Continental Associations Administration

ISAF to Provide an Operational Budget

A submission from Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

For ISAF and its constituent Continental Associations (CAs) to operate professionally ISAF shall provide a budget allocation of an annual grant for the administration of Continental Associations.

Proposal

CAs are financially unable to operate professionally and only operate with volunteer support for all operational activities and programs. We receive no direct funding support from ISAF.

In the interests of professionally run decentralized flat administration structure we recommend that ISAF institute a budget allocation of Annual Grants to Continental Associations of an agreed amount to cover the minimum governance standard requirements as set by ISAF.

It is proposed that CA grants of USD25,000 each be appropriated annually to each of the 5 CAs to cover Secretariat costs.

The component line items for this annual CA Secretariat Budget of USD25,000 is proposed as follows: (1) Executive Director (or Secretary General) part time USD12,000, (2) Executive Board & Committees USD6,000, (3) CA Championships web administrator USD4,000, (4) Audit USD2,000, (5) Administration costs - communications and IT USD1,000.

CAs will be required to submit an annual report and audited financial statements to ISAF AGM.

Total cost of this policy is USD100,000 annually.

Current Position

No Grants are provided by ISAF.

Reasons

1. Continental Associations in our sport play a very important role to promote sailing at regional level
2. There is no direct support of these Associations in ISAF unlike most other International Sports Federation
3. Continental Associations play a very important role in the sailing world by promoting the sport regionally and also play an important role in Continental and Regional Games, Continental Championships, Continental Training Centres, Coach and technical courses, Race
Management programs, athlete preparation programs, Athletes Commissions, Technical, Youth & Development and Events Committees,

4. Enabling the professional management of CA's will enhance the knowledge exchange, best practice delivery, make sure more countries join ISAF, and their sailors are involved in our sport.

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**2014 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE**

**COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2014**

Council received submission 019-14 from Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation.

**Decision**

On proposal to defer from Adrienne Greenwood, seconded by Totos Theodossiou, Council deferred Submissions 017-14, 018-14, 019-14, 020-14 and 023-14 to November 2015. A Working Party shall be appointed drawn from the Executive Committee, Constitution Committee and the Continental Associations and the members shall be appointed by the President (3 rejected, 0 abstain, 37 approve – 39 participated).

**Executive Committee**

**Recommendation to Council: Reject**

Prefer model & approach in 017-14

**Opinion from the Other Committees**

**Constitution Committee**

**Opinion: No Recommendation**

Subject to policy.

**Regional Games Committee**

**Opinion: Defer**

The Regional Games Committee recommends that the Executive Committee establish a Working Party to define the roles and responsibilities of the continental sailing associations in the ISAF governance model. The Working Party shall:

1. include representatives of the current ISAF Affiliate Continental members, the Executive Committee, and such other members as are deemed necessary.

2. ensure broad consultation with relevant individuals and groups, and in particular, with all ISAF Affiliate Continental members.

3. report to the Executive Committee at the ISAF Mid-Year Meeting and return with final recommendations at the 2015 ISAF Annual Conference.