

Appointment of Committee Members

Appointment Process – Regulation 5.2 to 5.2.2

A submission from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Purpose or Objective

To improve the system for appointing members of committees

Proposal

Delete Regulation 5.2, 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 and replace with:

- 5.2 The Executive Committee shall, four days before a General Assembly, publish a list of all those nominated for appointment as members of committees.
- 5.2.1 The Executive Committee shall, subject to any specific provisions in the Regulations relating to a particular committee and so far as is practicable, follow the following guidelines:
- (a) first consideration should be given to persons for their expertise rather than geographical location;
 - (b) preference shall be given to those nominations from Member National Authorities whose nominations, taken together with other nominations from their Council group, include at least 25% of each gender;
 - (c) not less than 25% of the members of each committee should be drawn from each gender;
 - (d) not less than 20% of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of all committees should be drawn from each gender;
 - (e) not more than two persons from any country should be included on any committee;
 - (f) there should not be a set number of members of any committee, but ordinarily each committee shall not exceed eighteen (including any ex officio members);
 - (g) there should not be a maximum period of time for any individual to sit on a particular committee; and
 - (h) consideration should be given to the relevant sailing experience of nominees.
- 5.2.2 Following the General Assembly, the committees shall be appointed in the following manner:
- (a) within 30 days of the General Assembly, the new Executive Committee shall publish the proposed members of the committees (including the chairman and vice-chairman of each committee) and that list shall be circulated to Council;
 - (b) within 10 days of the circulation of the list to Council, any member of Council may propose an addition or deletion to the list provided that:
 - (i) any proposed name to be added must have been originally nominated in accordance with Regulation 5.1;
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- (ii) any proposal must be in writing and be received by the Chief Executive Officer within the 10 day period;
- (iii) the proposal must be supported by at least two other Council members from two other Council groups;
- (c) following the deadline for the receipt of amendments, the Council shall vote on whether or not to approve the Executive Committee's nominations and any amendments proposed;
- (d) if the Council rejects the nominations of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall submit a revised list within 14 days and the process above shall be repeated; and
- (e) if by the first day of January following the General Assembly (or such later date determined by the President) the Council has not approved or rejected the list, the list shall be deemed approved by the Council.

Current Position

Current Regulation 5.2, 5.2.1 and 5.2.2

Reasons

1. The present Regulation whilst addressing many issues does not help those countries who may find it difficult to identify potentially suitable female candidates. New Regulation 5.2.1(b) addresses this.
 2. The present system of re-nomination has caused substantive problems on at least previous two occasions. The system was also open to inappropriate political bartering.
 3. Under the present system it would also be possible for no committees to be appointed until each and every objection has been voted on. This could take months, thus freezing the work of committees. This clearly is unacceptable.
 4. By establishing a start date for new committees of the 1st January it is clear that existing committees must continue their work until then and only at that date formally hand over. Thus existing committees can prepare the new committee and ensure some continuity.
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