5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5.1 Nominations

(a) Except in the case of the Audit Committee, nominations of candidates for membership of Committees and Sub-committees may be made by Member National Authorities.

(b) The Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Board but no employee of World Sailing or its subsidiary and associated companies shall be appointed. In making the appointment the Board will take into account the need for experience in matters of finance and/or investment.

(c) Nominations for the Para World Sailing Committee may only be made by Member National Authorities, who, in the assessment of that Committee, have disabled sailing programmes.

5.1.1 In addition to provide for special representation required for organizations of sailors which are not directly represented through the process set out in Regulation 5.1 or for required specialty knowledge the following additional nominations may be made:

(a) World Sailing Classes Committee

(i) An ICA Member may appoint one member to the World Sailing Classes Committee. The ICA Members which have specific fleets for disabled sailing may appoint a second member to the World Sailing Classes committee to represent the interests of disabled sailing. The names of these members shall be advised to the Executive Office in writing not less than fourteen days prior to any meeting of the World Sailing Classes Committee. There shall be only one vote per class association so represented.

(ii) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee shall be elected by the World Sailing Classes Committee at the meeting held during the session of an ordinary meeting of the General Assembly or at any other time should a vacancy arise.

(iii) The Women referred to in Article 36.1(g) may select a women's representative for membership of the World Sailing Classes Committee. The woman selected for this position shall be drawn from the women referred to in Article 36.1(g).

(iv) The World Sailing Classes Committee may nominate candidates for membership of the Equipment, Events, Equipment Control, International Measurers Sub-committee, Class Rules Sub-committee and Windsurfing and kiteboarding Committees.

(b) Race Officials Committee

The Chairman of the Race Officials Committee may nominate candidates for membership in the Race Officials Committee and the International Judges, International Umpires, Race Management and International Measurers Sub-committees.
Regional Games Committee

(i) Membership of the Regional Games Committee shall represent Regional Games organizations and specific geographic regions where Regional Games are likely to occur as defined from time to time by the Board.

(ii) The Member National Authorities represented as defined according to Regulation 5.1.1(c)(i) may collectively nominate candidates for membership in the Regional Games Committee, however only one nominee for each Regional Games Organization or Regional Organization may be recommended by the Board to the Council as provided by Regulation 5.2.1. The Member National Authorities from a particular Regional Games Organization or regional organization shall agree on their representative to be nominated. The process of such nomination is to be decided by the collective Member National Authority members of the particular organization.

(iii) Member National Authorities who are members of more than one Regional Games Organization or such regional organization as defined according to Regulation 5.1.1(c)(i) may participate in the selection of candidates in any of the organizations of which they are a member.

(iv) The foregoing provisions do not prevent additional members being nominated for the Regional Games Committee by the process in Regulation 5.1.

Nomination Process

5.1.2 All individuals nominated to a World Sailing committee, sub-committee, commission or working party must sign, prior to their nomination being accepted, the following ‘release waiver’ as set out in on the ‘Committee Nomination Form’:

“In consideration of my appointment or election to the Board, Council or any World Sailing committee, sub-committee, commission or working party (collectively, World Sailing committee’), and the payment of £1.00, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I assign and release to World Sailing Limited any copyright or other rights I may have in Rules, Regulations, Class Rules, manuals, publications, or derivatives of any of these, to which I have contributed in my capacity as a member of an World Sailing committee.

I will comply with the Constitution, Regulations, Code of Ethics and policies of World Sailing.

I will comply with the World Sailing conflict of interest policy and I will freely and promptly declare the full extent of any interests in accordance with the policy and the Regulations.”

The forgoing assignment and release is irrevocable, and intended to be without restriction as to time or geography.

5.1.3 By signing the 'Committee Nomination Form' individuals also accept that the Federation may store their personal data electronically for use by World Sailing Limited and its subsidiaries.

5.1.4 All individuals nominated to a World Sailing committee must be able to communicate using e-mail.
5.1.5 All nominations for membership of committees shall be received by the Chief Executive Officer not later than 1200 hours UTC 1 August in the year of the General Assembly save that nominations from the World Sailing Classes Committee shall be received not later than the day before an ordinary meeting of the General Assembly.

5.1.6 A Member National Authority may nominate an individual who is neither a national nor resident of the nominating country, but before doing so shall obtain the consent of the individual’s Member National Authority.

5.1.7 Nominating Member National Authorities must pay all the respective travel/accommodation cost for the Committee Member to attend World Sailing meetings or, as may be arranged between the Member National Authority and the delegate.

**Appointment Process**

5.2 The Board shall, four days before a General Assembly, publish a list of all those nominated for appointment as members of committees.

5.2.1 The Board shall, subject to any specific provisions in the Regulations relating to a particular committee and so far as is practicable, follow the following guidelines:

(a) first consideration should be given to persons for their expertise rather than geographical location;

(b) preference shall be given to those nominations from Member National Authorities whose nominations, taken together with other nominations from their Council group, include at least 25% of each gender;

(c) not less than 25% of the members of each committee should be drawn from each gender;

(d) not less than 20% of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of all committees should be drawn from each gender;

(e) not more than two persons from any one Member National Authority should be included on any committee;

(f) there should not be a set number of members of any committee, but ordinarily each committee shall not exceed eighteen (including any ex officio members);

(g) there should not be a maximum period of time for any individual to sit on a particular committee; and

(h) consideration should be given to the relevant sailing experience of nominees.

5.2.2 Following the General Assembly, the committees shall be appointed in the following manner:

(a) within 60 days of the General Assembly, the new Board shall publish the proposed members of the committees (including the chairman and vice-chairman of each committee) and that list shall be circulated to Council;

(b) within 10 days of the circulation of the list to Council, any member of Council may propose an addition or deletion to the list provided that:

(i) any proposed name to be added must have been originally nominated in accordance with Regulation 5.1;

(ii) any proposal must be in writing and be received by the Chief Executive Officer within the 10 day period;
(iii) the proposal must be supported by at least two other Council members from two other Council groups;

(c) following the deadline for the receipt of amendments, the Council shall vote on whether or not to approve the Board’s nominations and any amendments proposed;

(d) if the Council rejects the nominations of the Board, the Board shall submit a revised list within 14 days and the process above shall be repeated; and

(e) if by the first day of February following the General Assembly (or such later date determined by the President) the Council has not approved or rejected the list, the list shall be deemed approved by the Council.

5.2.3 Re-nominations, taken from those names nominated in due time under Regulation 5.1, 5.1.1 and 5.1.5 may be made by members of the Council in writing at least 30 hours before commencement of the General Assembly.

5.2.4 The new Board formed by the election of officers at the General Assembly shall, having considered any re-nominations, put its recommendations for the appointment of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members of committees to the new Council within 60 days of the General Assembly. The Council via email vote shall confirm the recommendations.

5.2.5 The new Council may delete names from or add names to the list, provided that the names added had been nominated in accordance with Regulations 5.1, 5.1.1 and 5.1.5.