

Procedure for the nomination and election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Executive Committee and Working Groups (2014-2017)



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Chairperson - Executive Committee

PROCEDURE OVERVIEW (ART 40)

- Term of office : 3 years (renewable);
- Current term ends on 30 September 2014.
- At the last Executive Committee held in Edinburgh on 3 July 2014, it was agreed by consensus that there will be fees for the Chairperson in compensation for the Chairperson's time.
- A tender procedure for a fixed-term contract for services was developed by the Secretariat, in compliance with the Commission's procurement rules.

Chairperson - Executive Committee

PROCEDURE OVERVIEW (ART 40)

- Call of interest for applications (launched by email on 8th July 2014):
 - Open to all the members of the General Assembly
 - Deadline: 1st of September 2014
 - **One nomination received: Bertie Armstrong (SFF)**
- An evaluation committee composed of 3-5 members of the NWWAC (+1 Secretariat as observer) will meet and assess all applications received.
- A recommendation will be made by the evaluation committee and they will revert to the Executive Committee members for decision to elect their Chair.

Chairperson - Executive Committee

Tender procedure:

Evaluation Committee to be appointed by the Executive 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 and act as observer coordinating the process.

Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur - Executive Committee

DECISIONS REQUIRED NOW

Vice-Chairperson/s (Article 41)

- To be appointed every 3 years by Executive Committee members;
- Shall be a member of the Executive Committee and have a vote.

Jacques Pichon, Hugo González (fishing sector) and Liane Veitch (other groups of interest) have been nominated as First, Second and Third Vice-Chairs, respectively.

Rapporteur (Article 43)

- To be appointed annually by members of the Executive Committee;
- Does **not** need to be an Executive Committee Member.
- The Secretariat currently performs this role.

Sub-regional Working Groups

DECISION REQUIRED AT NEXT ROUND of WGs (Nov. 2014)

- The Chairperson and other officers of sub-regional Working Groups will be elected by their members for a period of 3 years;
- Nominations received to date for the Chairs of the Working Groups:
 - West of Scotland (WG1) - Kara Brydson (RSPB-Birdlife)
 - West of Ireland & Celtic Sea (WG2) - Jesús Lourido (Puerto Celeiro)
 - Channel (WG3) - Daniel Lefevre (CRPMEM Basse Normandie)
 - Irish Sea (WG4) - Francis O'Donnell (Irish Fish PO)

Secretariat (Arts 42 and 44)

DECISIONS ALREADY TAKEN – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- Board Iascaigh Mhara (Irish Sea Fisheries Board (BIM)) currently hosts the NWWAC Secretariat in Dublin, and provides all necessary resources and logistics for its functioning.
- The Executive Committee members recommended at the meeting held in July 2014 in Edinburgh that BIM would continue hosting the seat of the NWWAC Secretariat for a further three years.
- A call of interest was launched on 8th July: no further nominations were received.
- The Administration Board of BIM has confirmed in writing its offer to host the NWWAC Secretariat for a further 3-year period (1st October 2014 to 30th September 2017).



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