



**THIS CIRCULAR LETTER REQUIRES YOU TO VOTE**

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**COUNCIL  
CIRCULAR LETTER 02/2017  
08 June 2017**

**CALL FOR ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE IHO COUNCIL**

**References:**

- A. Council Circular Letter 01/2017 dated 02 May – *Call for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the first IHO Council*
- B. IHO Assembly document A.1/MISC/03/Rev1 – *List of Decisions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly.*

Dear Hydrographer,

1. The IHO Secretariat thanks the four Members of the Council that responded to Reference A by submitting nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the IHO Council: Brazil, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy and United Kingdom.
2. The nominations received by the closing date for nominations were:
  - a. For the position of the Chair:  
Rear Admiral **Shepard M. SMITH** (United States of America)
  - b. For the position of the Vice-Chair:  
Admiral (Retired) **Luiz Fernando PALMER Fonseca** (Brazil)  
Mr **Mohammad RASTAD** (Iran (Islamic Republic of))  
Captain **Luigi SINAPI** (Italy)
3. There is no specific procedure set out in the Rules of Procedure of the IHO Council or in Decision 20 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the IHO Assembly (see Reference B) for the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council by correspondence. It is therefore intended to apply the voting principles described in the Rules of Procedure of the IHO Assembly for the election by correspondence of the Chair of the Assembly (see clauses (c) and (d) of Rule 14).
4. Rear Admiral Shepard M. SMITH is the only nominee for the position of Chair of the Council. Unless there is a justified objection from Members of the Council, he will be considered as elected unopposed as the Chair of the Council.
5. Three candidates were nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Council. The election for the position of Vice-Chair shall be decided by a simple majority of Members of the Council voting, with a minimum number of responses being at least one third of the Members of the Council. In case of a tie, the Secretary-General shall conduct another vote restricted to those candidates who have received the largest number of votes.

6. This Council Circular Letter invites Members of the Council to confirm the election of the Chair and to vote on the selection of the Vice-Chair of the Council using the voting form at Annex A. **Responses are required not later than 9 July 2017.**

Yours sincerely,



Robert WARD  
Secretary-General

Annex A: Voting form for the confirmation of the Chair and the election of the Vice-Chair of the IHO Council

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**VOTING FORM FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHAIR  
AND  
THE ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE IHO COUNCIL**

(to be returned to the IHO Secretariat at *cl-lc@iho.int* as soon as possible  
and **not later than 9 July 2017**)

**Member of the Council:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Voting for the election of the Chair of the IHO Council**

- Do you agree to the election of Rear Admiral **Shepard M. SMITH** (United States of America) as the Chair of the IHO Council (*tick the appropriate box*)?

YES

NO

**2. Voting for the election of the Vice-Chair of the IHO Council**

Name of your chosen nominee	
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**3.**

Signature	
Name	
Function of signatory	
Date	