

IALA COUNCIL
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Agenda item 15 – MEMBERSHIP

15-3 Documents submitted for discussion

15.3-1 *Membership category Change request*

Note by the Secretariat

Since the last Council meeting, the Secretariat received the following requests for IALA Membership status changes.

From National to Associate Membership

- ***Swedish Transport Agency; Sweden.*** STA has expressed the wish to change its status from National to Associate membership of IALA, due to the fact that SMA is already a national member. The responsibility of AtoN is organized internally. *A copy of the letter forwarding this request is attached as Annex1.*
- ***The Department of Marine & Ports Services; Bermuda.*** Due to severe budget constraints within the Government, this Organization is forced to review the cost of membership with various international organizations. A request was therefore made to change their status from National to Associate membership of IALA for the next two years, rather than ceasing to financially contribute, in order to attempt to save some money. *A copy of the request letter is attached as Annex 2.*

15.3-2 *Honorary Member*

The following proposal for honorary membership is made to the consideration of the IALA Council.

- ***Mr Kees Polderman; the Netherlands.*** *Having acted for more than 25 years (1987-2012) as the formal Competent Authority in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment for IALA National membership. Official Representative of the Netherlands in the IALA Council over 8 years, Mr Kees Polderman has contributed to the work of council by sharing his strategic vision, expertise, and his impressive network and political legal awareness. A copy of the letter requested Honorary Membership for Mr Polderman is attached as Annex 3.*

**15.3-3 *Members in position to
be taken out the list
of Members***

The Finance Advisory Committee, which will meet on Monday 9th December 2013 prior to Council Plenary, will consider, on a case by case basis, the members that are now in a position to be taken out the List of IALA Members due to non-payment of their annual fees for a certain number of years.

The FAC will pay particular attention to the impact of such decisions on IALA finances and will advise the Council accordingly.

The Council is invited to discuss the requests submitted under 15.3-1 and 15.3-3 and to consider carrying a vote on Kees Polderman being granted Honorary Membership.

The Council may discuss the list of Members to be taken out the List of IALA Members as presented by the Treasurer.