

## **ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCIL OFFICIALS AT THE 2000 ANNUAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE (88<sup>TH</sup> STATUTORY MEETING)**

### **1 ELECTIONS**

#### ***President***

Dr Scott Parsons (Canada) will complete his three-year term as President on 31 October 2000. Under Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, he is not eligible for re-election as President for the immediately succeeding term. The Council is therefore required to elect a new President from among the Delegates at this year's ASC. Article 10 of the Convention applies.

#### ***First Vice-President and three Vice-Presidents***

Professor Pentti Mälkki, First Vice-President (Finland) will complete his three-year term as First Vice-President on 31 October 2000. The Council is therefore required to elect a new First Vice-President at this year's ASC from among the Delegates. Under Rule 11(i) of the Rules of Procedure, Prof. Mälkki is not eligible for re-election as First Vice-President for the immediately succeeding term.

Niels Axel Nielsen (Denmark), and Dr Graça Pestana (Portugal) and Dr Alfred Post will complete their three-year terms as Vice-Presidents on 31 October 2000. Under Rule 11(i) of the Rules of Procedure, they are not eligible for re-election as Vice-Presidents for the immediately succeeding term. The Council is therefore required to elect three new Vice-President at this year's ASC from among the Delegates.

The current members of the Bureau are as follows (last year of office in parentheses):

- Dr Scott Parsons, Canada, President (2000)
- Professor Pentti Mälkki, Finland, First Vice-President (2000)
- Niels Axel Nielsen, Denmark, (2000)
- Dr Graça Pestana, Portugal (2000)
- Dr Alfred Post, Germany (2000)
- Dr Tomasz Linkowski, Poland (2002)
- Dr Jóhann Sigurjónsson, Iceland, (2002)

The above elections for President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and ordinary Vice-President will be conducted in accordance with Rules 4, 5, 25, 30 and 31 of the Rules of Procedure.

#### ***Chair and Vice-Chair of Consultative Committee***

Dr Robin Cook, Chair, and Stig Carlberg, Vice-Chair of the Consultative Committee will have completed their three-year terms on 31 October 2000. It will therefore be necessary for the Consultative Committee to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair at the 2000 ASC. This will be conducted in accordance with Rules of Procedure 4, 5, 25, 30, and 31.

#### ***Chairs of Standing Science Committees***

The Chairs of the following Science Committees will complete their three-year terms at the 2000 Annual Science Conference:

- Oceanography Committee (Harald Loeng)
- Marine Habitat Committee (Dr Astrid Jarre)
- Living Resources Committee (Dr Colin Bannister)
- Resource Management Committee (Dr Rob Stephenson).

The elections will be conducted in accordance with Rules 4, 5 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure.

### **2 APPOINTMENTS**

#### ***Chair and two Members of Finance Committee***

Dr Alfred Post will complete his three-year term as member of the Finance Committee on 31 October 2000. He is not eligible for re-appointment to the Committee for the immediately succeeding term. The Council is therefore required under Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure to appoint a Chair from among the Committee members. In addition to appointing a Chair, a new member will also have to be appointed to replace Dr Post.

Another member of the Finance Committee, Jan Thulin, has ceased to be a Delegate. A new appointment is therefore required to replace him.

The current members of the Finance Committee are as follows (last year of office in parenthesis):

- Dr Alfred Post, Germany (Chair 2000)
- Gerald van Balsfoort, Netherlands, (2002)
- Dr Tomasz Linkowski, Poland (2002)
- Mogens Schou, Denmark (obligatory)
- Jan Thulin, Sweden (2001)

Rule 24 also specifies that the Council's First Vice-President should attend the meetings of the Finance Committee without the right to vote.

***Chair and three Members of the Publications Committee***

The Chair (Dr Peter Boyle), Bogi Hansen, Dr François Gerlotto, and Dr Peter Matthiessen will complete their three-year terms on 31 October 2000. It will be neces-

sary under Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure for the Council to appoint a new Chair from among the Committee members. As none of the above persons are eligible for re-appointment to the Committee for the immediately succeeding term, new members shall be appointed by the Council from among Delegates and experts.

Rule 27 also specifies that one of the Council's Vice-Presidents should attend the meetings of the Committee without the right to vote.

**ARTICLE 10(1) of the ICES CONVENTION**

- 1) The Council shall elect from among the Delegates its President, a first-Vice-President and a further 5 Vice-Presidents. This last number may be augmented by a decision taken by the Council by a two-thirds majority.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE 4, 5, 8, 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31**

**VOTING**

Rule 4

- i) At the plenary sessions of the Council each Contracting Party shall have one vote which may be cast by either Delegate where more than one is appointed;
- ii) Delegates, experts or advisers may vote at any meeting of a Committee of which they are members, provided that at meetings of the Committees established according to Rule 28 any Contracting Party shall exercise only one vote.

Rule 5

- i) Except as otherwise provided in the Convention, when a vote is taken in plenary sessions of the Council or in meetings of its Committees, a simple majority of the votes cast for or against shall be decisive;
- ii) In the event of an even division of votes in a Committee other than the Bureau the proposal before the Committee shall be regarded as rejected;
- iii) The Council and Committees shall vote by show of hands, except that:
  - a) in the Council a vote by roll call shall be taken if two-thirds majority is required by the Convention or upon request of a Delegate,
  - b) all elections shall be decided by secret ballot after confidential nominations in writing;
- iv) For election to the office of President, Vice-President or Chairman of a Committee a candidate who secures votes numbering more than half the number of Contracting Parties represented at the meeting at which the vote is taken, shall be declared elected. If no candidate secures the number of votes required for election, then:
  - a) if there are only two candidates, voting shall be continued until a candidate is elected,
  - b) if there are three or more candidates, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and voting continued in accordance with this paragraph until a candidate is elected, provided that if there are two or more candidates receiving the lowest number of votes it shall be decided by separate vote which candidate shall be eliminated;
- v) If the offices of two or more Vice-Presidents have to be filled at the same meeting separate votes shall be taken for each office;
- vi) At any time not more than one member of the Bureau shall be from the same member country.

#### Rule 8

The President shall be elected for a term of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election for the immediately succeeding term.

#### Rule 11

- i) The First Vice-President shall be elected for a period of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election for the immediately succeeding term;
- ii) Any other Vice-President shall be elected for a period of three years and shall not be eligible for re-election for the immediately succeeding term;
- iii) Any Vice-President may resign at any time and shall vacate office on ceasing to be a Delegate;
- iv) In the event of an office of any Vice-President falling vacant, the Council shall elect a new Vice-President at its next meeting.

#### Rule 24

The Finance Committee shall consist of one of the Delegates of Denmark and four other Delegates appointed by the Council for a period of three years, after which they shall not be eligible for re-appointment for the immediately succeeding term. The Council's First Vice-President should attend the meetings of the Committee without right to vote. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Council, from among the Committee's members. The Finance Committee at each ordinary meeting of the Council shall examine (a) the audited Accounts of the Council for the preceding financial year, (b) the preliminary Accounts for the current financial year, and (c) a Budget for the ensuing financial year and a Forecast Budget for the next following year. The Committee shall consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the Bureau or as it may deem desirable and shall report its observations and conclusions to the Bureau.

#### Rule 25

- i) **The Consultative Committee shall consist of the Chairmen of the Committees established according to Rules 26 and 28 together with a Chairman elected by the Committee from among the Delegates and experts. The Consultative Committee shall elect a Vice-Chairman from among its members;**
- ii) The Consultative Committee shall:-
  - (a) have general oversight over
    - (1) the scientific interests of the Council and its scientific work,
    - (2) the programmes of research organised or coordinated by the Council,
    - (3) the arrangements for carrying out the Council's scientific work and the programme of research organised by it, and
    - (4) the arrangements for discussing all the foregoing matters at the Council's meetings including the organising of special scientific meetings;
  - (b) be responsible for advising the Council and the Bureau on all matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (a),
  - (c) give guidance as it may deem necessary to the Committees established according to Rules 26 and 28 as to the performance of their functions,
  - (d) consider at each ordinary meeting of the Council reports from all the Committees established according to Rule 28 and report thereon to the Council with special reference to any expenditure involved.

#### Rule 26

- (i) The Advisory Committees shall be responsible, on behalf of the Council, for providing scientific information and advice to intergovernmental bodies and Member Governments. The Advisory Committees may also provide scientific information and advice on such matters as the Council or the Committees may consider relevant.
- (ii) The Advisory Committee on Fishery Management shall be responsible for scientific information and advice on living resources and their exploitation;
- (iii) The Advisory Committee on the Marine Environment shall be responsible for scientific information and advice on the status of the marine environment (including marine pollution) and its consequences on living resources and related human activities;
- (iv) **The Advisory Committees shall each consist of a Chairman nominated by the Committee from among Delegates and experts and appointed by the Council, and the Chairmen of such other Committees as the Council decides, and of one scientist nominated by each delegation who so wishes, and subsequently appointed by the Council. If the Chairman, when elected, is among the members nominated by the delegations, he shall cease to serve in that capacity and the Delegates who nominated him shall have the right to nominate another scientist.**

#### Rule 27

The Publications Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Consultative Committee, the Editor of the "ICES Journal of Marine Science" ("Journal du Conseil"), and four other members appointed by the Council from among Delegates and experts for a period of three years, after which they shall not be eligible for the immediately succeeding term. One of the Council's Vice-Presidents should attend the meetings of the Committee, without the right to vote. The Chairman shall be appointed from among the Committee's members. The Committee shall keep under general review all publications issued by the Council and the arrangements for their preparation and issue and shall report to the Bureau.

#### Rule 29

The Committees established according to Rule 28 shall each consist of not more than two members nominated for the purpose by each Delegation, who may be either Delegates or experts and may be replaced by substitutes. The Chairman shall be elected by the Committee.

#### Rule 30

- i) The Chairman of each of the Committees established according to Rules 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, and the Vice-Chairman of the Consultative Committee shall be elected for a term of three years, and shall assume office on the first day of November next following his election; he shall not be eligible for re-election for the immediately succeeding term;
- ii) If for any reason the Chairman of any Committee is unable to complete his term of office, the Committee shall elect an interim Chairman for the remainder of the three-year term at the next ordinary meeting of the Council. In such circumstances, or if a Chairman is temporarily unable to act, the President, after consultation when possible with the Chairman of the Consultative Committee, shall in the case of the Consultative Committee appoint the Vice-Chairman, or in the case of other Committees shall appoint a member of the Committee to act as Chairman meanwhile or until a new Chairman assumes office. Such interim Chairmen would be eligible for election for the next term.

#### Rule 31

- i) The Chairman of the Consultative Committee, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, shall have *ex officio* the right to attend all meetings of the Bureau and of the Advisory Committees;
- ii) The Chairmen of the Consultative Committee and the Advisory Committees on assuming office shall cease to be Chairman of any other Committee of which they are Chairman and the Committees concerned shall forthwith elect successors. If the Chairman of the Consultative Committee or the Chairman of an Advisory Committee when elected is a Delegate, he shall not function as such during the time of his chairmanship, and the Contracting Party which appointed him shall have the right to appoint another person to serve as a Delegate in his place.