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AtoN Engineering & Sustainability Committee update for PAP 40

# Background

ENG11 and the Heritage Seminar were not held in Salvador, Brazil in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In order to progress the Work Programme, initially the Chairs, Vice Chairs of the 4 WGs and members of the IALA Secretariat met virtually to decide what work should be tackled. Then an invitation to all previous committee attendees was sent out and they were invited to join a Correspondence Group to contribute to and develop the work. This was done for the 4 WGs. All WGs were successful in progressing some items though it was agreed that no items required sending outside the committee due to the lack of scrutiny at a Plenary session. Work was progressed on : Relative Intensity Guideline, Guidance on Colour fading, Solar Panel selection, Buoy characteristic, Radar reflectors, Satellite & rPNT, Terrestrial Positioning Recommendation, R-Mode guideline, Product Specification S-240, Racon & Radar positioning, WWRNP initial review, Nominations for the Heritage Lighthouse of the Year sent to Council.

Regrettably, the Heritage Seminar has been postponed as has the Workshop planned in Sidney on AtoN Engineering and the Cyber Security Workshop in Canada. Dates for these are still in discussion.

Preparations for a more comprehensive ENG11 in September/October are now complete and we look forward to a productive committee in the new virtual environment.

We were sad to hear that WG2 Chairman Jordan Lane-Beveridge, from CCG, has moved to a new role in the Canadian Government and has left the IALA committee and we are currently looking for a member to replace his position.

# Chairs overview

The output from the work over spring and summer was variable and significantly less than what I would expect from the typical committee. The new arrangements for ENG12 are looking much more promising though I consider that in spite of effective IT systems, the committee thrives on relationships and personal interaction which is a challenge to replicate on screen alone. This is also difficult to integrate a new committee member into being a constructive and regular contributor and there is a danger that with 10% to 20% new members each committee session the committee may start to lose numbers over time. Therefore I look forward to returning to SGL either in full or as a Hybrid committee system (one where some attend in person and others log in to join them for the various sessions) as soon as we can safely do so.

# Action requested of the PAP.

To note this report