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Paper for Consideration by HSSC

Election of HSSC Vice-Chair

Submitted by:	IHO Secretariat
Executive Summary:	This paper reports on the nominations received by the IHO Secretariat for the position of HSSC Vice-Chair, in preparation of the election to be held at the beginning of HSSC-11.
Related Documents:	IHO CL 16/2019 HSSC TORs and ROPs
Related Projects:	

Introduction / Background

1. Section 2.3 of the Rules of Procedure (ROPs) of the HSSC states: “*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 Assembly and shall be determined by vote of the Member States present and voting.*”
2. By IHO CL 16/2019, IHO Member States were informed that Mr Michael Prince (Australia) had decided to step down from his position as HSSC Vice-Chair. A call for nominations was made subsequently, inviting Member States to submit the names of their candidates for an election to be held at the beginning of the HSSC-11 meeting, for the Vice-Chair position. Member States were also invited to note that another election for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair would be held again at HSSC-12, in accordance with the HSSC Rules of Procedure.

Analysis / Discussion / Voting Procedure

3. The IHO Secretariat thanks the three Member States that responded to the IHO CL 16/2019 by submitting nominations: Canada, Sweden and United Kingdom.
4. For the position of HSSC Vice-Chair, the nominations received as of 30 April 2019 are:
 - Mr **Louis Maltais** (Canada);
 - Mr **Magnus Wallhagen** (Sweden);
 - Mr **Thomas Mellor** (United Kingdom).
5. Mr Louis Louis Maltais is the Director of Hydrospatial Services and Support at the Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) and also former Vice-Chair of the Tides Water Level Current Working Group.
6. Mr Magnus Wallhagen is Head of Production in the Swedish Hydrographic Office (SHO) and also the BSHC representative in the IHO-EU Network Working Group.
7. Mr Thomas Mellor is Head of OEM Technical Support and Digital Standards in the UKHO and also the Chair of the ENC Standards Maintenance Working Group.
8. Mr Louis Maltais', Mr Magnus Wallhagen's and Mr Thomas Mellor's nominations and short biographies are posted on the HSSC-11 webpage.
9. Each Member State having a representative physically present at the HSSC-11 meeting will be

allowed to cast one vote.

10. Voting for the position of Vice-Chair will be conducted by secret ballot.
11. Ballots will be counted and the results announced by the representative of the IHO Secretariat.
12. In case of a tie in the first ballot among the two candidates obtaining the largest number of votes, a run-off ballot shall be organised between these candidates.
13. The Vice-Chair elected will take office immediately at the conclusion of the election.

Actions required of HSSC

14. The HSSC is invited to:
 - a. **Note** this paper
 - b. **Agree** on the voting procedure
 - c. **Conduct** the HSSC Vice-Chair election
 - d. **Act** as appropriate.