

## DIPWG and TSMAD Elections

### Announcement

- Elections for the Chairs and the Vice-Chairs of the DIPWG and TSMAD working groups will be held at their joint meeting in Monaco, 7-11 May 2012.

### Basis for Elections

- Section 4.d) of both the [DIPWG Terms of Reference](#) and the [TSMAD 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](#) will be held 23-27 April 2012. Thus, the May TSMAD24/DIPWG4 meeting will be the “first meeting after each ordinary session of the Conference.”
- After many years of faithful service, Mr. Richard Coombes is also stepping down as the DIPWG secretary. Therefore, an election for this vacancy will also 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.
- DIPWG: Names of candidates for the following positions may be submitted via e-mail to Mr. Michel Huet at [michel.huet@iho.int](mailto:michel.huet@iho.int) :
  - a. DIPWG Chair
  - b. DIPWG Vice-Chair
  - c. DIPWG Secretary
- TSMAD: Names of candidates for the following positions may be submitted via e-mail to Mr. Tony Pharaoh at [anthony.pharaoh@iho.int](mailto:anthony.pharaoh@iho.int) :
  - a. TSMAD Chair
  - b. TSMAD Vice-Chair
- Nominations will be posted to the IHO TSMAD24/DIPWG4 meeting website as they are received.
- Nominations from the floor may also be made at the TSMAD24/DIPWG4 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 TSMAD24/DIPWG4 Meeting** will be allowed to cast one vote for each position.
- Voting for TSMAD positions will be conducted prior to voting for DIPWG positions.
- Voting for Chairs will be conducted prior to voting for Vice-Chairs.
- Nominations for Vice-Chairs 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 Messrs. Huet and Pharaoh or other persons designated by them.
- Those elected will take office at the conclusion of the TSMAD24/DIPWG4 meeting.