

# IBIA Board Elections 2024 Candidates



## Wajdi Abdmessih

### Career Details

Thirty years of experience in marine fuels and renewable energies, with a bachelor's degree in Geology/Chemistry and computer science.

For the past 30 years, I analyzed thousands of samples, surveying barges and vessel delivery, troubleshooting and solving fuel quality problems and helping vessels navigate trouble fuels.

Support clients in dispute arbitration with expert technical opinion.

In 2014, Seahawk Services trusted by fuel suppliers/vessel owners and fuel users worldwide to blend and evaluate new 0.10% sulfur fuel, as scheduled to take effect in January 2015. Once again, in 2019, blended, assessed, and advised users and suppliers on the 0.50% sulfur fuel, which came into effect in January 2020.

I am currently working with the industry on renewable energy for net-zero GHG emissions by 2050.

### Electoral Statement

The road to Net-zero GHG requires innovation, expertise in renewable energy, and a clear understanding of our industry.

With 30 years of experience in bunkering and a known reputation for teamwork, I will work with all members to overcome today's challenges and support our industry for a better tomorrow.



## Rafik Ammar

### Career Details

He is Manager of Government and Public Affairs Europe at Methanol Institute, member of IBIA.

He works on government, regulatory and public affairs and apply his expertise in the European and IMO legislatives process to support the Methanol Institute's government relations strategy in Europe and international, leading stakeholder engagements of fuel producers and shipowners to effectively

share the perspectives of the methanol sector with policymakers.

Former Policy advisor to the President of the Transports and Tourism Committee at the European Parliament.

Former Coordinator for Interinstitutional Relations at Secretariat General at European Commission.

Besides :

Author of the book « Contours et enjeux entre l'UE et l'Union Africaine ».

Co-authors of the Economic and Investment Guide on energy and sustainability in Tanzania for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

+ many publications and articles

Education:

Ecole National d'Administration (ENA) – Public Administration and EU law  
Msc Business Engineer  
Msc Innovation and Design Thinking

## **Electoral Statement**

Dear IBIA members,

As a European expert and specialist in the marine fuels, I am committed to providing my expertise and vision for a sustainable and innovative bunker industry.

Together, let's explore green solutions, strengthen our partnerships and shape a prosperous future for bunkering. Happy to work with you all!



## **Ufuk Erinc**

### **Career Details**

*Capt.* Ufuk Erinc has a 360° bunker pedigree gained at sea and land top to bottom, each step adding credence to his long maritime career. His graduation from the prestigious Istanbul Technical University followed ranks of officer positions on board bulkers, tankers, Ro-Ro and containerships. At shore, he became Head of Operations at one of Top30 liner operators of the world, and subsequently pioneered the concept of self-supply/procurement and third-party trading in early 2000s by establishing Arkas Bunker as its General Manager. Under his helm, the company grew to be the largest bunker supplier in Turkey and the business model was replicated by some largest shipping interests in the world. In 2019, he started physical bunker supplier Unerco as a shareholder and took the CEO role, developing to be one of the notable suppliers in the Mediterranean. Ufuk aspires to develop himself, his company, and the industry to next levels.

## **Electoral Statement**

One can find many amongst us who all have experience as captain, buyer, supplier, and a trader as well as being an owner/executive; it's not rare. What difference I can make is serving with true enthusiasm powered by: Bunkers is shipping's blood, and we are the hearts. Pump it up!



## **Morten Thomas Jacobsen**

### **Career Details**

I have been working in the shipping industry for 37 years, and lived/worked in Denmark, UK, Hong Kong and Switzerland. I founded GREEN MARINE 4 years ago with a clear ambition of creating a knowledge platform with the purpose of supporting the global shipping industry in accelerating the transition to a methanol powered maritime future. Our commercial operations started 2 years ago, and today we have offices in Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Geneva, Manila and Singapore. Our activities span from SHIP DESIGN & ENGINEERING to METHANOL MARINE FUEL BUNKERING, CREW

TRAINING, SHIP MANAGEMENT and most recently we have added an ASSETS INVESTMENT and GREEN MARINE FUELS TRADING activity. Singapore is our Global Head Quarter for methanol marine fuel training, methanol marine fuel trading & bunkering and ASSETS investments. We work closely with Maritime and Port Authorities of Singapore MPA, Singapore Polytechnics, Singapore Maritime Academy and Nanyang Technological University of Singapore.

## **Electoral Statement**

I am keen to participate actively in IBIA's work, and in particular everything in relation to the introduction of methanol as marine fuel and proper education of members and regulatory affairs.



## **Kenneth Juhls**

### **Career Details**

As the Managing Director of ZeroNorth Bunker, Kenneth Juhls holds more than 25 years of experience in the shipping and trading industry in roles such as Chief Risk Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Strategy Officer and latest as Managing Director of ZeroNorth Bunker.

Kenneth has spent the last 2 years scaling ZeroNorth Bunker by working closely with all parts of the marine value chain to accelerate the adoption of digital solutions to support decarbonization of shipping.

Kenneth is also the Chairman of the IBIA Digitalisation of Bunkering workstream and is passionate about driving change in close partnership with customers, partners and regulators.

## **Electoral Statement**

I trust and believe my experience, domain knowledge, network and passion will be a great asset for IBIA and our industry as the marine fuel and shipping industry is undergoing significant disruption and change. I am committed to work with all parts of the industry to make a positive impact.



## **Deanna MacDonald**

### **Career Details**

Deanna MacDonald, esteemed as the CEO of BunkerTrace, stands as an influential figure within the maritime industry, recognized for her unwavering commitment to innovation and sustainability. With a background deeply rooted in international law and policy, MacDonald has amassed extensive experience and expertise, becoming a trailblazer in transforming the maritime sector.

Her journey to leadership was shaped by pivotal roles in diverse organizations and in global institutions such as the OECD and UN, where she championed transparency, compliance, and sustainability. MacDonald's visionary approach has been instrumental in pioneering groundbreaking

initiatives aimed at reducing carbon footprints and enhancing environmental stewardship within the shipping industry.

As a nominee for the International Bunker Industry Association, MacDonald's leadership ethos embodies a dedication to fostering responsible practices and advancing technological solutions. Her strategic direction at BunkerTrace exemplifies resolute commitment to revolutionizing the marine fuel supply chain, driving the industry towards greater accountability and sustainable operations.

## **Electoral Statement**

Vote Deanna MacDonald as an IBIA Board Member. With a demonstrated commitment to spearheading sustainability initiatives and driving digital transformation within maritime operations as CEO of BunkerTrace, I aim to lead a forward-looking agenda, advocating transparency, championing innovation, and fostering a greener, compliant, and prosperous bunkering industry.



## **George Masvoulas**

### **Career Details**

Active in the Oil business since 1998. Started my sailing career as deck officer in oil tankers. Continuing as a tanker operator, I jumped on the cargo/bunker surveying sector in 2009. Having been an active surveyor for more than 10 years, as well as a manager of a global marine surveying company, I have hands-on knowledge of the needs and challenges of the bunker supply as well as the practical documentation and difficulties encountered on the field.

Having performed more than 1300 physical bunker surveys on various ships and countries, including Greece, ARA, Malta, Singapore and Gibraltar, I can offer practical insight on the everyday reality of bunkering and its challenges, as well as expertise in relevant standards and application of same, the use of practical guides as well as the challenges in supply by both river and ocean-going type barges in various countries and under various regimes.

## **Electoral Statement**

My contribution to IBIA and its members would be to offer a detailed insight on the physical part of the bunker delivery, which is the area where most issues actually occur, and it is out of the direct control of both the seller and the buyer.



## **Saunak Rai**

### **Career Details**

Saunak Rai is heading FuelNG, a company providing LNG bunker to ships in Singapore. He led FuelNG to carry out Asia's first SIMOPS LNG bunkering operations. Under his leadership FuelNG won the World LNG Award 2021 for Outstanding Contribution to LNG Industry. He is also the Chairman of Technical Committee for Bunkering (Cryogenic and Gaseous Fuels), playing a

pivotal role in forming the Standards for LNG bunkering in Singapore and is presently focused in developing the standards for Ammonia bunkering.

Saunak graduated with the President's Gold Medal in Nautical Science from Mumbai University, is a licensed Master Mariner, and has completed his MBA from Copenhagen Business School.

As part of the Asia Board of IBIA, he is actively supporting IBIA activities, conducted IBIA's first Master class on LNG bunkering in Singapore in 2023, assisting in development of Methanol bunkering course for IBIA and mentoring the IBIA Maritime One Scholarships scholars.

## **Electoral Statement**

With my expertise in LNG bunkering, alternative fuels, maritime decarbonisation, and standard development for Cryogenic and gaseous fuels, I will assist IBIA and its members in enhancing their knowledge and providing solutions in their journey to net zero.



## **Maria Skipper Schwenn**

### **Career Details**

Director of Environmental Regulatory and Public Affairs, Bunker Holding Group

Member of IBIA's Future Fuels Working Group

Chair of EWABA's Maritime Task Force

Member, the Board of Danfoss IXA

Member, the Advisory Board of Reflow

Executive Director Climate, Environment and Security, Danish Shipping

Member, the Danish delegation to IMO

Member, ICS Marine Committee and ECSA Safety and Environment Committee

Political assistant, European Parliament

Master's degree in Political Science, University of Southern Denmark

Master's degree in European Politics and Administration, the College of Europe, Belgium

With nearly two decades of hands-on experience from both the political and industry side of shipping, I can contribute to and strengthen IBIA as a member-driven organization that exercises influence and sets the agenda to move the green transition forward. I hope my understanding and navigational know-how of the political landscape will strengthen the visibility and impact of IBIA on this journey going forward.

## **Electoral Statement**

As a crucial part of the maritime value chain, IBIA can enable the bunker industry to be part of the future green solutions. I will work for a strong IBIA that makes our voice heard, and ensures our technical expertise is taken into consideration, while enabling global shipping's green transition.