

Agenda item 11 – Other IALA Groups**11.4 IALA Heritage Forum****11.4.2 Heritage Forum new arrangements****Note by the Secretariat****Background**

The Heritage Forum was created as a semi-independent group in 2014 to provide for a continued exchange on heritage issues between members and interested parties while heritage was not part of the IALA Strategic Vision 2014-2026. The Forum reports to the ENG Committee.

It met twice under the chairmanship of Bob McIntosh of the Northern Lighthouse Board. Bob McIntosh is due to retire at the end of 2015 and no suitable candidate was identified to take over his duties as leader of the Forum.

Proposed arrangements

The Heritage Forum is a valuable tool to gather expertise external to IALA such as heritage bodies, preservation societies, and scientists. It is not however a place to discuss engineering aspects of historic lighthouses still in operation, an issue that is left with the ENG Committee.

The proposed arrangements are therefore to keep the Forum with a mission of organizing seminars and events on issues that would require external expertise.

The need for seminars or workshops would be identified by the ENG Committee working group dealing with the technical work related to historic lighthouses.

The Forum would continue to report to the ENG Committee.

Council is requested to:

Approve new arrangements for the Heritage Forum.