

Amendments of the BSHC Statutes

1. Background

At BSHC 21 two changes to the BSHC Statutes were discussed.

- a) Amendment of Article 6c regarding the time limits in preparation of BSHC Conferences;
- b) Inclusion of the procedures of the selection process for the IHO Council.

To the knowledge of Germany decisions have been made accordingly on both amendments at the Conference, although the final report is not available yet.

Germany was tasked to amend the changes under b) until the BSHC 22.

By accomplishing this, several other items were recognized as outdated. These are

- Changes due to the IHO Convention regarding the IHO Secretariat and the Assembly;
- Gender conformance by replacing “Chairman” by “Chair”;
- Some editorial issues.

2. Proposal

Germany therefore drafted an amended version of the BSHC Statutes. Please find attached the track change mode and the consolidated draft. As all Member States shall be given sufficient time to review changes to the Statutes, Germany suggests to introduce the changes and to task the incoming Chair to finalize the revised Statutes by correspondence and to provide the final version at BSHC 23 for approval and signing.

The Commission is invited to

- take note of the report;
- discuss the proposed changes and way forward;
- task the Chair to finalize the draft until BSHC 23
- invite Members to provide input and comments to the Chair by the end of 2017
- Take any other actions as seen appropriate.