

**RESOLUTIONS FROM THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, 26<sup>TH</sup> AND 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

1. Following the increased interest by Members in seeking election to the Executive Council and recognising the need to involve more Members in the running of IFSMA , the Executive Council put forward the following proposal:

**RESOLUTION 44/01**

That the Statutes and Byelaws be amended to increase the number of Vice Presidents on the Executive Council from 7 Vice Presidents to 10 Vice Presidents.

2. Following the resignation of the current Secretary General, Commodore Jim Scorer, the Executive Council, in full agreement , propose that:

**RESOLUTION 44/02**

In order to carry on the work done by the current Secretary General in providing full and effective representation of IFSMA at the International Maritime Organisation and take forward the Strategic Plan into the future, the position of Secretary General be recruited on a Full Time basis. To achieve this, there will need to be an increase in annual membership fees to £15 per **Servicing** Shipmaster, both afloat and ashore, 2019 with a minimum fee of £1,000 per association and an increase in Individual Member subscriptions to £75, from 2019. The Executive Council further proposes that the Secretariat will take steps to reduce the running costs of IFSMA where possible and including the Annual General Assembly being replaced by a Biennial General Assembly. The first Biennial Assembly will be held in 2019 and every 2 years thereafter. The next election for the Executive Council will therefore be at the Biennial General Assembly in 2023 and the current Executive Council Members elected in 2018 will, exceptionally, hold office for a single 5 year period.

3. In discussing the above issue the Executive Council were concerned that the current voting system needs to take into account the increased interest by a number of Member Associations in wanting greater influence on the running of IFSMA. Therefore, the Executive Council propose:

**RESOLUTION 44/03**

That Article 16.a, *Voting and the Quorum*, of the Statutes and Bye-Laws be amended as follows:

In all matters requiring a consensus of opinion, all Member Associations shall have:

For every

1	– 100	Members	One vote
101	– 200	Members	Two votes
201	- 300	Members	Three votes
301	- 700	Members	Four votes
701	- 1000	Members	Five votes
1001	- 1400	Members	Six votes
1401		Members and above	Seven votes

A simple majority of those voting shall be sufficient, unless otherwise laid down in the Statutes and Bye-Laws. Voting may be effected in person, in writing or by electronic means. Proxy voting is permissible.

4. In discussing the election and voting process to become a Member of the Executive Council, the 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly propose:

**RESOLUTION 44/04**

That the Statutes and Byelaws be amended to reflect that nominations for positions on the Council should be lodged with the Secretariat no later than 30 days prior to the declared opening date of the meeting at which the election is scheduled to take place.

5. The 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly welcomed the proposal to increase the number of Vice Presidents on the Executive from 7 to 10 Vice Presidents. The Assembly unanimously agreed that to carry on the work done by the current Secretary General, provide full and effective representation of IFSMA at the International Maritime Organisation and take forward the Strategic Plan into the future, the appointment of Secretary General should be on a Full-time basis. In making this commitment, the Assembly agreed in principal, that IFSMA will have to raise the increased funding, highlighted in 2 above, but that this should be offset by making savings in the planned Budget, increasing the Membership and by Member Associations declaring their full Membership numbers of serving Shipmasters, both afloat and ashore. Additionally the Assembly agreed that the Annual General Assembly be replaced by a Biennial General Assembly commencing in 2019 and every 2 years thereafter.

6. Accepting the advice from the Executive Council, the Assembly proposed:

**RESOLUTION 44/05**

Resolutions 1 – 4 above all require changes of the Statutes and Bye-Laws which can only be agreed at a General Assembly which is also needed to approve an increase in Membership Fees. In view of the exceptional requirement to agree the above Resolutions following the resignation of the Secretary General, all the Member Associations present at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Assembly noted the call for a Special Meeting of the General Assembly, proposed by CAMMS, NMOA and Nautilus International (NL) and all others present, to be held as soon as practicable in accordance with Article 17 of the Statutes and Bye-Laws which states that:

Special Meetings of the General Assembly may be called at the request of at least three Member Associations. It shall be the duty of the Council to give notice of such a Special Meeting as soon as possible after the receipt of the required number of requests in writing and notice of the Meeting and Agenda shall be given in writing at least sixty days before the date of a meeting.

7. Notwithstanding the Assembly's agreement in principal to the above Resolutions, the Assembly asked that the Executive Council should issue these Resolutions with a covering letter explaining the reasons leading to the calling of a Special Meeting of the General Assembly so that Member Associations would have time to consider the Resolutions and give their views to the Executive Council. It was agreed that the President would issue a letter to the Membership as soon as possible and that a deadline be given for any comments within 30 days of the issuance of the Letter.