
Proposed procedure for the nomination and election of Chairs, Vice Chairs and Rapporteurs from Working Groups

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council
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Working Groups

Election of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons

Current status

- There is no specific term of mandate for Chairpersons/Vice-chairpersons in the rules of procedure for sub-area Working Groups;
 - The terms of other NWWRAC positions (e.g. ExCo Chairperson, ExCo Members, Secretariat) are subject to mandated renewal (i.e. at the GA in 2008).
 - Option for a renewable mandate:
 - Possibility of re-election of current Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons.
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Working Groups

Election of Chairpersons

Proposed way forward

(following accords adopted at Executive Committee meeting 8 Sept 2009)

- Maintain the present balance of interests: Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each Working Group should be of the same nationality as currently; Agreed by consensus at the Inaugural General Assembly (30/09/2005);
- Establish a limited term of mandate of three years: The starting date would be September 2011, in line with other NWWRAC positions;

An AMENDMENT of the rules of procedure is needed – The Secretariat will circulate a proposal to amend the rules and circulate this to all members for their endorsement

Management of Working Groups:

Nomination of additional « deputy » rapporteurs

- Rationale
 - Need to “fill the gap” in case of rapporteurs’ absence
 - Aim
 - Improve the efficiency of the Working Groups and reduce the workload on the Secretariat;
 - Proposal
 - Call of interest to seek volunteers for election at the next Working Group meetings in Madrid (March 2010)
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Management of Working Groups: Horizontal Issues

- The Executive Committee members adopted the following decisions at the meeting on the 8th of September 2009:
 - To set up an extra half-day meeting whenever required;
 - If not required, horizontal issues will be distributed among one or more of the existing regional, area-based Working Groups.
 - A chairperson and rapporteur will be selected on an “ad hoc” basis (per meeting)
 - **There is no need for amendment of NWWRAC rules: Both options in accordance with articles 14 and 15.**
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