

SNPWG Elections

Announcement

- Elections for the Chairs and the Vice-Chairs of the SNPWG working groups will be held at meeting in Helsinki, 12-16 November 2012.

Basis for Elections

- Section 4.d) of the SNPWG Terms of Reference state:
 - 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 May SNPWG15 meeting will be the “first meeting after each ordinary session of the Conference.”
- After several years of faithful service, Mr. David Acland stepped down as the SNPWG Chair. Mr. Jens Schroeder-Fuerstenberg is the acting Chair. Therefore, an election for this vacancy the Vice Chair and the Secretary will be held.

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.
- SNPWG: Names of candidates for the following positions may be submitted via e-mail to Mr. Tony Pharaoh at anthony.pharaoh@iho.int :
 - a. SNPWG Chair
 - b. SNPWG Vice-Chair
 - c. SNPWG Secretary
- Nominations will be posted to the IHO SNPWG15 meeting website as they are received.
- Nominations from the floor may also be made at the SNPWG15 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 SNPWG15 Meeting will be allowed to cast one vote for each position.
- Voting for Chair will be conducted prior to voting for Vice-Chair.
- Nominations for Vice-Chair will be held open until the election results for Chairs are announced.
- The election of any person running unopposed for a position will be conducted by acclamation.
- 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 Mr. Pharaoh or other persons designated by them.
- Those elected will take office at the conclusion of the SNPWG15 meeting