

subsequently approved on 13 June 2014 under IHO CL43/2014 and by the IAG Executive Council on 22 May 2014. The meeting discussed the next round of revisions for the TALOS Manual, highlighting sections that were identified as requiring revision during the final stages of review of Edition 5.

Two Board members, whose terms are due to end in October 2014, expressed a desire to continue to serve for a further four-year term. The Board unanimously supported the applications and recommended that the IHO approve the additional terms. Subsequently these second four-year terms were approved by Member States via Circular Letter (IHO CL 62/2013 dated 6 November 2013).

The ABLOS meeting was followed by a Law of the Sea seminar, which was attended by approximately 90 delegates from across the region, including Kuwait, Qatar and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as representatives from a wide selection of Oman government ministries, RNO and ONHO. The seminar covered presentations on: Oman maritime boundaries, harmonising baselines, the role and work of DOALOS, Korea's submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS), boundary issues in the South China Sea, UNCLOS related surveys at the Japanese Hydrographic and Oceanographic Department, the experience of Brazil's submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS), observations to define baselines on a remote island and an overview of the Oman Continental Shelf Extension Project. The presentations were followed by a question and answer session for the ABLOS members.

Progress on HSSC Action Items

N/A

Problems Encountered

N/A

Any Other Items of Note

Due to the special circumstances concerning ABLOS as a working group reporting to two parent bodies, i.e., the IAG as well as the IHO, it is felt that the current wording of paragraph 2.1 of the HSSC ToRs does not reflect this situation. It is proposed that the second sentence be amended to read: "The Chairs of the relevant subordinate bodies of the Committee or their nominated representatives should attend and report at all Committee Meetings."

Conclusions and Recommended Actions

N/A

Justification and Impacts

N/A

Action Required of HSSC

The HSSC is invited to:

- a. Note this report
- b. Endorse the continuation of ABLOS to pursue its work under its Terms of Reference
- c. Review and endorse the work program at Annex B
- d. Consider proposed amendments to HSSC ToRs

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12. ABLOS WORK PLAN 2015-16

12.1 ABLOS Tasks

A	Organise the 8 th ABLOS Conference in 2015 (IHO Task 2.12.2)
B	Maintain IHO Publication C-51 "Technical Aspects of the Law of the Sea (TALOS) Manual" (IHO Task 2.12.3)
C	Deliver a standard training program on the hydrographic aspects of maritime delimitation (IHO Task 3.5.2)
D	Provide advice and guidance on the technical aspect of the Law of the Sea to relevant organizations, bodies and Member States (IHO Task 2.12.3)
E	Organize and prepare ABLOS business meetings in 2015 and 2016 (IHO Task 2.12.1)

Task	Work item	Priority H-high M-medium L-low	Next milestone	Start Date	End Date	Status P-planned O-ongoing C-completed	Contact Person(s) * indicates leader	Related Pubs / Standard	Remarks
A1	Organise 8 th ABLOS Conference	H	Begin advertising Identify key note speaker Attract presentation abstracts	2013 2013 2014	2015 2014 2015	O O O	All members of ABLOS through Niels Andersen*	N/A	
B1	Prepare draft 6 th Edition of C-51 (TALOS Manual) for adoption by Member States	M H H	Generate draft new structure for chapter 3 Review contents of chapters and identify areas requiring revision	2013 2014 2014	2016 2015 2015	P O O	Chris Carleton*	IHO Publication C-51	
C1	Deliver standard training programmes for the CBSC	H		2011	Continuous	O	John Brown*		Workshops planned in 2015 in the CBSC Work Plan.

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D1	Provide advice and guidance on the technical aspect of the Law of the Sea	H		Continuous		O	All members of ABLOS through the Chair		

12.2 ABLOS Meetings (Tasks A & E)

Date	Location	Activity
1 & 6 October 2012	IHB, Monaco	ABLOS 19 and 7 th ABLOS Conference
28-29 October 2013	Muscat, Oman	ABLOS 20
21-22 October 2014	Copenhagen, Denmark	ABLOS 21
19 & 23 October 2015	IHB, Monaco	ABLOS 22 and 8 th ABLOS Conference
October 2016	Korea (venue tbc)	ABLOS 23

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