activities agreed at these meetings and has continued to develop and implement initiatives to facilitate the organisation's work.

The Secretariat would like to acknowledge the assistance, support and cooperation it has received from KIMO members, especially from the Presidency Team, International Board, National Coordinators and Shetland Islands Council staff and members.

3. Other activities

Consultancy

In 2019, KIMO International brought in £16,650 in consultancy and contract income into the organisation, retaining (after fees and expenses) a surplus of £6,848.

The President

Due to the situation with Covid-19, many events have been postponed, cancelled or scaled down, or moved online. This has prevented the KIMO Presidency Team from representing KIMO International in the usual way. However, President Jerry Ahlström has represented KIMO at the following occasions:

- Participated in the Our Ocean Conference and the GGGI AGM in Oslo in October 2019;
- Participated in the EU International Ocean Governance Forum workshop on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDG14;
- Participated in and gave a presentation at a webinar on implementing best practices with artificial turf sports pitches.

The KIMO Secretariat

The Secretariat is hosted by Shetland Islands Council (UK) and is located in the Shetland Islands. The Secretariat consists of Executive Secretary **Arabelle Bentley** and Communications, Marketing and Media Officer **Anton Lazarus** with support from the Executive Manager of Planning **Iain McDiarmid**. The Secretariat prepares the AGM, International Board, National Coordinator and Presidency Team meetings. It coordinates joint working across the networks and leads on KIMO's social media strategy. It represents KIMO at various high-level meetings and technical forums, conferences and workshops, including the European Commission, European Parliamentary Intergroup and Regional Seas Conventions.

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International Action Plan 2020-2021

Recommendation:

The International Board recommends that the Annual General Meeting approves the International Action Plan 2020-2021.

This action plan is based on the priorities identified by KIMO members. It sets out the new and ongoing work for the year ahead and also serves as an update of the work over the past year.

Where relevant, KIMO priority work is mapped to high-level policy and legislation, in particular those of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, EU legislation and the work areas of the Regional Seas Conventions, OSPAR and HELCOM. The purpose of this is to demonstrate how KIMO's work addresses the mandatory legislation that binds our member countries.

KIMO International Action Plan 2019-2020				
Action area	Objectives	Key activities	Timeline	Legislation/Policy
Increase the influence of the organisation both nationally and internationally	Ensure promotion of KIMO's priorities to relevant EU institutions, organisations and members states	Maintain and build new contacts with officers at DGs, Committee of the Regions, national offices, other organisations	Continuous – regular contact with relevant officials and stakeholders to keep them informed of KIMO activities – 2-3 times per year	
		Establish partnerships and identify areas for cooperation with other international organisations	North Sea Commission, FIDRA, SEAQUAL, Continuous	
	Influence strategy and policy of EU, OSPAR, HELCOM, making clear we represent local authorities & communities	Ensure decision makers are informed about KIMO's position	Continuous – lobbying, resolutions, campaigns, consultations	
	Raise KIMO's profile with stakeholders	Participate in international and national conferences and stakeholder events	Continuous	
	Influence IMO strategy	Follow marine litter developments at MEPC	Attend MEPC 75 (postponed to Nov 2020) – follow developments - paraffin tank washings and marine litter action plan	
	Ensure visible support to other stakeholders and campaigns	Promote campaigns that prevent/reduce marine pollution	Continuous	SDG 14.1
	Increase membership in KIMO countries	Establish new contacts, participate in events	Continuous – plans in progress for a second event in Norway	

Action area	Objectives	Key activities	Timeline	Legislation/Policy
Ensure members' voices are heard on issues affecting the marine environment	Lobby UN, EU, RSCs, IMO, other organisations to take effective action on marine pollution and maritime safety issues	Attend relevant meetings; submit papers & resolutions, participate in consultation and technical groups; campaign & raise issues on KIMO resolutions	Continuous – EU, UN, OSPAR, HELCOM, IMO, SEARICA, GGGI, NFLA, NSC,	
		Lobby for a ban on discharge of paraffin from ships tankers and pipes	Ongoing - part of PRF Directive (July 2021) and some actions by IMO	SDG 14.1 EU PRF Directive
		Monitoring of cost-recovery for delivery of passively-fished waste in EU ports - PRF Directive	Ongoing	SDG 14.1, 14.2 RAP ML 30, 31, RS3, RS4 EU PRF & SUP Directives
		Promote net cuttings report & BP guide	2020/21	RAP ML 36
		Monitor/lobby on EPR	Ongoing	EU SUP Directive RAP ML
		Develop political resolutions on relevant subjects	At least one per year – 2 in 2019, 2 in 2020	

Action area	Objectives	Key activities	Timeline	Legislation/Policy
Promote a cross-border coordinated approach to the protection of coastal and maritime areas	Develop best practice on marine pollution issues, exchange and disseminate information on effective pollution prevention, clean-up operations and on sustainable development	Develop resource on limiting microplastics emissions	2020/21	SDG 11.6, 14.1 RAP ML 46, 55 EU
		Campaign on pollution from shipping	Ongoing	SDG 11.6, 14.1 HELCOM RAP ML EU
		Develop best practice guidelines for using artificial turf – collaboration with FIDRA	Completed – available to download on the Pitch In webpage	SDG 11.6, 12.4, 12.5, 14.1 EU
		Review of issues – offshore wind farms	Initial discussions at IB Sept 2020	SDG 14.2 EU, OSPAR, HELCOM Bonn Agreement
		Review of ETV provision across NE Atlantic	KIMO Denmark intern project – Sept-Nov 2020	SDG 14.2 EU, OSPAR Bonn Agreement
	Make joint representations against threatening proposals	Campaign and raise issues on existing resolutions; react and respond to situations as they arise	Ongoing	SDG 11.6, 14.3 EU, IMO, OSPAR HELCOM

Action area	Objectives	Key activities	Timeline	Legislation/Policy
Lead by example in improving the marine environment of the NE Atlantic and Baltic Sea regions	Undertake demonstrative projects	Increase the participation in Fishing for Litter	Ongoing – OSPAR target and KIMO Fishing for Litter Hub	SDG 11.6, 14.1 EU RAP ML 53, RS12
		Work towards a ban of mass balloon releases in municipalities	2020 – plans in progress	SDG 14.1 OSPAR & HELCOM RAP ML 48
		Promote beach & river cleaning projects	Continuous	SDG 11.6, 14.1, RAP ML RL15

Action area	Objectives	Key activities	Timeline	Legislation/Policy
Provide members with a viable, supported and financially sustainable organisation	Provide to members a controlled and balanced budget	Produce financial reports, outline financial economies and priorities	AGM October 2020 IB Oct 2020	
	Increase income	Increase members in KIMO countries	Ongoing	
		Work with SEAQUAL to develop relevant projects	2020-2025 – first proposals developed, funding being sought	
		Develop consultancy tender for OSPAR ICGML contract	Completed for 2020, re-evaluate for 2021	
		Seek funding to develop net cuttings campaign materials	2020/21	
		Seek funding for Fishing for Litter Hub	2020/21	
	Communicate developments, progress and achievements	Keep members & stakeholders informed of KIMO activities, events & consultations	2020/21 - New comms strategy, reports & newsletter 4x/year, Social media	
		Inform decision/policy makers at all levels about KIMO strategy & policy positions	Attend events and workshops; inform MEPs and CoR, relevant DGs and officials in EC, RSCs, UN	
	Enable more members to participate in KIMO meetings	Investigate holding online meetings	2020-21	
	Communicate KIMO participation in projects	Share info on results/outputs	Ongoing	

NOTES

1. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals



The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are universally recognised and addressed in strategies at all levels, from local to global. The goals and sub-goals of particular relevance to KIMOs work are given here and cross-referenced in the Action Plan:

SDG 11.6

By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management

SDG 12.4

By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment

SDG 12.5

By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

SDG 12.7

Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities

SDG 14.1

By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution

SDG 14.2

By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans

SDG 14.3

Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels

2. EU priorities/legislation

- Water protection and management - Marine Strategy Framework Directive, marine pollution, urban wastewater, floodwater
- Circular economy
- Waste management – Single Use Plastics Directive, packaging waste, sewage sludge, port reception facilities, radioactive waste and substances, industrial emissions
- Blue Growth
- Maritime Spatial Planning
- Reduction of CO₂ and other emissions
- Maritime safety

3. Organisations working at sea basin regional level

North Sea region:

OSPAR - Oslo Paris Convention for the marine environment of the North-east Atlantic

- Biological diversity & Ecosystems (Species & Habitats, Marine Protected Areas, Biodiversity monitoring & Assessment)
- Hazardous substances & Eutrophication
- Human Activities (Offshore renewables, Marine litter, Underwater noise, Fisheries and Mariculture, Shipping and ballast water, Dredging and dumping, Dumped Chemical & Conventional munitions)
- Offshore industry (Offshore installations, Discharges, Carbon Capture and Storage, Offshore Chemicals)
- Radioactive substances

Baltic Sea region:

HELCOM – Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission - Helsinki Commission

- Agriculture
- Fisheries
- Industrial and municipal releases – air emissions, riverine inputs, soil contamination
- Marine litter and noise
- Marine protected areas – protection from human activities of marine and coastal habitats
- Maritime Spatial Planning
- Monitoring and assessment – to assess state of pressures and long term trends on marine environment
- Response to spills
- Shipping – emissions, illegal discharges, sewage, invasive species, eutrophication
- Species and biotopes

KIMO International

Annual General Meeting

Online: 2 October 2020

Reports from the Networks 2019-2020

Recommendation:

The Annual General Meeting is asked to note the network reports 2019-2020.

Each network will give a short presentation of their work during the past year.

Written reports are included on the following pages.

KIMO Denmark

Summary:

No change in membership in 2020.

The Danish coordinators contract will be extended into 2022.

KIMO Denmark's main focus is on the upcoming national maritime spatial plan, cleaning up historical chemical waste dumps from the coastline and coordination and further development of the coastal lottery in Denmark.

Current projects focus on reducing marine litter through data collection, awareness, and efforts to target items at source.

KIMO Denmark published articles in the spring edition of the national magazine for municipal technical experts and the Wadden Sea National Park magazine's 10-year anniversary edition.

Representation of KIMO: 7 presentations (2 for municipalities), 1 information booth.

One face to face national board meetings was held in December 2019. An on-line meeting was held in September 2020. Virus concerns made face to face meetings in 2020 impossible.

Membership:

There are 17 member municipalities in Denmark. There were no gains or losses in 2019-2020. Contacts have been made to potential municipalities and one membership meetings was held. KIMO Denmark also holds information meetings for politicians in current KIMO members municipalities.

Meetings:

Four board meetings were planned in this period, however two were cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. Written progress updates were provided to the Danish members. A September board meeting was held on-line without too much technical difficulty. We are hopeful that the last meeting of 2020 can be held in person and in dialogue with representatives from the Danish navy's emergency response.

The National Coordinator and chairman of the Danish board held a dialogue meeting with the new Danish minister of the Environment in March to introduce KIMO and address important issues.

Other Events:

The Danish Coordinator attended the Seas At Risk – Ocean Action Conference on the 5. of February in Brussels Belgium.

KIMO Denmark participated and helped with awareness raising and information sharing at beach cleaning events sponsored by "Race for Oceans" from July 31st to August 4th. There were from 15-30 participants at each of the 8 beach cleaning events.

KIMO Denmark had an information booth at a summer event in a prospective coastal municipality in august 2020. The booth was visited by a school class and ca. 40 other guests.

KIMO Denmark organised a cleaning event for grade 9 classes (60 students) in the municipality of Varde using funds from national beach cleaning grants (2020-2022).

Hot topics:

The national maritime spatial plan is now being drafted and will be send in a public hearing. This plan will be implemented in the next 10 year period. Comments and concerns from KIMO Denmark will be important to address.

Plans for clean-up of historical coastal chemical waste dumps close to the Danish coast have been discussed by national politicians and authorities. KIMO Denmark is lobbying for the necessary prioritization and funding for mediation.

Project/Campaign updates:

KIMO Denmark monitors 3 reference beaches 3 times a year for the Danish Ministry of the Environment. The present contract is from 2019-2021. Monitoring will now also take into account personal protective equipment found on beaches.

KIMO Denmark collaborated with KIMO International to write the minutes for the OSPAR expert group on marine litter.

KIMO Denmark and KIMO International conducted a study on net cuttings from repair work. A background report (Net cuttings waste from fishing in the North-East Atlantic: best practices for mitigation) and best practice guide (Best Practices to reduce marine litter from net cuttings waste) were produced. KIMO is currently working on a follow up awareness campaign and communications strategy.

The coastal lottery received a new home page and PR videos are being produced. 6 of our KIMO municipalities participate actively in the lottery.

Looking ahead:

KIMO Denmark is currently planning to hold a national conference about sustainable development goal 14 – "Life under water" in 2021. Virus concerns may however delay planning.

KIMO Netherlands and Belgium

Summary:

KIMO NL/B's network includes currently 33 municipalities, covering all Dutch coast. A considerable numbers of meetings were organised, including very successful Fishing for Litter certificate awarding ceremonies for participating fishers at several fishing ports. The national Fishing for Litter scheme is in a transition state regarding its funding structure which may lead to structural funding. In September, our largest consultancy assignment, drafting a proposal for a National Marine Environment Strategy and Action Programme was approved by both the EU and the Georgian government.

Membership:

Currently, the network consists of 33 members because of a merger of two municipalities and the gain and loss of a municipality. The network covers the entire Dutch North Sea coast. The last Belgian municipality, Nieuwpoort left the network this year.

Meetings:

Meetings of Steering Committees of the Green Deals, meeting with Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management on Green Deals and Fishing for Litter, KIMO NL/B Board and Council meetings. Most meeting were held electronically because of the COVID-19 pandemic. One meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Marine Environment Strategy in Georgia was attended personally and two workshops of the Georgian Ministry of the Environment were attended remotely as well.

Other Events:

Fishing for Litter certificate awarding ceremonies for participating fishermen, the certificates were presented by KIMO Board members/Aldermen. This was done in the fishing ports of the municipalities of: Den Helder, Velsen (IJmuiden), Harlingen and Hollands Kroon (Den Oever). Planned events will be held later this year in the ports of Stellendam and Vlissingen. The meetings were attended by dozens of fishermen and met a really good media coverage, both in newspapers, on the radio and on local television.

On behalf of KIMO International, and as an assignment, "The Gear Summit" organised by the Canadian Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans was attended where a presentation was delivered and a panel discussion was moderated. This applied to the EU Single Use Plastics Directive and Port Reception Facility Directive conference as well, where a presentation was delivered and a panel discussion was moderated too. The day before, the first meeting of the EU's new Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas Intergroup (SEARICA for short) was attended and their president met.

Hot topics:

Continuation and funding of the Dutch Fishing for Litter scheme on the longer term and the way one has to deal with the waste and associated cost of last year's cargo loss of the MSC Zoë

Project/Campaign updates:

2019 was an intense year with the loss of 342 containers in de Dutch North Sea. Fishermen collected over 550 tonnes of marine litter, which is much more compared to the annual average of 300 tonnes. For 2020 more than 500 tonnes is to be expected to be collected by our fishermen. Apart from the incident with the MSC Zoë, the increase of participation and the change of gear from electric pulse to beam trawl has led to a dramatic increase in the amounts of marine litter collected.

Fishing for Litter's participation increased to 137 fishing vessels. The appealing scheme's annual report on 2019 and the FFL certificate awarding ceremonies were met with enthusiasm.

We developed a hard copy overview of the port reception facilities of 13 Dutch fishing ports. In each overview a difference is made between facilities for: Fishing for Litter, Galley waste, Dolly Rope, Fishing Nets, Oily Wastes and Chemical Wastes. This is helpful to both fishermen and ports and contributes to the mandatory Port Waste Management Plans. With the new knowledge also the website www.visserijvooreenschonezee.nl undergoes an update.

The Scheldt, an important river and estuary, running from Antwerp in Belgium through the Dutch southern coastal region emptying into the North Sea is polluted with plastics. In 2019 a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed with stakeholders to create a firm basis to organise clean-ups, to conduct waste monitoring, prevention and communication activities to protect the estuary. KIMO the Netherlands and Belgium and three of our members signed and participate in the activities as well. Networking with the partners resulted in 3 additional sponsors for the Fishing for Litter project. In September 2020 three other municipalities bordering the Scheldt signed the MoC. Two of them are not yet a member of KIMO. We will lobby to get them on board.

In the same area there is a fishing port for mussels and oysters present. Although not beam trawlers, the mussel farmers appear to find litter in their catch too. Together, with a waste handling company, the fishermen and the municipality (that is not yet member) we aim to expand the Fishing for Litter scheme to this fleet of approximately 80 vessels if funding for this is provided.

The Green Deal Clean Beaches organised its annual clean beach elections. Also a flash-mob ("Plastic Fles Mob", Dutch meaning "Plastic Bottle Mob" in English) was organised to give recognition to the participating partners. This video is published online at: <https://www.schonestranden.nl/plastic-fles-mob/> The Green Deal Fishing for a Clean Sea focusses on future plans and recycling of fishing gear. The national Green Deals will finish in 2020 after our successful coordination during 6 years. The Green Deals are part of the governmental approach to meet the requirements of the good environmental status described in the Marine Strategy Framework Directive. The networks developed remain of importance during 2021 and beyond. KIMO maintains the contacts with the Dutch Ministries and is lobbying to continue its central role as secretariat of the networks Clean Beaches and Fishing for a Clean Sea after 2020.

Our consultancy assignment regarding the establishment of a proposal for the *first national Marine Environment Strategy and Action Programme for Georgia* (at the Black Sea) has been delivered and approved by both the European Commission and the Georgian government. It was a challenging but very interesting job and honour, to be awarded to draft a national strategy for a country. It recently met enthusiastic approval of the Georgia government and the European Commission. A number of final events is due in October. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, those will be organised remotely as so many events currently are.

Looking ahead:

National KIMO Workgroups on riverine waste and circular economy will be further supported and activities expanded next year. The Fishing for Litter scheme's development of new ways of funding has to be established in 2021, preparing the scheme for a longer term and more stable management approach by 2022. Playing a pivotal role in the evaluation and development of next, new steps of at least one of the Green Deals is expected. The establishment of large scale litter prevention and abatement projects together with KIMO International and the Seaqual Foundation are envisaged.

KIMO Norway

Summary:

Arendal has taken the responsibility for coordinating KIMO Norway this first period. Local beach cleaning actions have been carried out in the member municipalities. The members have participated in cleaning up after the plastic pellet spill from MV Trans Carrier in February.

Membership:

Bergen, Farsund, Lillesand, Grimstad, Arendal.

Meetings:

February 5th, in Arendal. Meeting the Mayors from Farsund, Lillesand, Grimstad and Arendal for coordinating KIMO Norway.

Other Events:

The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS) planned a presentation on KIMO for all the Municipalities in Agder, during a meeting in Århus, Denmark, March 23rd. This was coordinated with KIMO Denmark. Cancelled due to Covid 19.

Hot topics:

Preparation for cleaning up after the plastic pellet spill from MV Trans Carrier in February. Very few findings are reported in our municipalities.

Project/Campaign updates:

Beach cleaning in all member municipalities. Bergen and Arendal have adopted a plan against plastic and marine litter.

Looking ahead:

Use the new national digital portal for beach cleaning [Rydde](#) for registration of marine litter. Use the app Rydde.

The NRK Telethon is the largest information campaign and fundraising event in Norway. Donations for this year's charity (2020) goes to [WWFs fight on plastic pollution](#). All municipalities take part in the NRK Telethon. **Arendal** will have the annual beach cleaning for schools during this campaign. Continue collaboration with "[Våre Strender](#)" – [Our Beaches](#), and their program for how businesses, schools, organisations, families and other groups can adopt a beach.

Lillesand and Grimstad has not delivered any plans or comments on their marine activities, but they have beach cleaning campaigns.

Farsund

Continue with the Coastal Lottery – see report below from Farsund.

THE COASTAL LOTTERY IN PRACTICE

Pick up bag - pick up rubbish - live for return. Everyone who wants to participate must pick up the Coastal Lottery's own rubbish bags and tickets at specified delivery points. Fill the bag with marine litter, attach to the weight and contact the archipelago service or the actor who is responsible for collection in your municipality.

The Coastal lottery continues to operate, and its popularity has increased this year as many have gone for walks along the beaches due to the Korona situation. Even though organized activities have not taken place, the beaches appear cleaner than usual. This has to do with the fact that we have also divided areas of responsibility between local teams and associations. In this way, almost the entire coast is systematically cleared of the entire coast once a year. The municipality administers this. We also collaborate with the regional Outdoor Council, which has started a project to collect pots. In addition, the local motorboat association has bought its own ROV which is used to pick up ghost pots. Our school work actively with the environment and littering as a theme in a separate week - "The Sea Monster" this helps to put marine littering on the agenda in the school, but perhaps just as important, at home. "The sea monster" is a concept we are proud of and would like to share with others. If it is interesting, this can be a model other can develop further.

Cooperation with the regional Outdoor Council about activities collecting pots.

KIMO Sweden

Summary:

- Scholarship to write a report about microplastics from textiles.
- Participate in Net cutting project.
- Four meetings in our network.
- Communication strategy.

Membership:

KIMO Sweden has 13 members. Simrishamn, Malmö, Lomma, Helsingborg, Falkenberg, Varberg, Göteborg, Kungälv, Öckerö, Tjörn, Sotenäs, Uddevalla and Tanum.

Meetings:

We usually have four meetings a year. Our members take turn to host meetings. Every member is represented by one political member and one officer. Our meetings are very informative and progressive. This year the Corona-pandemic has affected our meeting. We have bought a speaker so our members can participate in meetings via Skype as we have not been able to host our meetings as usual.

A common format of our meetings is that we start with a presentation by the host municipality about a current and local/regional issue often followed by a guided tour. Then the formal meeting begins. News from KIMO International is a standing point on the agenda. The meetings usually last for five hours including lunch hosted by the host municipality.

March 12-13: meeting in Malmö. Our annual meeting is important to confirm our budget, action plan and annual report. We talked about the governments answer to our letter about the use of scrubbers in ships. We held our meeting at Marine Education Center in Malmö (<https://en.smkc.se>) and we got a guided tour there.

June 4th meeting via Skype. Helsingborg hosted the meeting. Helsingborg informed us about their successful work with environmental issues. They have won the award Miljöbästa kommun "The most environment friendly municipality" four years in a row (<https://kommunrankning.miljobarometern.se>). Our working groups reported their work and adopted a resolution about scrubbers. We announced the winner of the scholarship and discussed the plastic pellet spill from the MV Trans Carrier in February.

September 11th meeting will be held in Gothenburg/Skype and 13th of November meeting in Tanum/Skype.

Other Events:

Scholarship: This year KIMO Sweden introduced a SEK 10 000 scholarship to write a report for us. The subject this year was to write about how microplastic from textile reaches the sea and the problem it causes. Evelina Norlin, student at Gothenburg university, won the scholarship.

Net cutting project: Kristina Fermskog, environmental analyst from Gothenburg, interviewed the fishermen and reported to the coordinator in Denmark who was project leader.

Communication strategy: A communication agency helps us to find a good strategy to progress our work to get KIMO Sweden more well known. In autumn a brochure will be produced.

Hot topics:

Microplastics from textiles and the legislation about scrubbers, membership recruitment.

Project/Campaign updates:

KIMO Sweden has not had any campaigns, but we support Västerhavsveckan, which is a week in August when a lot of activities are organised along the west coast. Our members have their own projects and campaigns. For example Helsingborg has activities and public presentations in different important issues related to the sea.

<https://dunkerskulturhus.se/event/varldshavsveckan-17-21-augusti/?date=20200817120000>

<https://helsingborg.se/event/varldshavsveckan-17-21-augusti/>

Information was sent to high schools to encourage them not to use plastic confetti at graduation. We want to address the problems we see with confetti and encourage them to choose other options, as petals or soap bubbles.

Looking ahead:

Four network meetings and activities that follows our Action plan.

KIMO UK

Summary:

This has been an incredibly challenging year for KIMO UK thus far with changes to staff, COVID-19 restrictions, and unforeseen changes to project funding. We end the year on a more positive note with a new member of staff, Julia Cant, new interim funding for our projects and hopefully the potential to start membership recruitment again.

Membership:

Number of members: 8 (Aberdeenshire Council, Highland Council, Aberdeen City Council, Orkney Council, Shetland islands Council, Argyll & Bute Council, South Ayrshire Council and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar.

Meetings:

All meetings that were scheduled for 2020 have so far been postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19.

Other Events:

All events that were scheduled for 2020 have so far been postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19.

Hot topics:

Securing future funding for Fishing For Litter projects in Scotland and Southwest which was heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. New KIMO UK membership was also a main point of interest but again, due to the pandemic, travel restrictions have been an issue and meetings haven't been able to take place.

Project/Campaign updates:

Fishing For Litter Scotland took in 217.5 tonnes of litter this last financial year bringing the total tonnage landed since 2005 up to 1,686 tonnes! We have had a big increase in vessel participation and general interest which has been a huge positive for the project and currently have 249 confirmed vessels on the FFLS project with many more participating that we are yet to capture in our data. We still have 20 harbours on the project and once new funds are secured, we have many new harbours eager to join the scheme. Funding for the project has been the main focus this last year with our upcoming grant being postponed due to COVID-19 but we have worked hard with the Scottish government and are currently in the final stages of securing interim funding until that grant is made available for application in January 2021.

Fishing For Litter Southwest took in 39 tonnes of litter this last year which makes it our best year on the project so far and brings our total to 289 tonnes since the project's inception! Funding has been the main issue and focus this last year and similar to FFL Scotland, we have been working closely with Defra to secure interim funding which is now currently being finalised while we wait for the reopening of the grant applications in January 2021. We look forward to the expansion of the project here too and have had a huge increase in participation this last year, particularly in Brixham harbour which historically didn't bring in much litter.

Looking ahead:

With our main funding challenges now nearly solved, we look forward to restarting membership recruitment for KIMO UK as well as expansion of the two Fishing For Litter projects early next year. Events that were cancelled or postponed this year will hopefully take place next year and provide us the opportunity to promote KIMO and our projects again.

KIMO Germany

Membership:

Insel- und Halligkonferenz e.V. (IHKo)

Schutzgemeinschaft Deutsche Nordseeküste e.V. (SDN)

Meetings:

20191024-25: IHKo AGM on the Island Amrum

20200115 & 0519 & 0703: IHKo Board meetings (the last two ones in form of video)

20200305: IHKo working group “traffic” on the Island Sylt. One of the points was to inform about the experience with the self-driving e-mobile bus-shuttle in Keitum/Sylt.

20200224: SDN Board meeting, Wischhafen

Hot topics:

Prevention of services for the public (Daseinsvorsorge). That includes work, living space, health supply, traffic infrastructure, educational establishment. This year the focus is on nursing home and energy supply on regional resources and the role of the municipalities.

Demand for a German coast guard with a central responsible organisation.

Screening of accident control concepts in case of pollution with [hazardous substances](#) offshore and onshore in the federal state of Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein.

Handling of mud from Hamburg harbour and the river Elbe and dumping at the northsea.

Exclusion of the CCS-Technology offshore and onshore.

Deinstallation of buildings in the Northsea (e.g. windmills, offshore platform).

Project/Campaign updates:

Insel- und Halligkonferenz:

Organisation of a “wifi-net-Uthlande” with free access to everybody build up on the basis of glass fiber. In 2020 the first step was taken with finding an enterprise to take over the project coordination, agreements between the involved communities and the lead partner have been signed, the next call (building of a wifi-net) has been published. Next year we will start with the first hot-spots to be implemented.

The tourism project has been finished this year with the publishing of the booklets “Expedition Uthlande” including walking tours around the islands stopping at points of interests on special themes: nature, history, culture, myth.

Schutzgemeinschaft Deutsche Nordseeküste:

Support of the further development of the National Park House of the SDN in Varel-Dangast for a long term in the future.

Creation of a synopsis of harbour safety concepts in Germany.

Looking ahead:

March/April 2021: IHKo AGM on the Island Pellworm

KIMO International

Annual General Meeting

Online: 2 October 2020

Resolutions 2020

Recommendation:

To approve Resolution 20/01 and 20/02.

The following resolutions are proposed for approval by the AGM:

20/01 – Prohibiting or setting strict limits on wash water from scrubbers in ships

20/02 – Prohibition of plastic confetti

KIMO Resolution 2020/01

Prohibiting or setting strict limits on wash water from scrubbers in ships

Submitted by KIMO Sweden

Introduction

The sulphur regulation was implemented as an important tool to reduce the impact shipping has on air quality. It was seen as an effective measure to reduce the impact on human health and damage to the environment in the form of acidification and eutrophication. It was assumed that ships would switch to a cleaner fuel with lower sulphur content. However, low-sulphur fuel is more expensive than heavy fuel oils. Against this background, the market has now developed two alternative solutions, so-called scrubbers and hybrid oils. With investments in scrubbers, vessels can continue to run on heavy bunker fuels. Scrubbers are a flue gas cleaning technology that can wash ship exhaust gases from sulphur pollution. However, scrubbers release large volumes of strongly acidified and contaminated water directly into the sea, which has devastating consequences for the marine environment.

Background

In 2008, the United Nations International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted requirements for stricter limit values for sulphur in marine fuel through an amendment to Annex 6 to the MARPOL Convention. The new rules entered into force at global level on 1 January 2020, and have already been implemented within the EU. The EU has implemented the new rules through the Sulphur Directive, which contains the EU's common rules on the amount of sulphur certain fuels may contain. From 2020, the sulphur content in marine fuels may only be 0.5 per cent. In addition, stricter rules apply to the Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the English Channel, which are sulphur control areas (SECA). In these areas, fuels with a sulphur content of no more than 0.10 percent are allowed since 2015. The Baltic Sea is furthermore a particularly sensitive sea area (PSSA) where stricter requirements may be used to protect sensitive ecosystems.

As mentioned earlier, low-sulphur fuel is much more expensive than heavy fuel oils and switching to these may double fuel costs. Hence, a majority of vessels have made investments in scrubbers, which allows the ships to continue to run on heavy fuel oils. The IMO estimates that as of January 1 2020, approximately 3,800 vessels will have had scrubbers installed, the majority having an open loop system.

Seawater scrubbing is a technique for the purification of ship exhaust gases, where the exhaust gases are led through a fine spray of seawater that washes out acidifying sulphur oxides. The process creates very large volumes (about 500 m³/h for a medium-sized vessel) of heavily acidified (pH3) and contaminated water, as other pollutants than sulphur oxide are washed from the exhaust gases. The use of scrubber technology is on the rise as it offers a cheap alternative to meeting the new stricter sulphur rules. Currently three different types of scrubbers exist; open loop, closed loop and hybrid systems.

Open-loop scrubbers are the simplest and most common form of scrubber, which release the acidified and contaminated water directly into the sea. The guidelines for controlling the release of wash water from open scrubbers include pH, turbidity and nitrate (related to possibly washed out nitrogen oxides), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). However, the metal content of the scrubber water is not included in the guidelines. It is also unclear where the sometimes very high levels of copper and zinc that has been measured in the wash water originate.

The closed loop scrubbers add a base to the spray, which allows it to use less water. Used wash water can be drained ashore. In hybrid variants of scrubbers, the wash water can be drained ashore or discharged into less sensitive sea areas. Although the name "closed" indicates a "closed" system, most such systems still have a substantial discharge of wash water into the sea; lower volumes than open systems, but with

significantly higher concentrations of pollutants. It is important to realize that the amount of emissions of less-degradable substances is the same regardless of the amount of dilution done onboard.

Areas where shipping goes near the coast or through sensitive archipelagos are exposed to significant negative environmental impact. Discharges of wash water in coastal areas containing both acidifying and hazardous substances may hamper the possibility of improving the environmental state of these areas and in the long-term hinder European member states from achieving good environmental status.

The use of scrubbers counteracts all of the work and effort put in during the last 10-15 years to ensure legislation that bans the release of sulphur from the shipping industry.

Several countries such as Germany and Belgium have already decided to ban the discharge of scrubber water, based on its detrimental effects on achievement of the criteria for good environmental status of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and good chemical status according to the Water Directive. Several countries globally have implemented or are investigating the possibility of national regulations.

Position

KIMO welcomes the European Commission and International Maritime Organization decisions to reduce emissions from the shipping sector but recognizes that:

- The majority of ships have not switched to low sulphur fuels but have instead installed scrubbers causing acidification and polluting marine ecosystems.
- The United Nations International Maritime Organization (IMO) has estimated that approximately 3,800 vessels will have scrubbers installed as of January 1 2020, the majority of which have open systems.
- Discharge of wash water from scrubbers may compromise EU member states' ability to reach good environmental status according to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, and good ecological and chemical status according to the Water Directive.
- There is a need to act quickly to impose prohibitions on scrubbers or strict limits on wash water from scrubbers.

KIMO International urges Regional Seas Conventions to act as quickly as possible to impose either prohibitions on scrubbers or limits that are so strict that the scrubbing technology in practice will be useless. Strict limit values might be preferred due to their technology neutrality.

Based on the designation of the Baltic Sea as a PSSA area, it is reasonable for the IMO to decide on strict limits for the Baltic Sea as well as North Sea as it is a SECA area. It is important that the matter be handled promptly before the majority of global shipping has installed scrubber technology.

KIMO

Recognizing the need for a clean environment in and around the Northern- and Baltic seas and the threat posed to marine ecosystems by wash water pollutants from scrubbers in ships.

Urges:

- **European Governments, the European Commission and International Maritime Organization to take vigorous action to ban or set strict limits regarding discharge of wash water from scrubbers in shipping for the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, so that it does not compromise achievement of good environmental status and good ecological and chemical status;**
- **European Governments to take unilateral action to ban the discharge of wash water from scrubbers in ports and coastal areas and in Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSAs).**

KIMO members:

- **Agree to submit this Resolution to all National Governments, the European Commission, the International Maritime Organization and other relevant organizations.**

KIMO RESOLUTION 2020/02

Prohibition of plastic confetti

Submitted by KIMO Sweden

Introduction

Reduction of marine litter has been a priority issue within KIMO since its foundation in 1990. During the last years, our Swedish member municipalities have seen a new source of marine litter - plastic confetti. Our assessment is that it has become increasingly common to use it for celebrations and festivities, in particular during the yearly senior exams at high schools.

KIMO Sweden member municipalities have for several years carried out information campaigns ahead of exams informing schools, students and the public about the environmental problems caused by confetti, and encouraging the use of alternatives.

We recognise that it is difficult to change behaviour, and through our inspections during the exam period, we see that the problem persists despite the information we have sent out. To get the results we would like, we need to proceed by requesting changes to legislation that will prohibit the use of plastic confetti. Such changes would be in line with the Directive on Single Use Plastics that was adopted by the European Parliament and Council agreed in May 2019.

Background

Confetti is spread by so-called confetti cannons that spray small, thin, colourful pieces of plastic or paper into the air. Confetti has become a symbol of celebration and many people feel a need to use confetti to achieve a festive celebration. The companies that sell student caps often give confetti cannons for free to the schools and students, which only compounds the problem.

The confetti ends up on the ground, in the grass, on the asphalt and in between the paving stones, and is very hard to clean up. The confetti is spread by the wind and, if not cleaned up from the ground, it will be transported by rainwater and stormwater into surface water wells, streams, and ultimately into the ocean.

The use of confetti outdoors adds a significant financial burden to waste management costs in municipalities. Plastic confetti that is not cleaned up will ultimately fragmentize into smaller components - so-called microplastics. Scientific studies show that microplastics can severely harm the marine environment and its organisms, and that microplastics today occur in all marine environments globally, on the seabed, in bays and coastal areas, on beaches and in living organisms.

The results of a survey of confetti products, carried out by the environmental department in the City of Malmö in 2019, shows that several products contained PVC but that the list of contents was missing from the product.

Confetti is a single use product that can easily be replaced by greener alternatives such as compostable confetti, petals, birdseeds or rice, soap bubbles or flag banners. People inventing their own innovative ways to celebrate that do not harm the environment is also something we want to encourage.

In the 2019 Single-Use Plastics Directive, a series of measures are set out on how member states should address the negative impact of certain plastic products on the environment. Some plastic products, where adequate substitute alternatives exist, are to be completely prohibited from July 2021 under the directive. With adequate alternative options, the product is already available on the market in other materials or as a multiple option. The list of items that will be prohibited are categorised in six different product groups, including cotton swabs, plates, cutlery, beverage containers and balloon sticks. The plastic products regulated by the directive are those found during monitoring to be most prevalent.

Position

KIMO is aware that confetti has a limited use, both in time and scope. However, we consider it an unnecessary product that has a direct negative impact on both watercourses and the sea. It also creates a significant cost to municipalities for waste management. KIMO considers that plastic confetti is a product that should be banned, as there are already adequate alternative options. KIMO proposes that plastic confetti be added to the list of prohibited products in the Directive on Single Use Plastics. It would be a simple measure to implement, and a symbolic one.

KIMO believes that:

- using plastic confetti should be prohibited;
- student celebrations and other festivities should take place in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way that do not create litter nor cause harm to nature. Instead of using plastic confetti, we recommend using compostable confetti, petals, birdseeds, rice or soap bubbles, and we encourage other innovative 'green' solutions.

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Recognizing the need for a clean environment in and around the Northern- and Baltic seas and the threat posed to marine ecosystems by the use of plastic confetti.

Urges:

- **European Governments and the European Commission to take action to ban the selling of confetti that contains plastics in order to minimize this source of spread of plastics into the Baltic Sea and the North Sea;**
- **Plastic confetti be added to the list of prohibited products in the Directive on Single Use Plastics, and thereafter implemented in national legislation.**

KIMO members:

- **Agree to submit this Resolution to all National Governments, the European Commission and other relevant organizations.**

KIMO International

Annual General Meeting

Online: 2 October 2020

Financial Report 2019-20

Recommendation:

The International Board recommends that the AGM:

- 1. approves the financial report for 2019-20;**
- 2. approves the transfer of the 2019-20 surplus of £21,109 to the reserve.**

Summary:

- Total income: £114,131 (18/19 - £115, 604)
- Total expenditure: £93,022 (18/19 - £102,701)
- Total spent on travel: £11,799 (18/19 - £12,404)
- Surplus: £21,109 (18/19 - £12,903)
- Reserve @01/04/20 £71,786 (18/19 - £50,677)

Comments:

- At the AGM 2019, delegates approved the proposal that up to £25,000 from reserves be used to support work on expanding KIMO membership and on project acquisition, with the intention of creating a more financially sustainable organisation. £18,000 will be paid during the current financial year to KIMO NL/Be for the valuable contribution of the Dutch Network Coordinator in supporting the work of KIMO International.
- A full list of financial transactions can be shown on request.

Budget vs Actual 2019-20

	Actual 19/20 £	Budget 19/20 £
INCOME		
Membership fees	97,481	92,761
OSPAR ICG marine litter income	16,650	-
Travel reimbursements	-	-
Other income	-	-
Donations	-	-
	114,131	92,761
EXPENDITURE		
Secretariat (SIC)	67,818	67,818
Travel expenses (combined)	11,799	13,000
<i>OSPAR</i>	2,941	
<i>HELCOM</i>	533	
<i>President</i>	2,228	
<i>EU</i>	2,447	
<i>KIMO</i>	2,854	
<i>Other</i>	796	
Consultancy	9,802	
Accountancy	1,276	1,500
Meeting expenses	306	750
Telephone	422	480
Miscellaneous	267	1050
Website expenses	497	1850
Insurance	300	500
Promotional expenses	276	4000
Bank charges	259	300
	93,022	91,248
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION	21,109	1,513
Taxation	-	-
RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR AFTER TAXATION	21,109	-

Year-on-year comparison

	2019/20 £	2018/19 £
INCOME		
Membership fees	97,481	87,490
OSPAR ICG marine litter income	16,650	19,923
Travel reimbursements	-	-
Other income	-	8,191
Donations	-	-
	114,131	115,604
EXPENDITURE		
Secretariat (SIC)	67,818	67,147
Travel expenses (combined)	11,799	12,404
Consultancy	9,802	17,955
Accountancy	1,276	1,299
Meeting expenses	306	920
Telephone	422	488
Miscellaneous	267	76
Website expenses	497	522
Insurance	300	300
Promotional expenses	276	1,241
Bank charges	259	349
	93,022	102,701
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION	21,109	12,903
Taxation	-	-
RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR AFTER TAXATION	21,109	12,903

NB The full accountants' report to the members on the unaudited financial information of KIMO International for the year ended 31 March 2020 is attached (Document 20/7add1).

KIMO International
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31 March 2020

KIMO International

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SECRETARIAT'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

We are required by the constitution of KIMO International to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation, and of the surplus or deficit of the organisation for that period.

In preparing these financial statements we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue to operate.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records
- safeguarding the organisation's assets
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the members

Secretariat

Lerwick

Date: 2 October 2020

KIMO International

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF KIMO INTERNATIONAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 13 September 2016 we have prepared for your approval the financial information of KIMO International for the year which comprises the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and the Related Notes from KIMO International's accounting records and information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance>.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 13 September 2016. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of KIMO International and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW as detailed at [icaew.com/compilation](http://www.icaew.com/compilation). This report should not therefore be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire any rights against RSM UK Tax & Accounting Limited for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than you which obtains access to this report or a copy and chooses to rely on this report (or any part of it) will do so at its own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, RSM UK Tax & Accounting Limited accept no responsibility or liability in respect of this report to any other party and shall not be liable for any loss, damage or expense of whatsoever nature which is caused by any person's reliance on representations in this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

RSM UK TAX AND ACCOUNTING LIMITED

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MEMBERS CONFIRMATION

ACCOUNTS OF KIMO INTERNATIONAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 13 September 2016, we approve the financial information which comprises the Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Related Notes. We acknowledge our responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework as set out in note 1, and for providing RSM UK Tax and Accounting Limited with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

On behalf of the members:

President

Date: 2 October 2020

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UNAUDITED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	19/20	18/19
		£	£
INCOME			
Membership fees	2	97,481	87,490
OSPAR ICG marine litter income		16,650	19,923
Consultancy income		-	8,191
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		114,131	115,604
EXPENDITURE			
Consultancy costs		125	4,158
Secretariat (SIC)		67,818	67,147
Travel expenses	3	11,799	12,404
OSPAR ICG expenses		9,677	13,797
Accountancy		1,276	1,299
Meeting expenses		306	920
Telephone		422	488
Miscellaneous		267	76
Website expenses		497	522
Promotional expenses		276	1,241
Insurance		300	300
Bank charges		259	349
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		93,022	102,701
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION		<u> </u> 21,109	<u> </u> 12,903
Taxation		-	-
RETAINED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR AFTER TAXATION		<u> </u> 21,109 =====	<u> </u> 12,903 =====

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus shown for the years above. All of the organisation's activities are considered to be continuing.

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UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2020

	Notes	19/20	18/19
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	3,587	3,270
Cash at bank and in hand		70,447	52,011
		<u>74,034</u>	<u>55,281</u>
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(2,248)	(4,604)
		<u></u>	<u></u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		71,786	50,677
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NET ASSETS		71,786	50,677
		=====	=====
RESERVES			
31 March 2019		50,677	37,774
Retained surplus for the year		21,109	12,903
		<u></u>	<u></u>
31 March 2020		71,786	50,677
		=====	=====

The financial statements on pages 4 to 8 were approved by the Assembly of Delegates on 2 October 2020.

Board Member

KIMO International

UNAUDITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 March 2020

1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

STATUS

The organisation is a voluntary body whose objectives are to control pollution and any environmental threats to northern seas.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention under FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102").

INCOME

Income is recognised when due at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for services, memberships and other income.

GOING CONCERN

No material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the organisation to continue as a going concern have been identified by the members. As a result they have adopted the going concern basis of accounting.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions expressed in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at rates of exchange approximating to those ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at rates ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the income and expenditure account.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The organisation has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No 102 on the grounds that it would have been entitled to the exemptions available in the Companies Act 2006 for small companies.

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The accounts are prepared for the year ended 31 March 2020. Within the financial statements and notes this is shown as 19/20. The same format has been applied to the comparative year.

TAXATION

No taxation is due on mutual trading.

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UNAUDITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 March 2020

2	INCOME	19/20 £	18/19 £
	Membership fees		
	Netherlands/Belgium	37,247	38,200
	Denmark	23,511	21,504
	United Kingdom	9,902	8,501
	Norway	5,415	-
	Faroe Islands	818	-
	Sweden	15,411	14,340
	Germany	1,199	1,170
	Faroe Islands	1,199	1,170
	SDN – Association for Protection of the German North Sea Coast	1,192	1,163
	Lithuania	1,587	1,442
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		97,481	87,490
		=====	=====

Membership fees are received net of expenses.

3	TRAVEL EXPENSES	19/20 £	18/19 £
	OSPAR	2,941	2,083
	HELCOM	533	550
	President	2,228	1,239
	EU	2,447	119
	KIMO	2,854	4,307
	Other	796	4,106
		-----	-----
		11,799	12,404
		=====	=====

4	DEBTORS	19/20 £	18/19 £
	Amounts falling due within one year		
	Other receivables	770	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	2,817	3,270
		-----	-----
		3,587	3,270
		=====	=====

There were no debtors falling due after more than one year.

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UNAUDITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 March 2020

5	CREDITORS:	19/20	18/19
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year		
	Accruals and deferred income	2,248	3,344
	Other creditors	-	1,260
		2,248	4,604
		=====	=====

There were no creditors falling due after more than one year.

KIMO International

Annual General Meeting

Online: 2 October 2020

International Budget 2021-22

Recommendation:

The International Board recommends that the AGM approves the KIMO International draft budget for 2021-22.

Comments:

The following should be noted with regard to the preparation of this draft budget:

- Budget includes an increase of 1.5% to membership fees as adjustment for inflation;
- Income from OSPAR ICGML is estimated as the contract for this work will not be negotiated until the start of 2021. Due to changes in OSPAR, it is possible that the contract will not go ahead in 2021.

KIMO International Budget 2021-22 - Draft

INCOME	2021-22
Membership Fees	£
Sweden	15,961
Netherlands	38,166
Denmark	24,339
UK	10,662
Norway	3,970
Group – Kommunufelagid, IHK, SDN	3,723
Independent – Klaipeda, Torshavn, Bergen	4,108
OSPAR ICGML consultancy	14,000
TOTAL INCOME	£114,929
EXPENDITURE	2021-22
	£
Secretariat	69,866
Meeting Expenses	1,000
Travel and Subsistence	15,000
Audit and Accounts	1,500
Consultancy	12,000
Office and Administration	
Telephone	400
Stationary / Promotional materials	500
Website + Communications	3,400
Promotional expenses	5,000
Bank	450
Insurance	350
Miscellaneous Expenses	750
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£110,216
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	+£4,713

KIMO International

Annual General Meeting

Online: 2 October 2020

Proposal to extend the Presidency Team term of office

Recommendation:

- 1. The AGM is asked to agree an extension the term of office of the current Presidency Team by one year, to October 2022.**

Background

The unprecedented global crisis caused by the coronavirus Covid-19 has impacted our lives in ways that could not previously have been imagined nor predicted. Strict controls on travel have been implemented by nations and organisations to reduce the risk of exposure and transmission of the virus. Planned events and conferences have been postponed, cancelled or moved online. It is unknown how long this situation will continue, but the prospect of a return to normal in the near future seems unlikely.

The effects of the pandemic have impacted considerably on the Presidency Team's ability to perform the tasks necessary to fulfil its role of promoting KIMO, attracting new members and representing the organisation at political level.

The KIMO Constitution determines that the President, and Senior and Junior Vice Presidents are elected for a period of two years. However, Article 10 of the Constitution makes provision that 'in exceptional circumstances, the President may continue beyond the two-year tenure subject to approval from The Assembly of Delegates' and, by association, this would also apply to the elected Vice Presidents.

It is therefore proposed to extend the term of office of the current Presidency Team for an additional year, to October 2022, to compensate for the effects of the pandemic, that have prevented them from being able to fully represent KIMO and to fulfil their roles.