

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION**

**Procedure for election of IOMICA
Executive Officers at a meeting of the
World Council**

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1. ABBREVIATIONS

DM	Division Member of the RSD
ICA	International Class Association
IOM	International One Metre
ISAF	International Sailing Federation
MNA	Member National Authority of the ISAF
NCA	National Class Association
NCS	National Class Secretary
RSD	Radio Sailing Division of the ISAF
WCM	World Council member, an IOM NCA or NCS representative

2. DEFINITIONS

<i>Owner</i>	A person who owns at least one <i>Registered Boat</i> .
<i>Registered Owner</i>	An <i>Owner</i> who is listed as being current and in good standing with an IOM NCA or IOM NCS or with their DM.
<i>Member NCA or NCS</i>	A NCA or NCS which has been granted membership of the <i>World Council</i> . Or A NCA or NCS whose application for membership of the <i>World Council</i> is under consideration.
<i>Officer</i>	One of the IOM ICA Executive Committee. The definition excludes any member of an IOM ICA Sub-committee being defined as an <i>Officer</i> .

<i>Official of a DM or NCA or a NCS</i>	A person who holds any position or exercises any duty in a DM or NCA or who holds a position or exercises any duty as a NCS.
<i>World Council</i>	The governing body of the IOM ICA.
<i>World Council Member</i>	An <i>Officer</i> , a Representative of a <i>Member NCA</i> , or a <i>Member NCS</i> .
<i>Electronic communication</i>	A means of exchanging information including but not limited to the World Wide Web, the Internet, e-mail, fax, telephone, Message Boards.
shall/may	In this constitution, the word “shall” specifies a mandatory action or procedure, while the word “may” is permissive.

3. Informal summary

World Council Members vote for the IOMICA Executive. Proxies are permitted. Election takes place for each Executive position in sequence, one position at a time. There may be up to three rounds of voting if there are more than four candidates for a position. A candidate shall be an IOM Owner, and if an official of his/her DM or NCA or if an NCS shall undertake to resign such position within four months if successfully elected. A person can seek election for more than one position. Immediately a candidate is successful, his/her name is removed from the ballot for any later position. A candidate can withdraw at any time. Candidates need two (2) nominators who shall be *World Council Members*. Nominators cannot give their name more than four (4) times for any combination of candidates and positions. Nominations must be submitted at least ten (10) weeks before the date of election. In the event that fewer than two candidates are nominated by this time for a particular position, nominations will remain open for that position for a further 4 (four) weeks. *World Council Members* are allocated the number of votes they can use depending upon their *World Council* allocation as specified in the Constitution and current Regulations. *World Council Members* who are a representative of a *Member NCA* or are a *Member NCS* shall use their allocated votes according to the outcome of the ballot of their NCA membership. An IOMICA Officer, having resigned as an official of a DM or NCA or an NCS within four months of successful election, may continue to be involved in the affairs of his/her DM or NCA for a period of up to four months following the date of their resignation to undertake transitional responsibilities.

4. Preamble

- 4.1. The *World Council* shall appoint an independent Chief Electoral Officer to oversee voting.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1. A candidate shall be a *Registered Owner*.

- 5.2. A candidate shall be able to participate in meetings conducted by *Electronic communication*.
- 5.3. A candidate who is or becomes an official of his/her DM or NCA or is or becomes a NCS shall undertake to resign their DM, NCA, or NCS position within four (4) months of his/her election as an Officer.
- 5.4. A candidate who fails to provide an undertaking to comply with clause 5.3 within one week of being required to do so shall be deemed to have withdrawn his/her candidacy.

6. Nominations

- 6.1. All candidates shall submit or shall ensure submission of their names and nominations by e-mail to Secretary@iomclass.org.
- 6.2. All submissions of names and nominations shall be received no later than ten (10) weeks before the date of election.

Where fewer than two candidates are nominated for a particular position by ten (10) weeks before the date of election, nominations for that position shall remain open and shall be received no later than 6 (six) weeks before the date of election.

- 6.3. A person may be nominated for more than one position, and shall comply with clauses 6.4 and 6.5 for each position nominated.
- 6.4. A candidate for a position shall declare as follows (where his/her specific information is required to be placed in the area identified by [square brackets]):
 - 6.4.1. I seek election to the position of [name of position].
 - 6.4.2. I am a *Registered Owner*.
 - 6.4.3. I have no interest in any commercial undertaking involved with the IOM Class. If I obtain an interest in any commercial undertaking involved with the IOM Class I shall immediately declare such interest in writing.
Or
My interest in commercial undertaking(s) involved with the IOM Class are as follows: [provide details].
 - 6.4.4. I confirm my ability to participate in meetings conducted by *Electronic communication*.
 - 6.4.5. I am not an official of my DM or NCA or an NCS.
Or
If elected, I undertake to resign [my position within my DM, NCA, or as NCS] (delete as necessary) within four months of election.
 - 6.4.6. I appoint and authorise my nominators who will withdraw my name for any position if necessary.
 - 6.4.7. The following two *World Council Members* nominate me:
 - 1 [name]
 - 2 [name]
 - 6.4.8. I have asked each of my nominators to e-mail you, independently confirming their nomination of me for the position specified.

- 6.5. Each nominator shall declare as follows (within the time scales specified by clause 6.2 above):
 - 6.5.1. I nominate [name of candidate] for the post of [name of position].
 - 6.5.2. I confirm I am a *World Council Member* and I confirm that I will have nominated no more than 4 candidates in total (either the same candidate or different candidates for either the same post or for different posts) by the relevant closing date for nominations.
- 6.6. As soon as possible after the closing date for nominations, the list of candidates, their commercial interests (if any), and their nominators shall be published on the IOM ICA Web site.
- 6.7. Should valid and correct information be brought to the attention of the IOM ICA of any error or omission in the declarations of a candidate or his/her nominators, then the candidate's nomination shall be null and void, and the person(s) involved may be subject to further action by the IOM ICA.

7. Electorate and votes allocation

- 7.1. Officers of the IOM ICA Executive shall be elected by *World Council Members* at an ordinary or annual meeting of the *World Council*.
- 7.2. The meeting shall be announced in accordance with the Regulations.
- 7.3. A *World Council Member* shall be allocated a number of votes according to the provisions for votes allocation contained in the Constitution and current Regulations.
- 7.4. A proxy, who shall be another *World Council Member*, shall be authorised and named by the *World Council Member* to the Chief Electoral Officer at least 24 hours before voting is due to take place.

8. Voting

- 8.1. Voting shall comprise a "cascade" voting system where the vote for each position is taken in sequence, only moving on to the next position once the previous position is filled.
- 8.2. Before the start of voting, all proxies shall identify themselves to the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.3. Before the start of voting on a particular position, any candidate for that position may withdraw, and any candidate successfully voted into an earlier position shall have his/her name removed from the list of candidates for the position being voted on. These changes to the ballot shall be announced by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- 8.4. A person shall not be elected to more than one position on the Executive Committee.

- 8.5. The sequence of voting shall be as follows:
 - 8.5.1. Chairman
 - 8.5.2. Vice Chairman (Technical)
 - 8.5.3. Secretary
 - 8.5.4. Vice Chairman (Events)
 - 8.5.5. Vice Chairman (Measurement and measurers)
 - 8.5.6. Vice Chairman (Information and communications)
 - 8.5.7. Treasurer
- 8.6. Voting shall proceed as voting upon an ordinary resolution, according to the Constitution and current Regulations and incorporating the modifications of this document, where the resolution is the list of candidates for a particular position.
- 8.7. A *World Council Member* who is a representative of a *Member NCA* or is a *Member NCS* shall use his/her votes allocation and vote for a candidate strictly in accordance with the wishes of his/her NCA members. The wishes of his/her NCA members shall have been determined previously by a ballot of those members.
- 8.8. If there is one candidate for a post, that candidate shall be declared elected forthwith.
- 8.9. If there are two candidates for a post, a round of voting shall take place. Following the voting, the candidate with the most votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the tie shall be broken in favour of the candidate who polls the higher number of votes from *World Council Members* excluding *Officer* votes. If a tie remains it shall be broken in favour of the candidate who polls the higher number of votes from *World Council Members* excluding both *Officer* and proxy votes. If a tie still remains, it shall be broken by the toss of a coin.
- 8.10. If there are three candidates for a post, up to two rounds of voting shall take place.
 - 8.10.1. Following the first round of voting, the two candidates with the most votes shall proceed to the second round, unless one candidate secures 50% or more of the votes cast, in which case that candidate shall be declared elected.
 - 8.10.2. The second round of voting shall proceed as described in 8.9.
- 8.11. If there are more than three candidates for a post, up to three rounds of voting shall take place.
 - 8.11.1. Following the first round of voting, the three candidates with the most votes shall proceed to the second round, unless one candidate secures 50% or more of the votes cast, in which case that candidate shall be declared elected.
 - 8.11.2. The second round of voting shall proceed as described in 8.10.
 - 8.11.3. If the first round involves five or more candidates, in the event of a material tie the round shall be re-run with the lowest-polling candidate removed from the ballot. Material ties otherwise shall be broken according to the process outlined in section 8.9.

9. Election as an Officer

- 9.1. A candidate who is an official of his/her DM or NCA or is a NCS and who is successfully elected as an Officer:
 - 9.1.1. Shall be deemed to have resigned as an Officer if he/she does not resign his/her DM, NCA, or NCS position within the time period specified in 5.3. The vacancy so caused shall be filled by the methods identified in the Constitution and Regulations.
 - 9.1.2. May continue to be involved in the affairs of his/her DM or NCA for a period of up to four months following the date of his/her resignation from his/her DM, NCA, or NCS position to undertake transitional responsibilities.
- 9.2. An Officer may not accept a position in, or act as an official in, his/her DM or NCA or as a NCS. An Officer who nevertheless becomes an official of a DM or NCA or a NCS shall be deemed to have resigned as an Officer with immediate effect.

10. Chief Electoral Officer

- 10.1. The Chief Electoral Officer shall
 - 10.1.1. Be provided with the list of candidates for each of the IOMICA Executive positions.
 - 10.1.2. Be provided with the list of the current voting entitlement of every *World Council Member*.
 - 10.1.3. Be provided with the name of every authorised proxy.
 - 10.1.4. Announce the list of candidates at the start of the voting procedure for each position, adjusted for any candidates who withdraw or who have been voted into office for an earlier position.
 - 10.1.5. Accept the votes of the *World Council Members* for the candidates for a particular position, maintaining separate sub-totals of votes cast by *Officers* and by proxies in the event that a tie requires resolution.
 - 10.1.6. Operate second and third rounds of voting as necessary if there are more than two candidates.
 - 10.1.7. Announce the result of the ballot for a position.