

Agenda Item
For Information 5(a)

World Sailing Independent Bodies

1. Introduction

As part of the Governance Reforms, under the new Constitution we have several new Independent Bodies.

1. Nominations Panel (5 persons)
2. Investigations Panel (at least 3 persons)
3. Disciplinary Tribunal (at least 7 persons)
4. Ombudsman (one person)

These Independent Bodies replace the Judicial Board and the Disciplinary Investing Officer as per the previous governance structure.

2. Appointment Process

These Independent Bodies are all yet to be appointed.

The process is that the Nominations Panel recommends the members of the Independent Bodies to the General Assembly and the membership need to approve them. We anticipate that the process to appoint these persons could take between 2 to 3 months to finalise.

We have commenced the recruitment process for the Nominations Panel and Council may have seen the advertisement.

The Nominations Panel itself is appointed by the Board. The Composition is five independent persons and three Board members who are non-voting.

The Board had agreed the Board representatives would be Josep Pla, Line Markert and the President. This composition will need to be discussed at the next Board meeting following the tragic loss of Line Markert.

The Constitution defines Independent as:

- (a) has not held any position (other than an Independent position) within the Federation or any Member within the three years prior to first appointment;*
- (b) does not have any close connection or relationship with a director or Employee of the Federation; and,*
- (c) from the perspective of an objective outsider, would be viewed as independent.*

Once the Nominations Panel has been appointed, they will agree the role description and adverts, the posts will be advertised and the Nominations Panel will make their selections and recommend accordingly to the membership. The Board will decide whether this recommendation will be by written resolution or by calling an Extraordinary General Meeting.

2. Recommendation

1. The Council is requested to note the report.

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