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8 – STRATEGY AND POLICY

8.2 – Policy Advisory Panel

8.2.1 Committee Structure 2018-2022

Note by the Secretariat

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. Before 2014

In 2013, the Secretariat and PAP developed IALA's first Strategic Vision, with a Purpose, two Goals, Strategies, and Priorities. It was approved by Council in December 2013, and presented to the General Assembly in May 2014.

In parallel, the Secretariat drafted a plan for four Committees, with "Technical Domains", and the Policy Advisory Panel then drew up Work Programmes, all for approval by Council. The Committees commenced on their Work Programmes later in 2014.

With a new work period for IALA commencing in 2018, it was necessary to consider the Committee structure for 2018-2022.

1.2. Secretariat study, 2016

An internal Study on Committees for the 2018-2022 work period was completed by the Secretariat on 11 November 2016, and looked at the following

- History
- Impact of the Standards map
- Number of Committees, and the merits of four Committees
- Another option than having Committees

The Study developed options for 4, 5, and 6 Committees, with the merits and demerits of each option and taking account of Secretariat capability, Committee participation numbers, and calendar.

In December 2016 and January 2017, SG DSG and Dean reviewed the Study and chose Option 1 from the Study for presentation to the Policy Advisory panel at its session 33.

1.3. Consideration by PAP session 33, April 2017

The Policy Advisory panel discussed the proposal at length and was in agreement, subject to moving the work on "Terminology, symbology and portrayal" into the ARM Committee.

1.4. Presentation to Council at session 64, June 2017

The draft structure agreed by PAP session 33 was presented to Council session 64 (June 2017). Council was generally content with the proposed structure, but some comments were received and a revised version developed by the Secretariat for consideration by PAP at session 34.

Some Councillors were keen to retain the "ENAV" acronym, and a revised name for the relevant Committee was created to allow this.



1.5. Consideration by PAP at session 34, October 2017

PAP finalised a revised version, including the ENAV matter and sought the approval of Council at its 65th session.

1.6. Approval by Council at session 65, December 2017

Council approved the new Committee structure at its 65th session in December 2017, (C65-8.2.5.1).

2. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Committee Structure 2018-2022, C65-8.2.5.1
- Committee Responsibilities Information Services, PAP36-13.3

3. DISCUSSION

The new Committee structure is in place. The significant changes from the preceding work period are as follows.

- Moving PNT work from ENAV to ENG
- Moving “Terminology, symbology and portrayal” from ENAV to ARM
- Renaming the ENAV Committee to e-navigation Information Services and Communications (ENAV)

In addition, the PAP at its 36th session agreed, with minor changes, a proposal from the Secretariat for the allocation of work on S-200 product specifications among the Committees. Refer to output paper PAP36-13.3.

The change in Committee structure was informed to all persons on the Secretariat email list via two separately-timed emails and one e-Bulletin. All three advised reference to the website for details.

The transfer of PNT work from the old ENAV to ENG proceeded well, and a high level of attendance at the PNT Working Group during ENG8 produced good work, facilitated by close coordination before ENG8 by the Chair and his WG leaders.

At ENAV22, concern was expressed by some participants at moving the work on digital maritime services into the ARM Committee. One or two claimed not to have known about the changes, despite the email and e-Bulletin advice and verbal advice at the ENAV21 meeting.

There will always be many ways to organise the multi-faceted work of IALA, but one must be chosen. The Secretariat considers that, after consideration by Council and PAP over 12 months or more, the Committee structure is satisfactory.

4. THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO

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