

PROFILE BOARD MEMBER “STICHTING ZEEMANSHUIS FLYING ANGEL ROTTERDAM SCHIEDAM”

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1. Mission and background:

1.1 The mission of the “Stichting Zeemanshuis Flying Angel” (Stichting) is serving the needs of seafarers and promoting their moral and physical wellbeing. The “Stichting” provides practical help and spiritual support delivered in a holistic way. It offers advocacy services, makes available quality land-based facilities and enables fast communications for seafarers and their families. The charity shares knowledge, expertise and innovative practices widely and works with other charities and agencies as appropriate. Above all it gives unconditional support to the many thousands of people who earn their living at sea, often working in difficult and dangerous circumstances as they ensure the transfer of vital goods from country to country. The “Stichting” values focus on treating everyone with respect, acting with integrity, believing in justice for all and behaving with compassion to everyone with whom the charity interacts.

1.2 Today the charity is providing these essential services whilst operating within a changing and challenging environment. An increasing proportion of seafarers are not Christians. Many are unskilled or semi-skilled seeking work to support their families at home, and as such are viewed as inconsequential. Shipping practices and patterns are changing with less time in port, more time at sea, increased workload pressures on smaller crews, leading to isolation and loneliness.

2. The board:

2.1 The “Stichting” Board members provide strategic direction, expertise, support and contacts, led by the Chairman. The Board is accountable to the Supervisory Committee.

3. The role:

Leadership and strategic direction

3.1 To ensure that the “Stichting’s” strategic direction, objectives and policies are in place and regularly reviewed.

3.2 To contribute to and approve the “Stichting’s” annual budget and supporting plans and ensure that they operate within a comprehensive financial framework

3.3 To place the “Stichting’s” beneficiaries at the forefront of all debates about strategic direction, budget-setting, planning and other relevant functions.

3.4 To offer creative thought and bring new ideas to Board discussions.

Policies and procedures

3.5 To generate good relationships with the Board members, Port Chaplain, volunteers and the staff work force in general.

3.6 To contribute specific skills to maximise the “Stichting’s” work in engaging more people to help the “Stichting”.

3.7 To take part in training

3.8 To represent the “Stichting” as requested by the Board and to fulfil other duties, as appropriate.

6. Personal Skills and Experience

- Interest and empathy with the work of the MtS UK and the “Stichting”
- Creative and innovative forward thinker able to act strategically and support the development of the “Stichting’s” financial strategies and policies
- Ability to devote sufficient time to the functions requiring strategic support and needing the benefit of specific experience
- Ability to consult on issues within area of expertise.
- Ability to attend Supervisory Committee
- Ability to attend Board meetings Prepared to support the “Stichting’s” events and major activities.
- Prepared to introduce others to the “Stichting’s” work.