

DQWG Elections

Announcement

- Elections for the Chairs and the Vice-Chairs of DQWG will be held at its 6th meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA, 24-26 July 2012.

Basis for Elections

- Section 4.d) of the [DQWG Terms of Reference](#) states:

d) The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be a representative of a Member State. The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be decided at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the Conference (Conference to be replaced by Assembly when the revised IHO Convention enters force) and shall be determined by vote of the Member States present and voting.
- The [XVIIIth International Hydrographic Conference](#) was held 23-27 April 2012. Thus, the July DQWG6 meeting will be the “first meeting after each ordinary session of the Conference.”

Nominations

- Information for each nomination must include: 1.) Name of Nominee, 2. E-mail address of Nominee, and 3. Name of Nominee’s Member State.
- Names of candidates for the following positions may be submitted via e-mail to Mr. Michel Huet at michel.huet@iho.int :
 - a. DQWG Chair
 - b. DQWG Vice-Chair
- Nominations from the floor may also be made at the DQWG6 meeting.
- Incumbents currently serving may be nominated for an additional term of office.

Voting Procedure

- Each [Member State](#) having a representative **Physically Present at the DQWG6 Meeting** will be allowed to cast one vote for each position.
- Voting for DQWG Chair will be conducted prior to voting for DQWG Vice-Chair.
- Nominations for DQWG Vice-Chair will be held open until the election result for DQWG Chair is announced.
- Voting for positions for which a person is running unopposed will be conducted by a show of hands.
- Voting for positions for which more than one person is running will be conducted by secret ballot.

Results of Election

- Ballots will be counted and the results announced by Michel Huet or other person designated by him.
- Those elected will take office at the conclusion of the DQWG6 meeting.