

AMMM General Assembly Minutes

Museo del Mare, Naples
Friday, 8 June 2018

Members present at the meeting:

Maria Paola Profumo (MPP), President; Miquel Martí (MM), Vice President; Lurdes Boix (LB) and Tea Perinčić (TP), members; Elvira Mata (EM), Honorary Member; Lluïsa Prieto (LP), Secretary/Treasurer; Antonio Mussari (AM), co-opted member on the occasion.

GA participants:

Piero Ajello (PA); Luis Alejandro Sintés (LA); Silvia Alemany (AS); Sandra Barešín (SB); Alain Blayo (AB); Lurdes Boix (LB); Ludovica Bovone (LB); Pierangelo Campodonico (PC); Annalisa Canali (AC); Mario Cappa (MC); José María Cardona Natta (JC); Franco Cossutta (FC); Gerard Cruset Galceran (GC); Maurizio Daccà (MD); Anna Dentoni (AD); Mariona Font (MF); Thedo Fruithof (TF); Franco Juri (FJ); Andrea Mangialardo (AM); Giuseppe Merlini (GM); Robert Mohović (RM); Valeria Magliano (VC); Ilija Mlinarević (IM); Giuseppe Merlini (GM); Emma Marangoni (EM); Robert Mohovic (RM); Ivan Raimondo (IR); Úrsula Olmos (UO); Antonio Riccio (AR); Antonietta Selvaggio (AS); Gizem Sucaklı (GS); Lieutenant Commander Alpay Tasar (AT); Mercè Toldra Dalmau (MT).

The meeting starts at 15.30h.

Before getting started, Ludovica Pavone briefly presents the Museo del Mare di Tortona, who requested to become member of the Association.

1. Welcome by the President

MPP welcomes all the AMMM members and thanks them for being present at the meeting. In the absence of Davide Gnola, MPP asks Miquel Martí to sit next to her during the Assembly.

MPP remembers the late John Robinson with esteem and affection by reading the letter she sent to her wife Lilia. She entrusts EM, TF and DG the in memoriam prepared for the occasion. They involve all the AMMM members with a toast in his honour.

2. Tasks developed during the year 2017 and half of 2018

MPP informs that the key task of AMMM was to organise the annual forum of Naples. The working group of the Forum (the EC members) could not attend the two meetings organised, except for herself who could work with Antonio Mussari the organisational part of the forum. As we know the forum content focused on innovation and didactics and it also included best practise of the association's museums.

3. Update on AMMM membership

MPP informs that in May 2018 there are 49 members, 32 full members and 17 affiliate members.

3.1 Possible new adhesions of AMMM

Mr. Campredon, director of the Musée de la marine de Paris, says that they are working in collaboration with Tunisia in projects related to maritime heritage and there is a wish to become member of AMMM. LP talked with him and sent him the brochure and information on AMMM for him to deliver to Tunisia. Most probably they are in conversations with the administration.

3.2 Voting on new museum requests to become members

MPP reminds members how the procedure to request membership works. First the request form is received by mail. LP asks for documentation in case of museums. Then, following revision, it is sent to the EC members for their information and opinion. Once approved, the museum is informed and during the AG that follows all members, according to their statutory right, will vote for the new member. The membership requests that LP received from mid 2017 to mid 2018 are:

- Museo del Sale, Cervia – full member
- Maritime Museum of Montenegro – full member
- Museo della Tonnara di Stintino –full member
- Ass Onlus Amici del Museo del Mare Tortona- affiliate member
- Croatian Maritime Museum Split –full member
- Ecomuseo del Mare e dell'Acqua – Sassari –affiliate member.

MPP lists one by one all new entities and all GA members vote in favour by absolute majority.

3.3 Candidates still in process of sending documentation

- Musée d'Histoire de Marseille –full member

LP informs that this museum sent the form but not the documentation. According to Sabrina Marlier from the Arles museum, Marseille thought they were already AMMM members. LP says that this will be clarified this month and that taking into consideration that it is clear what the mission and collection of the museum is, she suggests to vote the museum. This way Marseille won't have to wait one more year for the approval of the candidature. Everyone agrees to this suggestion and vote in favour of this new candidate as full member.

- Parc naturel marin du golf du Lion –affiliate member

In February 2018 they still needed the approval of their administration in order to request membership. No news received yet.

- Membership cases for CE deliberation

LP informs that we have not received yet a formal reply from European Maritime Heritage related to reciprocal membership between our AMMM and EMH. In other words both subscriptions get cancelled, from a financial point of view, and no transfer of funds are necessary. AMMM would become an Advisory member of EMH, and EMH would continue to be a full member. In February 2018 a new EMH President (David Morgan) was elected. We received a mail informing on these news but we haven't received any reply related to our reciprocal matter yet.

Since 2016 the Arsenale di Palermo is no longer managed by Pietro Maniscalco, who has now become affiliate member. At present the building is managed by the regional government of Sicily. MPP tried to call Sebastiano Tusa without success. EM thinks that there is no longer a maritime collection in the Arsenale because it belonged to an association closely related to Maniscalco. Following the taking over of the building by the regional government, the collection was moved elsewhere. MPP will ask further.

3.4 Resignation of membership

The Comune di Gabicce Mare sent a letter in March 2018 resigning from AMMM membership due to the lack of means to manage the Ecomuseo Casa del Porto. The location where the museum was is now used for social matters; and collaboration with private entities to promote maritime heritage is not renewed. There is still interest in having a museum but at present it is not a viable option.

Serhan Aras who works at the Ministry of Defense, Turkish Naval Museums, resigned in April 2018. The internal organisation of the Ministry is now different and each time a different museum commander is chosen to attend AMMM forums.

This year two representatives from the Turkish Naval Forces, on behalf of Naval Museum Command of Izmir, attended the forum.

4. ICOM General Assembly June 2018

AMMM was invited to participate in the annual ICOM GA meeting, being our Association members of regional entities. MPP declined the invitation because the date coincided with our Forum and tried to delegate our vote in somebody who attended the meeting. It was not possible to have this delegation.

5. “Museo Navigante”: Association Nave di Carta, the AMMM, the Mu.MA Museo del Mare in Genoa and the Museo della Marineria in Cesenatico

MPP also explains about the initiative the “Museo navigante” onboard the sailing schooner Oloferne, a project born in October 2017, promoted by the Association La Nave di Carta, the AMMM, the Mu.MA Museo del Mare in Genoa and the Museo della Marineria in Cesenatico. MPP adds that AMMM has given support to this initiative based on the diffusion of the network of Italian maritime museums. The schooner started travelling to different locations, one of them being the Sea Festival of Sète early this year. For further information, the web site is <https://www.museonavigante.it>

MPP says this initiative was discussed within the Executive Committee who agreed that whenever AMMM was used to give support to any initiative or project, EC members must be aware and informed. The following step is to inform the GA members. MPP asks the present members if they agree. They all consent.

6. Participation in Escale à Sète 2018 Museo della Marineria and Galata, Museo del Mare

Both museums of Cesenatico and Genoa participated in the Escale à Sète French sea festival by bringing boat models for an exhibition on maritime heritage, as well as other events organised. In addition the schooner Oloferne was also present in France.

7. Procedures related to the Ministry of Spain

LP informs that the association informed the Spanish Ministry on the new members representing the Executive Committee. This task was delayed until April this year because there was a document missing. Approval of the Ministry is not yet received.

8. Next Forum: organiser, dates, content discussion and Forum Programme Committee designation

Two museums, that of Piran and Betina, are interested in organising next year’s forum. MPP thinks it would be an opportunity for a new museum to show its reality. MPP asks Franco Juri if he agrees to organise it two years time, as Barcelona already requested to celebrate it in 2020. He agrees to this proposal. There are other proposals to organise the event, so it is agreed that the cities and calendar are as follows:

2019 Betina

2020 Barcelona

2021 Piran

2022 San Benedetto del Tronto

2023 Malta

MPP says that next forum’s theme should be the Mediterranean as a big unique cultural park, and AMMM as a network of regional networks, as that of Catalonia, the Golf of Lion, Liguria, Campania, the Adriatique, .and so on. She adds, however that if the museum of Betina would rather choose any other theme, the EC is open to proposals.

What concerns the Barcelona forum, it was agreed during the EC meeting that Barcelona’s theme will be centred in the intangible heritage.

MPP reminds that the Forum working group is formed by the EC members.

TF proposes to celebrate both EMH and AMMM forum in Betina. EMH could participate in the forum and then celebrate the general assembly as usual. He proposes the month of May or June.

9. Dissemination of AMMM

MPP asks once again to try to fill in the AMMM website with more information and news. It is still static with no news at all. LP will send again the mail with the passwords and guides to all members. One museum talked about the difficulty to upload news. LP will check with Alfons Garrido, a documentarist and website professional at the Museu de la Pesca in Palamós to advise us on whether it is really difficult to upload news or if it is just a matter of practice. If it is difficult LP will see how to improve it. Following this action, mails will be sent to museums.

TF informs that EMH worked on getting recognition for operational historical ships complying with safety regulations. Finally historical ships are included in European Law. See more at <http://european-maritime-heritage.org/news.aspx?news=92>

9.1 The Traditional Boat Inventory

LP recalls all the effort made to enable this database: first, a working group created in the Palermo workshop the content and the model and then the technical part of the database was created and adapted to fit the website. The most recent changes were to restrict the roles of the users to make the database content more secure and controlled by museums. In addition manuals had to be updated and passwords were sent individually and privately to every single member. All this long and preserving work ends up in nothing. Only the Maritime Museum of Barcelona uploaded cards. LP asks for museums to upload only 1 card per year. This would “dress up” the database a bit!

AB comments that in France there is much work done related to database on traditional ships. AMMM could check on this. EM and LP both say that the database does not have the objective of being a rigorous census. It is discussed between museum professionals and the aim is to diffuse this Mediterranean heritage.

MPP proposes to start with museums, send them again the passwords and ask them to upload 1 news of interest to the Mediterranean and 1 boat card per year.

9.2 AMMM plate for museums

MPP wonders if museums produced their plates for their museums. She adds that some might have problems with hanging it on heritage buildings, but this is not an obligation. The idea is to have a common image and design, nothing else. LP will resend the information to members and request a photo of the element placed.

9.3 Creation of 3 rollups to diffuse AMMM

MPP requested EM and LP to create a roll up design of AMMM to disseminate the association in forums and any other event. The department of communication of the Maritime Museum created 3 different designs. MPP explains that one is to be used in each forum, and the following forum organiser should take it with him/her in order to use it for the following year. Another roll up is in the Galata Museum at Genoa and another in the Maritime Museum of Barcelona.

As Sandra Barešin from the Betina museum could not attend the GA, Franco Juri kindly offered to take it with him and somehow meet during the year with next organisers to hand over the roll up.

It is requested to send the file of the designs to next organiser in case they wish to print the other two models. It is also requested to create a new design, a rectangular one, for different purposes, such as computer screen.

9.4 Other

Facebook

AR suggests that AMMM join social networks, such as Facebook. This way we could create community and news would be dynamic. LP comments on having looked at this point last year and the impossibility to make it possible. Facebook allows the creation of two different types of profiles, an institutional one and an individual one. Information between both cannot be shared. Please see all details in year 2017 GA minutes. Nevertheless AR wishes to check on this because there might be a way. Before the GA meeting is over he confirms that we cannot use Facebook unless every member creates new profiles. This means that members would have to use separate profiles for this purpose. The idea is disregarded.

AMMM Logo

MPP informs the GA members that the University of Genoa publishes a book “Per un Portale del Nautical Heritage”, a publication aimed at creating a tool to systematize a census and disseminate heritage on vessels, which would be reinforced by the new media, and diffusion would also address the general public. This would be collaboration between academia, associations, institutions and museums already active in the field of the territory. The book includes an interview to MPP. LP, on request, sent them several images of active and non active boats of our Association. The University asked MPP the support of AMMM by placing the logo in the

publication. However this support would not imply to give an economical support. The EC agrees to this support. LP is asked to send the logo of AMMM to the University.

10. Treasury

10.1 Bank commissions

LP explains that since the absorption of our bank Catalunya Caixa by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya we had some privileges regarding bank commissions because we were somehow treated as part of the Maritime Museum of Barcelona account. Refund of bank commissions and internal bank expenses could be claimed. However, since the end of 2017 there is a new bank policy and no refunds can be claimed. Commissions this year 2017 were 98,15€, and from January to May 2018 the bank commission expenditure is 70,85€. LP wondered if we should change of bank but apparently these charges are quite standard. LP decides to wait and check if this amounts are maintained or if they increase. In such a case, this decision would be revised.

10.2 Settlement of year 2017 and provision of expenditure for 2018

The settlement of the period 1st January to 31st December 2017 is 1,670.47 €

The income (membership fees and bank retrocession) is 1,810 €

The expenditure (web/database and bank commissions) is 1,535.80 €

The total expenditure of year 2017 is 274.20 €

And the bank balance of 07/05/2018 is 2,519.40 €

LP hands out copies of the financial year and the update of the membership payments listed by full members and affiliate members. The settlement is voted in favour by all members.

What concerns provision of expenditure, AMMM will need further maintenance of the web. The company Grisart closed but one of the professionals who helped out AMMM is available. Her name is Marta Millan Lombraña. Her fees are 28,46 € per hour, taxes included. There is a provision of 400 € for general maintenance of 2018. In case the website had bigger problems/malfunctions, we should discuss other contracts of maintenance.

LP states that there are unpaid member fees in the past. The fees still pending from 2009 to 2017 adds to 2,790 €, which is quite an amount considering the balance of AMMM. MPP says that this was discussed within the EC members and it was decided that members that don't pay since 2017 and 3 years in a row will no longer be members. RM considers this decision not to be fair in respect of those paying on a yearly basis. MPP replies that she understands his position but that something has to be done. EM says that this should be applied as of the present year and not retroactively. Again, there are members paying for last year at present. The proposal that members that don't pay since 2017 and 3 years in a row will no longer be members is voted. All vote in favour and one against.

10.3 Bank account with double signature

The bank informed LP that it is advisable to have double signature for the bank account. Presidency sent a letter to Miquel Martí last year asking for his approval to give his signature. This choice was made because his museum is a founding member and being Spanish facilitates procedures. As it is decided not to change bank for now, treasury will work on this matter. All members vote in favour of this procedure.

AG members vote unanimously in favour of the settlement and provision of expenditure.

11. Other

- Creation of the Ecomuseo didattico del Mare e dell'Acqua in Sardinia

AMMM gave support and offered assistance in the future creation of the Ecomuseo didattico del Mare e dell'Acqua in Sardinia, a project that Piero Ajello from Associazione Vela Latina Tradizionale is making possible. AMMM Secretary sent a letter of support signed by Presidency and the Maritime Museum of Barcelona also did the same.

- Survey request of the Comitato Museo del mare di Ancona

This organisation requested AMMM members to answer to a survey on museum organisation and management, information that was to be useful to prepare a business plan for their future creation of their Museo del Mare di Ancona. We do not know if many museums helped them out.

- Postal Cards collection project

AB comments that he participates in a project related to gathering together postal cards related to maritime heritage. He invites all members to join and informs that he will inform by email of the steps to take and we could see results in Betina next year.

12. Other matters proposed by the EC

LB informs that John Robinson requested to organise the General Assembly of EMH at l'Escala in the framework of the Salt Festival of the town. LB confirms that it will take place on the 14th and 15th of September 2018.

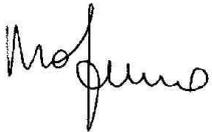
Barcelona, 3 July 2018

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