

19 August 2020

**To: World Sailing Member National Authorities**

**From: Election Committee**

**Re: Election Committee Notice #2  
Remote Voting Procedures**

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### **Election Procedures**

Following the decision of the World Sailing Board to hold this year's General Assembly remotely, the Election Committee has now agreed the Remote Voting Procedures to be used for the election following the draft sent out for consultation.

You can find the Procedures published at the following link (along with a marked-up copy showing the changes from the draft circulated for feedback):

[https://www.sailing.org/meetings/generalassembly/election\\_of\\_officers.php](https://www.sailing.org/meetings/generalassembly/election_of_officers.php)

### **Independent Scrutineer**

The Election Committee has now identified the proposed Independent Scrutineer. As required, the Committee has agreed with the Board the proposed level of remuneration of the Scrutineer and the Board has had no further involvement in the process.

We intend to appoint KPMG UK to be the Independent Scrutineer. The KPMG team undertaking the work will comprise of Mr Andrew North assisted by Mr Thomas Collins.

Mr North is a director within KPMG's IT advisory team with 30 year's professional experience and leads the firm's Technology Assurance Services for the public sector. He is FCA qualified (Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales) and has been so for more than seven years. He will be the Quality Review Partner on this assignment.

Mr Collins is a director with KPMG and leads their Cyber Risk team within the UK North Region. He has 18 years of professional experience in security risk management and has recently been the Independent Scrutineer of membership data for ten Building Society mergers within the UK. He will lead the day to day work on this assignment.

KPMG UK, Mr Collins and Mr North have no previous professional or close personal connection to World Sailing, its Members, directors, staff or other officers.

For the purpose of absolute transparency, you should note that Phil Cotton, Election Committee Chair, retired from the KPMG partnership in September 2015. He has no ongoing commercial relationship with the firm, and other than being former colleagues within the same firm, he has had no professional relationship with either Mr Collins or Mr North. Phil was formerly chair of KPMG's UK South Region. Both Thomas and Andrew are based in KPMG's UK North region.

As per the Procedures, any MNA which wishes to object to the proposed appointment of the Independent Scrutineer must do by email to [elections@sailing.org](mailto:elections@sailing.org) by Sunday 16 August 2020.

**Election Committee:**  
Phil Cotton - Chair  
David Kellett  
Melanie Willmore