

The Association, through its Sub-committees, plays a major role in the work of the Asian Shipowners' Association (ASA).

The members of the ASA are seven Shipowner Associations in the Asia-Pacific region. Since 2019, the ASA has admitted other organisations and companies as Associate Members.

The ASA, whose current office in Singapore, normally meets once a year in different parts of Asia. The 30th meeting was hosted by the Japanese Shipowners' Association (JSA), held online on 18 May 2021. The current Secretary General is Mr Yuichi Sonoda.

The on-going work of the ASA is carried out by five Standing ('S') Committees. The Association is active in the work of the ASA; Mr Richard Hext is Chairman of the Ship Insurance and Liability Committee, and the HKSOA secretariat acts as secretary for this Committee. Members of the Association sit on all five Committees.

The ASA Seafarers Committee (SC) held its 27th interim meeting online on 21 April 2022. The main objectives of the Committee are to ensure and maintain common standards of training, to promote stable employment and the competitiveness of Asian seafarers and to monitor, consider and comment on any new international maritime legislation related to the welfare of seafarers as well as manning and training. Subjects discussed included local seafarer development, the STCW Convention and Code, the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, crew change and repatriation during the Covid-19 pandemic, the designation of seafarers as key workers, mental health problems among seafarers, and rest and work hours recording on board. (The HKSOA representative is Captain Lothair Lam, Hong Kong Ming Wah Shipping Co., Limited.)

香港船東會在亞洲船東協會扮演重要角色。

亞洲船東協會共有七個協會成員。自 2019 年，亞洲船東協會還接受其他業界組織和公司成為其附屬會員。

現時，亞洲船東協會的辦事處設於新加坡，通常每年於亞洲不同地區舉行年會。第 30 屆由日本船東協會主辦，於 2021 年 5 月 18 日在網上舉行。協會現任秘書長為園田裕一先生。

亞洲船東協會的日常事務由 5 個委員會負責。香港船東會積極參與亞洲船東協會的事務。香港船東會宋睿之先生擔任船舶保險和責任委員會主席，同時本會還負責該委員會的秘書工作。本會的代表參與了所有 5 個委員會的事務。

船員委員會於 2022 年 4 月 21 日舉行了第 27 次中期網上會議。船員委員會的宗旨是確保和維持海員培訓的基本標準、提高亞洲海員僱用的穩定性和競爭力、監察和研究新的有關海員福利、配員和培訓的國際海運法規並提出意見。委員會討論的題目包括本土船員的發展、《2010 STCW 公約》、《2006 國際勞工組織海事勞工公約》、新冠肺炎疫情期間船隻換班及輪換的安排、確立船員為主要員工、船員的精神健康問題、作息時間的記錄等。(香港船東會的代表是林銘鋒船長，香港明華船務有限公司。)



The ASA Ship Insurance and Liability Committee (SILC) held its 27th interim meeting online on 16 March 2022 under the chairmanship of Mr Richard Hext. Its objective is to keep members apprised and updated on matters concerning insurance and liability that might impact their interests. Subjects discussed in this interim meeting included the impact of the ongoing turmoil in Eastern Europe, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on insurance and liability, environmental damage and limitation of liability, the HNS Convention, ocean governance, fair treatment/unfair criminalisation of seafarers, cyber risks, unmanned and maritime autonomous surface ships, sanctions, the IG re-insurance programme, piracy, insurance issues arising from the use of low sulphur fuels, and JWC War Risk Areas.

The ASA Safe Navigation and Environment Committee (SNEC) held its 38th interim meeting online on 8 November 2021 and its 39th Interim meeting online on 11 March 2022. The objectives of the Committee are to discuss topics and issues related to the enhancement of security, safe navigation of ships and the protection of the marine environment. Subjects discussed included the introduction of the International Maritime Research Board, the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), greenhouse gas emissions and piracy & armed robbery, amongst other issues. (The HKSOA representative is Capt. Swapnodeep Mondal, Anglo-Eastern Ship Management Ltd.)

The Shipping Policy Committee (SPC) held its 34th interim meeting online on 18 April 2022. The purpose of the Committee is to promote the continuous and healthy development of the Asian shipping industry through a frank exchange of views to foster fair competition, mutual trust and cooperation amongst Asian carriers. Subjects discussed included the ongoing impact on the shipping industry of the Coronavirus pandemic, international maritime policy developments, anti-trust immunity, the US maritime regulation, shipping regulation protectionist measures around the world, canal issues, and anti-corruption issues in the maritime industry. (The HKSOA representative is Mr Kenny Ye, Orient Overseas Container Line Ltd.)

The ASA Ship Recycling Committee (SRC) held its 25th interim meeting via correspondence from 21 – 28 March 2022. The aims of the Committee are to exchange views on the international trends in the ship recycling industry and ship recycling regulations, share information on regulations and ship recycling capacity developments, and voice the Asian view in order to ensure there are environmentally friendly yards in as many countries as possible for economic and stable ship recycling in a timely manner. Subjects discussed included the impact of Covid-19 pandemic, the "Hong Kong Convention" on ship recycling and its related guidelines, the upgrading safety measures in ship-recycling yards, developments in the European Union, the European regulation on ship recycling and issues related to the improvement of ship recycling yards. (The HKSOA representative is Mr Matthew McAfee, Fairmont Shipping (HK) Ltd.)

船舶保險和責任委員會於 2022 年 3 月 16 日在香港舉行了第 27 次網上中期會議。會議由主席宋睿之先生主持。委員會的宗旨是讓成員瞭解可能影響其利益的保險和責任事宜的最新發展。中期會議所討論的議題包括新冠肺炎疫情可能帶來的保險和責任問題、環境破壞、責任限制、《HNS 公約》、船員收容所、海洋管治權、船員的公平對待及刑事指控、互聯網風險，無人及自主船舶、制裁、國際保賠協會再保險計劃、防範海盜、使用低硫燃料聯合戰爭委員會劃定戰區引起的保險事宜。

安全航運政策委員會分別於 2021 年 11 月 8 日及 2022 年 3 月 11 日舉行了第 38 次和第 39 次網上中期會議。該委員會的宗旨是討論有關加強船舶安保、船舶航行安全以及保護海洋環境的相關事務。會議議題包括介紹國際海事研究委員會、歐盟排放交易計劃 (ETS)、溫室氣體排放、防範海盜及海上武裝搶劫等其他議題。(香港船東會的代表是 Swapnodeep Mondal 船長，中英船務管理有限公司。)

航運政策委員會於 2022 年 4 月 18 日舉行了第 34 次網上中期會議。該委員會的宗旨是通過坦誠地交換意見，促進亞洲航運業持續健康地發展。同時促進亞洲船東之間的公平競爭、相互信任和合作。委員會所討論的議題包括 2019 新冠肺炎疫情對航運業的持續影響、國際海事政策的發展、反壟斷議題及美國海事法規、世界保護主義措施、運河問題及航運業的反貪污等議題。(香港船東會的代表是葉建平先生，東方海外貨櫃航運有限公司。)

船舶再循環委員會於 2022 年 3 月 21 – 28 日通過電郵舉辦了第 25 次中期會議。委員會的宗旨是就船舶回收業的國際趨勢和船舶回收法規交換意見。其目標是分享有關法規發展和船舶回收能力的信息，並發表亞洲觀點，確保有更多的國家能夠提供環保的船廠、並以經濟和穩定的方式進行及時的船舶回收。討論的主題包括 2019 新冠肺炎疫情對航運業的持續影響、《香港公約》及其相關拆船指引、提升拆船廠的安全管理、歐盟的發展、歐洲拆船法規以及與改善拆船廠條件有關的問題。(香港船東會的代表是馬正明先生，東昌航運(香港)有限公司。)