ASI Board Meeting – Summary of Minutes for publication

Date: 15 June 2023

Held: Google Meet

Antitrust Statement:

Attendees were reminded that the ASI is committed to complying with all relevant antitrust and competition laws and regulations and, to that end, has adopted an Antitrust Policy, compliance with which is a condition of continued ASI participation. Failure to abide by these laws can potentially have extremely serious consequences for the ASI and its participants, including heavy fines and, in some jurisdictions, imprisonment for individuals. You are therefore asked to have due regard to this Policy today and indeed in respect of all other ASI activity.

ASI Ways of Working

ASI is a multi-stakeholder organisation. Dialogue is at the heart of everything we do. It is critical to ensure that the organisation delivers on its mission. We welcome all participants and value the diversity of backgrounds, views and opinions represented in this meeting. We recognise that we have different opinions; that is the heart of healthy debate and leads to better outcomes. To ensure our meetings are successful, we need to express our views and hear the views of others in a respectful and professional way, protecting the dignity and safety of all participants and enabling full participation from all attendees.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Peoples

ASI acknowledges Indigenous Peoples and their connections to their traditional lands where we and our members operate. We aim to respect cultural heritage, customs and beliefs of all Indigenous people and we pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Health and Safety

ASI places a high priority on health and safety through the ASI Performance Standard, and likewise aims to ensure that our employees, contractors and participants work and meet safely. If you are travelling for this meeting, please consider health and safety risks, including from transport, illness, manual handling, slips and trips, personal safety and emergency situations. Let us know if you have any concerns or feedback.

Participants:

Directors: Sasha Courville (Chair), Catherine Athenes, Jan Boekelman, Rosa Garcia Pineiro, Pippa Howard, Gerald Rebitzer.

Apologies: Anita Roper (proxy given to Chair), Matthias Esdar (proxy given to Chair).

ASI: Fiona Solomon (CEO and Company Secretary), Andrew Wood (Director Sustainable Investment and Legal, and joint Company Secretary), Mark Annandale (IPAF Adviser).
Introduction and context

ASI publishes a summary of Board meetings and teleconferences in the interests of transparency.

The following principles are applied in preparing these summaries:

- Statements or perspectives are not attributed to individuals.
- The following matters are NOT included in the summary: personnel matters, financial approvals, small items, or sensitive, premature or evolving discussions.
- Board decisions are shared, but not the deliberations or decision-making processes that lead to them.
- Publishing the Board’s decisions does not invite or open up debate about these decisions.
- The Board approves the summary before publication on the ASI website and via the monthly Members Update.

Topics discussed at this Board meeting:

- Standards Committee casual vacancy.
- Officers/Officials under the ASI Constitution.
- Delegations Table.
- Discussion of COP 15 / Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and ASI project concept in relation to ASI’s Nature-Positive strategic priority.
- Board Training: Anti-trust refresher training (live) and Summary of Directors Duties (pre-recorded).
- Discussion of regular items relating to governance, strategy, finance and operations.

Outcomes and actions from this meeting:

- The Board appointed Piet Wit, ecosystem management professional and Director of Syzygy/Peewit, to the Standards Committee to fill a Civil Society casual vacancy, for a 1 year term.
- The Board resolved that the ASI Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is an Officer/Official of ASI, for the purposes of the ASI Constitution.
- A 45 minutes on … webinar will be arranged for members and stakeholders on nature-positive and biodiversity challenges and frameworks.