

IALA COUNCIL
56th session

December 09-13, 2013
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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 Annex 1.*
- ***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.

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Decision by the Swedish Transport Agency to change the membership status at IALA

We are sending you this letter for the reason that the Swedish Transport Agency (STA) would like to change our membership status at IALA from National Membership to Associate Membership.

The reason behind this decision is that the Swedish Maritime Administration is a National Member and for STA is therefore enough to be an associate member.

Can you therefore please forward this letter to the IALA Council forthcoming session the 9-13 december 2013 for a decision, and if approved, update our membership status and provide us with a new invoice so we can pay the annual subscription in due time.

The decision in this matter has been made by Katarina Wigler on behalf of Erik Eklund, and Niklas da Silva, the latter submitting the report, took part in the final handling of the matter.



Katarina Wigler

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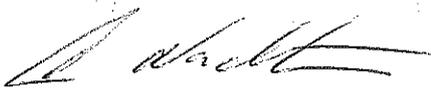
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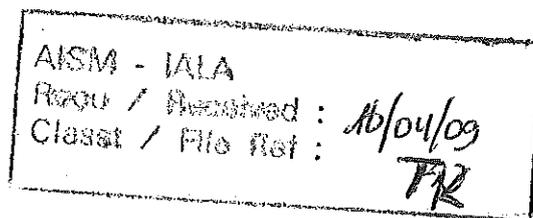
Application for Membership

The Swedish Transport Agency hereby applies for a National Membership in the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authority.

The Swedish Maritime Safety Inspectorate (SMSI) was formerly a part of the Swedish Maritime Administration (SMA) but is incorporated in the new authority the Swedish Transport Agency (STA) as from 1 January 2009. Since the legal responsibility for AtoN is shared between the two authorities (SMA and STA) it is of great importance that the two organizations are equal representatives. Therefore the Swedish Transport Agency kindly asks the Council of IALA to approve of this application.



Per Nordström
Maritime Director





GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Ministry of Tourism Development and Transport

Department of Marine and Ports Services

Our Ref: MAR 4

19th November, 2013

IALA-AISM
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Dear Sir:

Re: Bermuda Government IALA National Membership subscription

Due to severe budget constraints within the Bermuda Government resulting from a mix of local and international economic factors, the Department of Marine and Ports is being forced to review the cost of membership with various international organizations.

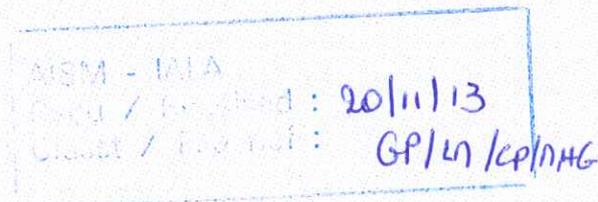
Bermuda has obviously enjoyed a long, beneficial relationship with IALA and as such, rather than ceasing to financially contribute to IALA entirely, I wish to enquire about the possibility of our membership status being categorized as 'Associate Member' for the next 2 years as we attempt to save money.

I can only apologize for our having to submit this request, but as relatively small marine jurisdiction of some 21 square miles and a population of some 60,000 people we are being forced to consider all options to cut costs while still maintaining our established AtoN and VTS programs.

I look forward to hearing from the Association in due course.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director





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Date 18 November 2013
Subject Honorary membership

Dear Members of the IALA Council,

Secretary General of IALA,

One of the excellent customs of IALA is to honor members who contributed to the development of the Organization, its increasing role and influence in the maritime domain and substantially to the fields of interest and to the development and implementation of its important products.

Therefore, taking into account the procedures of the Organization, I have the privilege and honor to recommend **Mr Kees Polderman** to be appointed as Honorary Member of the International Association of Marine Aids and Lighthouse Authorities at the 18th IALA Conference in à Coruna/Spain.

For more than 25 years (1987-2012) Mr Polderman acted as the formal Competent Authority for the IALA in our national Administration. During that period, in his capacity as Head of the Vessel Safety Management Division and later as Deputy Director of Maritime Affairs, he has been recognized as one of the founders and stimulators of modern VTS. A development that three decades ago was crucial for IALA to mature to an organization with a wider scope.

Over 8 years Mr Polderman participated in the IALA Council as representative for the Netherlands. He contributed after his easy going fashion to the important work of the Council and its members by sharing his (strategic) vision, expertise, his impressive network and his political and legal awareness. He was permanently seeking for the improvement of IALA's relationship with other international organizations, recognizing at an early stage that international collaboration would benefit not only the safety of navigation and sustainability of maritime transportation, but also IALA's role in a changing maritime domain.



During his longstanding Chairmanship of the IMO Sub-committee on the Safety of Navigation (NAV) - 11 years – Mr Polderman never lost sight of the increasing importance of IALA and he selfless promoted the role of the IALA in the maritime domain as being one of the major if not the most important advisory organizations to and partner of the IMO. In 2005, being one of the initiators for the development of IMO's e-navigation program, he promoted and paved the way for IALA to contribute to e-navigation as the organization is doing at present and will in future.

**Directoraat-Generaal
Bereikbaarheid
Maritieme Zaken**

Date
18 November 2013

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After his retirement in 2012 Mr Polderman still is a well-respected and consulted advisor at the background for IALA's management as well as for its members and delegates.

Yours faithfully,

Brigit Gijsbers

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Member of the IALA Council