



Guidelines for Proposing the Election of Titulary Members

The attention of National Maritime Law Associations which are proposing persons for election as Titulary Members of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) is drawn to the following decision of the General Assembly, Montreal, 16th June 2023:

No person shall be proposed for election as a Titulary Member of the CMI without supporting documentation establishing in detail the qualifications of the candidate in accordance with Article 4 (formerly Article 3(1)(c)) of the Constitution, which reads as follows:

“Individual members of Member Associations may be elected by the Assembly as Titulary Members of the CMI upon the proposal of the Association concerned, endorsed by the Executive Council. Individual persons may also be elected by the Assembly as Titulary Members upon the proposal of the Executive Council. Titulary Membership is of an honorary nature and shall be decided having regard to the contributions of the candidates to the work of the CMI or to their services rendered in legal or maritime affairs in furtherance of international uniformity of maritime law or related commercial practice. Titulary Members presently or formerly belonging to an Association which is no longer a member of the CMI may remain individual Titulary Members at large pending the formation of a new Member Association in their State. Titulary Members of the CMI are identified in a list published on the CMI Website or as may otherwise be determined by the Executive Council.”

Contributions of the candidates to the work of the CMI may include:

- (i) active participation as a voting delegate to two or more International Conferences or General Assemblies of the CMI,
- (ii) service on a CMI Working Group or International Sub-Committee,
- (iii) delivery of a paper at a seminar or colloquium conducted by the CMI, or
- (iv) other comparable activities which have made a direct contribution to the CMI's work.

Contributions in furtherance of international uniformity of maritime law is a general criterion and includes services rendered to another international organization as well as published writing that promote uniformity of maritime law. This would include active participation in the furtherance of a CMI initiative, such as involvement in the negotiation stages or as part of a diplomatic delegation to an international conference convened with a view to adopting a treaty or instrument promoted by the CMI.

Services rendered to or work within a Member Association must be clearly shown to have made a significant contribution to work undertaken by the CMI or to the furtherance of international uniformity of maritime law.

Applications from National Maritime Law Associations should explain in detail the role of the proposed candidate for Titulary Membership with the above criteria in mind.

Applications for Titulary Membership from National Maritime Law Associations should be submitted the Secretary-General and the Administrator for submission to the CMI Executive Council not less than ninety (90) days prior to the meeting of the Assembly at which the proposal will be considered, in order to enable the Executive Council to conduct a full review. Any application which is submitted after this date will be deferred to the following Assembly meeting.
