

Paper for consideration by NIPWG4

Election of Office Bearers

Submitted by:	NIPWG Chair
Executive Summary:	Election of NIPWG Office bearers
Related Documents:	NIPWG ToR, NIPWG Letter 6/2017
Related Projects:	

Introduction/Background

Section 3.c) of the NIPWG Terms of Reference state:

“The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be a representative of a MS. 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 MS present and voting.”

The first Assembly was held 24-28 April 2017. Thus, the May NIPWG4 meeting will be the “first meeting after each ordinary session of the Assembly.”

Analysis/Discussion/Voting Procedure

Elections for the Chairs and the Vice-Chairs of the NIPWG will be held at the meeting in Durham, NH, 22-26 May 2017. The basis for the election is the NIPWG ToR and the fact that the recent Assembly was held one month before the NIPWG meeting.

Following candidates provided their application for an office position before the meeting:

Name	Member State	Position
Jens Schröder-Fürstenberg	Germany	Chair
Edward Hosken	United Kingdom	Vice-Chair

Nominations from the floor may also be made at the NIPWG4 meeting.

Each Member State having a representative physically present at the NIPWG4 Meeting will be allowed to cast one vote for each position.

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 Chairs are announced.

Voting for positions for which more than one person is running will be conducted by secret ballot. The election of any person running unopposed for a position will be conducted by acclamation.

Members are also reminded that the Secretary is appointed in accordance with ToR Section 3d. It has been noted with pleasure that Tom Loeper from the U.S. NOAA offered the continuation of his secretary work.

Results of Election

Ballots will be counted and the results announced by the representative of the IHO Secretariat.

Those elected will take office at the conclusion of the NIPWG4 meeting.

Action required of NIPWG4

The NIPWG4 is invited to:

- a. note this paper,
- b. conduct the office bearer election,
- c. thank NOAA/Office of Coast Survey and Mr Tom Loeper for their continuing support,
- d. act as appropriate.