

**9TH MEETING OF THE HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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Paper for Consideration by HSSC

Election of HSSC Chair and Vice-Chair

Submitted by:	IHO Secretariat
Executive Summary:	This paper reports on the nominations received by the IHO Secretariat for the position of HSSC Chair and Vice-Chair, in preparation of the election to be held at the conclusion of HSSC-9.
Related Documents:	IHO CL 35/2017, paragraphs 7 and 8 HSSC TORs and ROPs
Related Projects:	

Introduction / Background

1. Section 2.3 of the Rules of Procedure (ROPs) of the HSSC states: “*The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be a representative of a Member State. The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be decided at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the Assembly and shall be determined by vote of the Member States present and voting.*”
2. As the 1st Session of the Assembly took place in Monaco, from 24 to 28 April 2017, elections for HSSC Chair and Vice-Chair have to be organized at the conclusion of the HSSC-9 meeting.
3. By IHO CL 35/2017 (paragraph 8 refers), IHO Member States were invited to submit the names of candidates in advance if desired, noting that nominations from the floor may also be made at the HSSC-9 meeting.

Analysis / Discussion / Voting Procedure

4. The IHO Secretariat thanks the three Member States that responded to the IHO CL 35/2017 by submitting nominations: Australia, Italy and Nigeria.
5. The nominations received as of 31 October 2017 are:
 - a. For the position of HSSC Chair: Captain **Luigi Sinapi** (Italy)
 - b. For the position of HSSC Vice-Chair: Captain **Ayodeji Olumide Olugbode** (Nigeria), Mr **Mike Prince** (Australia), Mr **Louis Maltais** (Canada).
6. Captain Luigi Sinapi is the National Hydrographer of Italy.
7. Captain Ayodeji Olumide Olugbode’s, Mr Mike Prince and Mr Louis Maltais’ curriculum vitae are posted on the HSSC-9 webpage.
8. Each Member State having a representative physically present at the HSSC-9 meeting will be allowed to cast one vote for each position.
9. The voting for Chair will be conducted prior to voting for Vice-Chair. Nominations for Vice-Chair will be held open until the election results for the position of Chair are announced.
10. Voting for positions for which more than one person is running will be conducted by secret ballot.

11. The election of any person running unopposed for a position will be conducted by acclamation.
12. Ballots will be counted and the results announced by the representative of the IHO Secretariat.
13. Those elected will take office at the conclusion of the HSSC-9 meeting.

Actions required of HSSC

14. The HSSC is invited to:
 - a. **Note** this paper
 - b. **Agree** on the voting procedure
 - c. **Conduct** the officer bearer election
 - d. **Act** as appropriate.