



COMITE MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

Report of the Nominating Committee

9 August 2018

Identification of vacancies and candidates.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 26 of the CMI Constitution, the undersigned, as Interim Chair of the Nominating Committee (the Committee) , wrote to all Member Associations (NMLAs) on 23 May 2018, advising that the following ExCo members had to be replaced since their second term in office will expire in connection with the Assembly in London in November this year: Stuart Hetherington as President, Giorgio Berlingieri as Vice-President and Tomotaka Fujita as Executive Councillor.

I further advised that the first term in office of the following officers were also to expire, but that they had declared that they are willing to stand for re-election: Taco van der Valk and Luc Grellet as Executive Councillors and Peter Verstuyft as Treasurer.

I finally noted that following last year's amendments to the Constitution, NMLAs are to propose two candidates as members of the Nominating Committee.

On that basis, I invited all NMLAs to propose candidates for the following positions, also bearing in mind that the election of a person who already holds an office on the Executive Council may result in a new position becoming open and in need of a candidate for nomination and election:

- a) President;
- b) One or two seats as Vice-President, depending on who is elected President;
- c) Two seats on the Executive Council currently held by Taco van der Valk and Luc Grellet standing for re-election;

- d) Up to three seats as Executive Councillor, depending on who is elected President and Vice-President(s);
- e) Treasurer;
- f) Two seats on the Nominating Committee.

Nineteen NMLAs replied to the letter of 23 May and proposed the following candidates (following the above lettering):

- a) Christopher O. Davis (USA) and Andrew Taylor (UK);
- b) Ann Fenech (Malta), Tomotaka Fujita (Japan), John O'Connor (Canda) and Dieter Schwampe (Germany);
- c) Taco van der Valk (Holland), Luc Grellet (France);
- d) Tom Birch Reynardson (UK), Beiping Chu (China) and Ionnais (John) Markianos-Daniolos (Greece);
- e) Peter Verstuyft (Belgium);
- f) Giorgio Berlingieri (Italy), Henry Hai Li (China), Ignacio Melo (Mexico) and Dihuang Song (China).

Soliciting the views of NMLAs regarding identified candidates

I wrote to NMLAs again on 4 July to solicit their views concerning the nomination by the Nominating Committee of the candidates so proposed. The Committee has received responses from the NMLAs of the following 37 countries: Sweden, Argentina, France, Croatia, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, China, Romania, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Italy, Germany, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Turkey, USA, Australia, Denmark, Greece, Canada, Uruguay, Venezuela, Malta, Norway, Ireland, Malaysia, UK, Slovenia, South Africa, Japan, Singapore, Ukraine and India.

There has been a unanimous support for the re-election of Taco van der Valk and Luc Grellet as Councillors and Peter Verstuyft as Treasurer.

With respect to the vacant post as President, Christopher O. Davis has been supported by 26 NMLAs and Andrew Taylor by 9.

With respect to the vacant post(s) as Vice-President there were four candidates and in order to assess their support the Committee has awarded 4 points to the candidate being ranked first by a

NMLA, 3 points to the candidate being ranked second, 2 points to the third ranking and 1 point to the fourth ranking. On that basis Ann Fenech was given 85 points, Dieter Schwampe 80 and Tomotaka Fujita 74 points.

With respect to the vacant post(s) as Executive Councillor there were three candidates and in order to assess their support the Committee has awarded 3 points to the candidate being ranked first by a NMLA, 2 points to the candidate being ranked second and 1 point to the third ranking. On that basis Beiping Chu was given 60 points, John Markianos-Daniolos 55 points and Tom Birch Reynardson 41 points.

With respect to the two posts as member of the Nominating Committee there were also four candidates and with the same approach as regarding Vice-Presidents Giorgio Berlingieri got 112 points, Henry Hai Li 59, Ignacio Melo 58 and Song Dihuang 28 points.

The Committee's considerations

The role of the Nominating Committee is to provide guidance to the NMLAs who will vote at the General Assembly, and to nominate the candidate or candidates the election of which the Committee believes, on balance, to be in the best interest of the CMI. The nomination is made taking into account the requirement of Article 21 of the CMI Constitution which provides that "Executive Councillors must be elected upon individual merit, also giving due regard to balanced representation of the legal systems and the geographical areas of the world characterised by the Members Associations".

Having carefully considered the experience and previous contributions to the work of the CMI of all candidates, the Committee has decided to nominate Christopher Davis for President, Ann Fenech and (if Mr Davis is elected thereby creating a further vacancy) Dieter Schwampe as Vice Presidents, Beiping Chu and (if Ms Fenech and Mr Schwampe are elected) John Markianos-Daniolos and Tom Birch Reynardson, in that order, as Executive Councillors. The nominees have not only received the most support from the NMLAs, which is not decisive in isolation, but will in the view of the Committee also constitute, together with existing Councillors, a very strong and well balanced Executive Council. The Committee notes that there is still room for improvement with regard to gender and geographical balance, in that several regions, including Africa, will not be represented on the Council.

As members of the Nominating Committee the Committee nominates Giorgio Berlingieri and Henry Li. In preferring Henry Li over Ignacio Melo, who were close in terms of support, the Nominating Committee has taken into account two factors:

- (1) Inevitably, NMLAs supported both candidates from China to varying degrees, and it is a fair assumption that their support was not only for the individuals but also for having a person from Asia on the Nominating Committee, and that Henry Li, who received the widest support, would probably have received even wider support if he had been the only candidate from Asia.
- (2) Assuming Chris Davis becomes President at the Assembly meeting the interests of North, South and Central America will be represented on the Nominating Committee given the President's ex officio membership on the Committee and Chris Davis' very broad contact net in the entire region. The interests of European NMLAs will be represented by Giorgio Berlingieri (assuming he is elected at the Assembly meeting) and it would be appropriate for the interests of the Far Eastern countries to be represented by Henry Li, who has served the CMI in many capacities over many years and therefore also has a broad contact net not only in Asia but worldwide.

It should be noted that Article 25 of the Constitution provides that in addition to the two members nominated on the basis of proposals by Member Associations, the Executive Council shall appoint one member of the Nominating Committee. It may also be noted that following the Assembly in November Mr Griggs, Mr Rohart, Mr Timagenis, Mr Si and myself will no longer be members of the Committee, which will then be constituted in accordance with the same article 25 of the CMI Constitution as adopted in 2017.

The Committee's nominations

The Nominating Committee thus nominates the following:

- Christopher A. Davis as President.
- Ann Fenech and Dieter Schwampe as Vice Presidents, in that order.
- Taco van der Valk and Luc Grellet for re-election as Executive Councillors.
- Beiping Chu, John Makianos-Daniolos and Tom Birch Reynardson, in that order as Executive Councillors.
- Peter Verstuyft for re-election as Treasurer.
- Giorgio Berlingieri and Henry Li as members of the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted on 9 August, 2018

The Nominating Committee:

Karl-Johan Gombrii, Interim Chair

Stuart Hetherington

Jean-Serge Rohart

Patrick Griggs

Gregory Timagenis

Si Yuzhuo

Report of the Nominating Committee – Corrigendum

Following the publication of our Report dated 9 August, it has been brought to our attention by an NMLA that it had sent its vote in a timely manner but not been duly recorded in the Report. Unfortunately the message had been caught in a spam filter and therefore not seen by the Committee in time.

It is therefore noted that the Committee has actually received replies to its 4 July letter from NMLAs of the following 38 countries: Sweden, Argentina, France, Croatia, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, China, Romania, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Italy, Germany, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Turkey, USA, Australia, Denmark, Greece, Canada, Uruguay, Venezuela, Malta, Norway, Ireland, Malaysia, UK, Slovenia, South Africa, Japan, Singapore, Ukraine, India and Mexico.

As a result of the additional reply, the figures in our Report of 9 August should be revised as follows:

Davis (27)
Taylor (8)
Schwampe (83)
Fenech (81)
Fujita (78)
O'Connor (14)
Grellet (34)
Van der Valk (34)
Verstuyft (34)
Chu (63)
Markianos (57)
B. Reynardson (41)
Berlingieri (116)

Melo (61)

Li (59)

Song (29)

Having considered the position further and taking the additional reply into account, the Nomination Committee has decided, for the reasons given in its Report of 9 August, to maintain its conclusions. The nominations therefore remain:

- Christopher A. Davis as President.
- Ann Fenech and Dieter Schwampe as Vice Presidents, in that order.
- Taco van der Valk and Luc Grellet for re-election as Executive Councillors.
- Beiping Chu, John Makianos-Daniolos and Tom Birch Reynardson, in that order as Executive Councillors.
- Peter Verstuyft for re-election as Treasurer.
- Giorgio Berlingieri and Henry Li as members of the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted on 20 August, 2018

The Nominating Committee:



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