

Agenda Item 2(d)
For Decision

2024 World Sailing Election Panel

1. Proposal

- 1.1 The World Sailing Election Panel is appointed via a recommendation from the Board to the World Sailing Members, who will confirm the appointment at the Annual General Meeting 1 year before the election.
- 1.2 The Chief Executive Officer was tasked by the Board to recommend an Election Panel for the November 2024 Presidential and Vice President elections.
- 1.3 The Chief Executive Officer consulted ASOIF, explained the World Sailing situation and took some guidance on best practice with election panels in The Olympic Movement. The clear front runner is World Athletics. They have a very robust vetting process and a complex structure which would be too much for us.
- 1.4 The reputational and financial damage of the 2020 elections was deep and widespread. The Chief Executive Officer doesn't anticipate a difficult election next year; assuming minimal change in Board Members in the 2024 election, there will be significant change in the 2028 election as the incumbent Board and President will be termed out. Getting the election panel and rules bedded in for this coming election will be valuable experience for the team and also be a dry run for 2028 which is likely to be much more politically active. A repeat of 2020 would be catastrophic.
- 1.5 Post desk research, The Chief Executive Officer selected and spoke to individuals from the Olympic Movement and is confident that the recommended list below have the requisite skills and experience. If appointed the Panel will provide invaluable support to World Sailing in the lead up to and during the 2024 elections, and subsequently have "World Sailing" experience for the 2028 election.
- 1.6 The recommendation is that the Board recommends to the Annual General Meeting the appointment of:

Margot Foster (Chair)	Australian Lawyer (former Olympic medallist – Rowing, LA) Chair of World Athletics Election Oversight Committee
Phil Cotton (Member)	UK Auditor – Chair of World Sailing Audit Committee
Niels Lindholm (Member)	Croatian - Compliance and Risk Expert - Member of Badminton World Federation Vetting Panel.
Jon Napier (Member)	UK Lawyer Member of World Athletics Oversight Committee

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2. Recommendation

- The Board approves the above-named persons as the 2024 Election Panel.
- The recommendation is put to the Annual General Meeting for approval as the Election Panel for 2024.