



REPORT OF THE 78TH SESSION OF THE IALA COUNCIL

(3 June 2023, Windsor Convention Center, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)



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OPENING

The 78th session of the IALA Council was held at Windsor Convention Center, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 3 June 2023. The meeting was opened at 16:00 by Mrs. Youngshin KIM, IALA President.

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The IALA President thanked warmly the participants and congratulated the new Council members for their election.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absences.

A list of participants in the meeting is at Annex B.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The draft Agenda was approved and appears at Annex A.

4. VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN COUNCIL

4.1. Election of the IALA President and Vice President

The Secretary-General, Francis Zachariae, referred to the IALA Constitution Article 8.2.1 and General Regulations Article 4.5 providing for the election of the IALA President by the Council upon election.

He reported that he had received one nomination for this position, as described in input paper C78-4.1, and this nomination was for Rear Admiral Marcos Lourenço de Almeida, the Councillor for Brazil.

Mr Marcos Almeida was unanimously elected IALA President.

The Secretary-General expressed his gratitude to the outgoing President Youngshin KIM for her deep involvement in IALA's work, her excellent leadership and hard work.

This was the opportunity for the outgoing President to thank all past and present Councillors, the IALA members and IALA staff for their strong support over the past years.

She then handed the chairmanship to the elected President, Mr Almeida, who expressed his gratitude and honour for holding this position, ensuring the participants that he would continue to coordinate the good work of the Council.

The Secretary-General referred to the IALA Constitution Article 8.2.1 and General Regulations Article 4.5 providing for the election of the IALA Vice President by the Council upon election.

One nomination had been received for the position (input paper C78-4.1 refers) and this nomination was for Director General Mr. Natrajan Muruganandam, the Councillor for India.

Mr Natrajan Muruganandam was unanimously elected IALA Vice President.

He thanked the Council stating that he was very pleased to start this new position and endeavoured to increase India's participation to the committees for this new term.

4.2. Election of the Treasurer and the Finance and Audit Committee

The Secretary-General referred to the IALA Constitution Article 8.2.1 and General Regulations Article 5.2 providing for the election of the Finance and Audit Committee.

He explained that four Councillors sitting on the Finance and Audit Committee were candidates for re-election and he had received one nomination for the last available seat (input paper C67-4.3 refers).

The Council elected the Treasurer and Finance and Audit Committee, as follows:

- Captain Ian McNaught (Treasurer), Trinity House, UK;
- The Council member from Federal Waterways and Shipping Agency, Germany;
- The Council member from Direction des Affaires Maritime, France;
- The Council member from Light Dues Board Peninsular Malaysia; and
- The Council member from General Director of Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine Chilean Navy, Directemar.

Captain McNAUGHT expressed his warmest thanks to the Council for this election.

5. STRATEGY AND POLICY

5.1 Results of 14th IALA General Assembly

Secretary-General Francis Zachariae reported briefly on the outcomes of the 14th General Assembly, which approved amendments to the Constitution, the revised Standards and MBS and the Strategic Vision. The Secretary-General explained that due to the preparation needed to address properly the issue raised by the Russian Federation on the Terms of Reference for the Disaster Recovery Fund at the General Assembly, this item will be put on the agenda for Council 79.

6. INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS GROUP

IMC representative Simon Brooks reported briefly on the outcome of the Industrial Members Assembly, which had elected the members of the Industrial Member Group (IMG) for the period 2023-2027.

Company name	Representative for
Flotex SRL, Italy	Europe and Africa
Mediterráneo Señales Maritimas, Spain	Europe and Africa
Japan Radio Co, Ltd, Japan	Asia and Oceania
Sealite Pty Ltd, Australia	Asia and Oceania
Tideland Signal Manufacturing, LLC, USA	The Americas
ARBO Plásticos, Brazil	The Americas
Aatash Norcontrol Ltd, India	Country of next Conference
Australian Maritime Systems Group, Australia	All members
Sabik, Finland	All members

7. TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

7.1 Committee structure for the period 2023-2027

Technical Operations Manager Minsu Jeon introduced paper C78-7.1. This paper detailed the committee's working arrangement for the 2023-2027 period. It was noted that during the ENAV31 EM1 (31) meeting, the ENAV committee had put forth a suggestion to alter its title from 'e-Navigation Information Services and Communications' (ENAV) to the 'Digital Technologies' (DTEC) committee. This shift aimed to encompass a wider scope of emerging

technologies, including autonomous systems, cybersecurity, among others. The new designation aligned well with the rebranding of the e-Navigation Underway conference series to Digital@Sea conferences.

The Council approved the proposal to rename the ENAV committee as the DTEC committee.

7.2 Committee work programme for the period 2023-2027

Minsu Jeon introduced paper C78-7.2 and reminded the councillors that based on General Regulations Article 6.1 and the Rules of procedure – Terms of reference committees, it is expected that “committees should work to the work programme which has been approved by the Council showing the deliverables as draft documents.”

In accordance with this, PAP has prepared the draft work programme for the upcoming quadrennial 2023-2027, using inputs received from the committees.

The Council approved the Committee work programme for the period 2023-2027.

7.3 Appointment of the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

The Secretary-General first mentioned that, in addition to the chairs and vice-chairs for the committees, the council also needed to appoint Chair and Vice Chair for the Legal Advisory Panel. He suggested re-appointing Christina Schneider of the Federal Shipping and Waterways Authorities of Germany for LAP Chair and Henning Osnes Teigene of the Norwegian Coastal Administration as Vice Chair.

The Council decided to re-appoint Christina Schneider of the Federal Shipping and Waterways Authorities of Germany as Chair of the Legal Advisory Panel, with Henning Osnes Teigene of the Norwegian Coastal Administration as the Vice Chair.

The Secretary-General presented input paper C78-7.3 showing the nominations he had received for the position of Chair and Vice Chairs of the four Committees. After careful consideration of the candidates, the council came to a decision.

The Council appointed the Committee Chair and Vice Chairs as follows:

- **Aids to Navigation Requirements and Management Committee (ARM):**
 - **Chair:** Mr. R David Lewald, US Coast Guard
 - **Vice Chair:** Ms. Natasha McMahon, Canadian Coast Guard
- **Engineering and Sustainability Committee (ENG):**
 - **Chair:** Mr. Alwyn Williams, GLA Research and Development, UK and Ireland
 - **Vice Chair:** Mr. Michel Cousquer, Cerema, France
- **Digital Technologies Committee (DTEC):**
 - **Chair:** Mr. Hideki Noguchi, Japan Coast Guard
 - **Vice Chair:** Mr. Jorge Arroyo, US Coast Guard
- **Vessel Traffic Services Committee (VTS):**
 - **Chair:** Ms. Monica Sundklev, Swedish Maritime Administration
 - **Vice Chair:** Mr. Dirk Eckhoff, Federal Waterways and Shipping Administration.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. DATES AND VENUES FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS

The Secretary-General reminded that council meetings are normally planned at IALA Headquarters unless a country proposes to host the meeting.

The Councillors for Türkiye expressed the wish to host the 80th session of the Council meeting.

The Council approved the following dates and venues:

- **Session 79: 11-15 December 2023, IALA Headquarters**
- **Session 80: 10-14 June 2024, Istanbul, Türkiye**

The Council approved the following tentative dates and venues for the following sessions:

- Session 81: December 2024, IALA Headquarters or at the invitation of a National member
- Session 82: June 2025, IALA Headquarters or at the invitation of a National member

10. CLOSURE

The President closed the meeting thanking all delegates for their participation and attendance to the conference and wished them safe travels back home.

ANNEX A – AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

APPROVED AGENDA

ITEM		ACTION REQUESTED
1.	OPENING REMARKS	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Note
3.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	Approve
4.	VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN COUNCIL	
4.1	Election of the President and Vice President	
4.2	Election of the Treasurer and the Finance and Audit Committee	
8.	STRATEGY AND POLICY	
8.1	Results of 14 th IALA General Assembly	
8.1.1	Revised Constitution	Note
8.1.2	Strategic Vision	Note
8.1.3	Standards and the Maritime Buoyage System	Note
9.	INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS GROUP	
9.1	Composition of the Group for the period 2023-2027	Note
10.	TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES	
10.1	Committee structure and working arrangement	Approve / Note
10.2	Committee's work programmes 2023-2027	Approve
10.3	Appointment of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs	Appoint
11.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
12.	DATES AND VENUES FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS	Note

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ANNEX C – RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE 78th SESSION OF THE IALA COUNCIL

Mr Almeida was unanimously elected IALA President.

Mr Muruganandam was unanimously elected IALA Vice President.

The Council elected the Finance and Audit Committee, which consists of:

- Captain Ian McNaught (Treasurer), Trinity House, UK;
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Captain McNAUGHT was unanimously elected IALA Treasurer.

The Council approved the proposal to rename the ENAV committee as the DTEC committee.

The Council approved the Committee work programme for the period 2023-2027.

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