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Update on procedures for the nomination and election of NWWRAC Positions (2011-2014)

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council
Executive Committee Meeting
Dublin Castle, 7th July 2011

President of the General Assembly

- Term of office: 3 years (renewable)
 - First call of interest on the 30th of May 2011 – no nominations received to date;
 - Open to all members of the General Assembly;
 - Must be nominated and seconded by another member;
 - **Final deadline for nominations: 31st of August 2011;**
 - Decision to be adopted at the next GA meeting 2011
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Chairperson (Executive Committee)

- Term of office : 3 years (renewable);
- Current term ends on the 30 September, 2011.
- Two **options**:
 - 1) No contract for services (i.e. No Fees) : Candidates to be nominated and elected directly by the Executive Committee without payment for services;
 - 2) Fixed-term contract for services: Tender procedure to be launched in compliance with the Commission's rules.

A decision is required on the preferred option of the members.

Chairperson (Executive Committee)

Timeframe:

1) Call of interest for applications:

- Open to all the members of the General Assembly
- **Deadline 31st of August 2011.**

2) No fees: Decision to be made at the Executive Committee, meeting in Madrid (September 2011);

3) Tender procedure: Evaluation Committee's decision to revert to the Executive Committee for endorsement;

4) New Chairman announced to the General Assembly (October 2011).

Chairperson (Executive Committee)

Option 2: Tender procedure:

Evaluation Committee

- Composition: 3-5 members and the Secretariat as observers;
- Main duties:
 - Check eligibility criteria and assess costs;
 - Assess and rank candidates;
 - Make a formal proposal to the Executive Committee.
- The Secretariat will provide tender specifications.

Proposal: Evaluation Committee to be appointed by the Executive Committee

Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur (Executive Committee)

Vice-Chairperson (Article 43)

- To be appointed annually by members of the Executive Committee;
- Shall be a member of the Executive Committee and have a vote.

Rapporteur (Article 44)

- To be appointed annually by members of the Executive Committee;
- Does **not** need to be an Executive Committee Member.

Proposal: ***To align the term of office of the vice-chairperson and rapporteur with that of the NWWRAC chairperson (i.e. 3 years).***

Executive Committee members

- Appointed by the General Assembly (Article 22);
 - Term of office: 3 years (renewable);
 - 24 Members:
 - 16 Fisheries sector;
 - 8 Other groups of interest.
 - Procedure:
 - Open call of interest to all members;
 - Organizations to be nominated, **not** individuals;
 - A vote will be undertaken if the number of nominations exceeds the number of seats;
 - Decision to be taken at the General Assembly in October 2011;
 - **Nominations to the Secretariat by 31 August 2011.**
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Sub-regional Working Groups

- The Chairperson and other officers of sub-regional Working Groups will be elected their members;
- Currently, there is no specific term of office for the officers of sub-area Working Groups in the rules of procedure;
- The terms of office for all other NWWRAC positions (e.g. Chairperson, Executive Committee Members and the Secretariat) are for a period of 3 years.

Proposal: That the officers of sub-area Working Groups have a defined term of office of 3 years.

Secretariat

- Board Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) currently hosts the NWWRAC Secretariat in Dublin, and provides all necessary resources and logistics for its functioning (e.g. equipment, accounts, legal and financial advice)
 - BIM has offered to host the NWWRAC Secretariat for a further 3-year period.
 - Procedure:
 - Call of interest open to members and Member States;
 - Executive Committee to evaluate the applications received and adopt a formal decision;
 - Secretariat announced to the General Assembly.
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