World Sailing Constitution & Regulations

Annual Conferences

A submission from the Executive Committee

Purpose or Objective

To provide that decisions on the location of Annual Conferences are taken by MNAs.

Proposal

1. Amend Article 21.1 as follows:

   21.1 The Federation shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place **date and time** as may be determined by the Executive Committee Board and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it. **The location of Annual General Meetings shall be determined in accordance with the Regulations.**

2. Amend Article 23 as follows:

   23. The Executive Committee Board may whenever they think fit or upon the instruction of the Council convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or in default may be convened by such requisitionists, as provided by section 113 Companies Act 1931. **The date, time and location of Extraordinary General Meetings shall be determined by the Board.**

3. Insert new Regulation 37 as follows:

   37 LOCATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

   37.1 The location of the Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting held two years prior to the relevant year (except that the 2016 Annual General Meeting may determine the locations of the 2017 and 2018 Annual Conferences).

   37.2 The location of the Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting shall be in Europe in 2016 and each alternate year thereafter. In the other years, the location shall be outside Europe.

   37.3 The Board shall invite bids from interested venues and shall publish in advance the criteria against which the Board will assess any bids received.

   37.4 The Executive Office will undertake site visits to such candidate venues as the Board shall determine. The Board will then assess bids against the published criteria and shall recommend up to three eligible bids to the Annual General Meeting. Each bidder may present to the Annual General Meeting and then Annual General Meeting will then vote to decide which bid is
successful. The presentation and voting procedure shall be determined by the chairman of the meeting.

37.5 All successful bids shall be subject to concluding a suitable contract with World Sailing. In the event that:

(a) a selected venue does not enter into a contract with World Sailing by a date specified by the Board;

(b) a venue withdraws after selection by the Annual General Meeting; or

(c) otherwise, there is no venue selected following the relevant Annual General Meeting,

then Council shall have the power to select an alternative venue on the recommendation of the Board.

Current Position

The location of Annual Conferences is determined by the Executive Committee.

Reason

1. Following a review of the process by which the location of Annual Conference is decided, these proposals are considered the fairest manner in which to determine the future location of meetings. This area is an important consideration for all MNAs who have to attend the AGM and, in some cases, fund delegates’ attendance. Therefore, MNAs should have a say in how the venue is selected.

2. As a transitional measure, bids for the 2017 and 2018 Conferences will be decided this year at the AGM. The 2017 AGM will then select the 2019 venue and so on.