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## **Canada Branch – Report 2020**

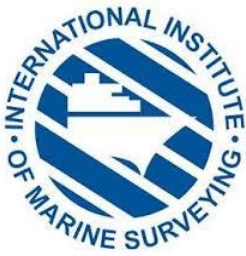
The Canada Branch managed its operations through 2019, with monthly meetings of the Committee, reviewing existing membership expectation, membership contraction, strategies to build a stronger national membership base. The committee targeted discussions on building a stronger identity/brand for IIMS Canada, with national and regional underwriters, financial institutions, Transport Canada Marine Safety, Canadian Marine Advisory Council, and related trade organizations, emphasizing IIMS., is a Professional Marine Organization, supporting education, training standards, and ethics.

Our greatest challenge as a branch, is converting good idea's, and strategies into action, planning, implementing, and measuring results. We have a strong group of individuals, with a great deal of experience on the Committee, with demanding personal and professional lives, resulting in low interest in volunteering for extra tasks. In 2020, we are reviewing our organizational structure, Committee members expertise and commitment to the branch, identifying strength and ability to take on projects, and bringing on additional Committee members as need, to achieve our goals.

Our current 2020 Committee, stands as follows:

- Chairman: Lachlan Mackenzie
- Treasurer: Sarah White
- Secretary: Ted Kant
- Committee Member West: Ted Kant
- Committee Member West: Drew Korek
- Committee Member East: Ron de Bakker
- Committee Member East: Said Nassif

The Committee is a small nucleus of industry engaged professionals, with backgrounds in small craft surveying, marine underwriting, large commercial vessel surveyors, and marine advisories. Building a national organization, IIMS Canada Branch, will look to attract marine professionals, willing to contribute to our organization, in the promotion and development of the marine surveying craft. In a year from now, I hope to be able to speak about our progress, it may be incremental, but, slow and steady, may win the race.



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IIMS Canada Branch is very fortunate, to have an unhesitating Treasurer, Sarah White, she is resolved to energize the Committee, by re-establishing the meaning of being a Committee member, the efforts needed to be a Committee member, and the organizational expectation, in fulfilling our annual Branch goals. In the near term, Sarah and myself, will be setting out the roles and responsibilities of each Committee, as well, tasking them on projects, in the promotions and development of the IIMS Canada Branch. These actions will be the new foundation of our Branch in Canada, as we look to the future of building a national presence.

This past March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, we held our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, which included our Inaugural IIMS Canada Branch Conference, attended by 40 plus guests, and industry speakers. The Conference was a Good Success for IIMS and the Canada Branch, in terms of connecting with Canadian marine surveyors, networking within industry circles, business to business working opportunities, and building the IIMS Brand in Canada. The conference was attended by Mike Schwarz, CEO, IIMS UK., and during the conference, Mike Schwarz, presented long standing member/contributor to IIMS., Stan Bowles, an Honorary Member status, to all his dedication and commitment to IIMS programs. This recognition, validates, what hard work can achieve, while building on our profession, for future generations. The take-away from the conference, IIMS Canada will engage in a 2<sup>nd</sup> conference on 2 years time.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the support from Mike Schwarz, and IIMS UK., staff in preparation, guidance, and assistance on the IIMS Canada Branch Conference. The relentless efforts of our Treasurer, Sarah White, putting in the hours, coordinating the venues, pursuing guest speakers, organizing attendees, orchestrating meetings, event socials, and much more, Thank You Again.

Determination will build our Branch, the understanding, finding well matched marine professionals, in trades, education, membership willing to do some heavy lifting, will result in strong National Networks, Professional Recognition, Building Ethics and Standards, that will brand IIMS Canada surveyors, the industry choice.

Sincerely,

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