

Continual Engagement

Members have been invited to present on the behalf of BEMA at both in-person and virtual events on a range of topics including BWMS commissioning testing, technical guidance to specific market segments, and regulation drafting and enforcement.

Major ownership associations and government organizations have sought out BEMA guidance on topics critical to their organizations. This provides opportunity for Members to directly interact with industry stakeholders and share their expertise on subject matters critical to proper ballast water treatment system design and implementation.



Leadership Opportunities

As a trade association, BEMA continually affords opportunities for individuals interested in leadership positions.

The organization has several committees with differing focuses. The Executive, Planning, Finance, Membership, Technical, and External Affairs all have different priorities and require personnel of differing skill sets. One-year terms ensure positions are open to any Member interested in more active participation in the association.

Check out the website!

[Here](#) you will be able to find our Mission and Purpose statements as well as documents issued by BEMA including our [#RealBallastFacts](#) publications!

The different [Membership tiers](#) are detailed for your consideration and please apply! Any questions can be submitted via the site as well!

And don't forget those Members-only documents and the library of key documents and guidance notes on the industry.

Can you afford not to join?

bwema.org/apply-for-membership

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What is BEMA? Well, We're Glad That You Asked!!

The Ballastwater Equipment Manufacturers' Association (BEMA) is the only international trade organization dedicated to the successful implementation of the 2004 IMO Ballast Water Management Convention. We are the global representatives of the treatment system providers, engineering firms, compliance tool manufacturers, testing organizations, component suppliers, and professionals that have dedicated themselves to the protection of the oceans from the threat of aquatic invasive species.



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Learn more at www.bwema.org

Our Mission

The purpose of the Ballastwater Equipment Manufacturers Association (BEMA or Association) is to provide manufacturers and service providers in the ballast water equipment market with leadership and a unified voice. The Association will work on behalf of its Members to support all stakeholders at the International Maritime Organization and will serve as a central point for regulatory agencies, the testing community, and general public to seek out technical information on the effective treatment of ballast water to prevent the transfer of aquatic invasive species by ships.



Over 30 Members in more than 15 countries, BEMA unites the #BallastGeeks community



Having recently applied for NGO status, we have established relationships with critical global regulatory authorities



95% of our Members indicate they value BEMA Membership, with 24% holding leadership positions

Why Join?

This is an opportunity to provide direct input to the stakeholders that govern our industry! Substantial resources are required to develop relationships and to lobby for the ballast treatment perspective; this is often impossible or limited when each company must act on its own behalf.

Joining the #ballastgeeks community multiples your voice and your impact as well as ensures that you always stay abreast of the latest regulatory trends.



Why not?!

And don't forget, we are FUN! Networking, social media, connectivity and marketing are all Member benefits. While events are of course limited during COVID times, simply being active in BEMA provides additional opportunities for self-promotion within this tight-knit industry.

There are many opportunities for co-branding and combined promotion between BEMA and its Members.



Never Miss Out on Anything!

BEMA communicates important regulatory and ballast water news to Members through both quarterly Member newsletters and through the extremely popular #RealBallastFacts Bulletin, published by our own External Affairs Committee.

But news at BEMA is not just reacting to what has happened, it is taking part in the shaping and writing of rules. Whether it is commenting on a national law-making effort, directly interfacing with IACS or participating at the International Maritime Organization, BEMA is your ticket to being the first to know everything you need to know about this dynamic industry.