

20th Meeting of the Meso America – Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission

Overview of Election Process for MACHC representatives to the IHO Council



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Role and Authority

- Commitment –
 - MACHC Council representatives shall attend all Council sessions for all three between Assemblies.
- Resource Considerations –
 - In accordance with IHO General Regulation Article 3, all expenses connected with attendance shall be assumed by the respective State.
- The MACHC Council representative shall take into account the views of the Member States of the Commission.
- A standing agenda item during the MACHC Conferences will include IHO Council matters.

MACHC Council selection Process

- Number of Seats allocated to MACHC: 2
 - Number of eligible for selection from MACHC: 10*
 - If the number of candidate Member States is equal to the number of number of seats on the Council assigned to the MACHC, then these candidate(s) will be designated as representatives of the MACHC.
- * Guyana is expected to become a Full Member of MACHC at the first Plenary session and thus would also be eligible for selection to the IHO Council, making the total number of eligible Member States 11.

MACHC Council selection Process (continued)

- If the number of candidate Member States is smaller than the number of seats allocated to the MACHC, the candidate will be automatically designated and will be complemented by the eligible Member State that has not been a representative of the MACHC for the longest time. If this proves inconclusive, the Chair will designate eligible Members State(s) as representative of the MACHC.
- If the number of candidate Member States is greater than the number of seats on the council assigned to the MACHC, the candidate(s) to represent the MACHC to the Council will be designated through a voting procedure.

MACHC Council Voting Procedures

- The voting procedure will take place prior to the Assembly, once the distribution for regionally-based seats on the IHO Council is announced, preferably at a MACHC Conference.
- Each Member State submits one voting paper marking as many eligible candidate Member States equal to the number of seats assigned to the MACHC.
- The quorum for a valid voting procedure is set at 50% of Member States casting their vote.
 - Representatives of the MACHC to the Council are then elected by simple majority.
 - An incomplete or blank voting paper is a valid voting option and does not count against the quorum.

MACHC Council Voting Procedures

- Member States shall inform the Chair of the MACHC and the Secretary-General of the IHO of the name of its official representative. An alternate may also be designated.
- Member States representing the MACHC shall inform the Chair of the MACHC and the Secretary-General of any changes in representation, whether permanent or temporary, as soon as practicable.

* A detailed procedure is described in Annex 3 of the MACHC Statutes

Sample Ballot

Part A

Number of Seats on Council allocated to the MACHC: *Chair inserts number in here*

(This is the number of boxes that may be marked below)

Part B

To vote for a candidate State put an 'X' in the adjacent box. The number of boxes that may be marked is shown in Part A above.

Chair inserts candidate State A in here	Votes indicated with an X here
Chair inserts candidate State B in here	Votes indicated with an X here
Chair inserts State C in here	Votes indicated with an X here
insert other States if appropriate	Votes indicated with an X here

Member State: Date:

Authorised By: Position:

Timing of Selection Procedure

- **MACHC CL 14 –**
 - Requested Eligible MACHC Members (see IHO CL 52/2019) to indicate their desire to seek selection to the IHO Council
- **Agenda Item 2.2.1 (morning of Day 1) –**
 - Overview of election process for MACHC representatives to the IHO Council
- **At end of Day 1 –**
 - Final declaration of Member State candidates for the MACHC seats on the IHO Council (privately to the Chair)
- **At end of Day 2 –**
 - MACHC Council Seat Election
- **Agenda Item 10.1.1 –**
 - Election Results for MACHC Representatives to IHO Council