

Dear IRSA National Members and IOMICA Executive.

This letter is a call for nominations for three sets of positions within the IRSA. These include:

1. Replacement Co-options for the Executive Committee
2. Formation of a Racing Committee to assist the incoming Race Committee Chairman on the Executive Committee
3. Nominations reminder for Technical Committee chaired by Graham Bantock.

We would ask you to give this priority attention please to help us build and continue the current momentum within the IRSA.

Also, please note the final date for submissions.

1. *Nomination Process to co-opt replacements onto the IRSA Executive Committee*

You may be aware that there were three resignations recently from the IRSA Executive Committee. This means that as per Articles 7.20 -7.23 of the Constitution the EC is now calling upon the DNMs to nominate suitable people to be co-opted into these positions.

The positions that need to be filled are:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Publicity Officer
- Racing Committee Chairman

The EC felt that it was in the future interest of the IRSA to separate the currently paired positions of secretary and treasurer. It would also help if the nominated treasurer had a background in business development as the role of this position may change in the future to more of a business manager.

The process is straight forward. If you wish to put forward nominations for these positions, please send them to any of the executive. After the nomination period finishes, the EC will discuss and vote on those to be co-opted. The Constitution outlines that in the period between General Assemblies, the Executive Committee is responsible for co-option to vacant positions and of course those people are eligible to be renominated and voted in by the DNMs at the next GA in approximately two years.

In this process, there are a few provisions:

1. The nominee must be able to use both emails and also be part of the EC online forum. This is the core of the discussion and decision making process of the current IRSA.
2. Article 7.4 of the constitution states that nominations for officer positions on the EC “shall be signed by a Senior Officer on behalf of the National Member” of the IRSA.

3. A declaration of commercial interests related to radio yachting must be included in the nomination.
4. A short description of the background and skills of the nominee.

It is obvious that those being nominated need to come with an enthusiasm for the position and hopefully a background of skills to be able to be effective in that position.

The nomination period will finish:

Sunday 31st August 2014.

According to Article 7.20 of the Constitution, no casual vacancy is to be filled before 4 weeks has expired from the date when the DNMs were first notified.

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2. Nominations to form a committee to assist the incoming EC Racing Committee Chairman

To increase the efficiency of setting up the committees, the EC is at the same time asking for interested nominations for the race committee to be forwarded by the DNMs to any member of the current EC. This will give the incoming EC Racing Committee Chairman a pool of skilled people to assist them from the beginning. The following will need to be sent with the nomination:

1. A "Statement of Commercial Interests" will be required by each nomination
2. Along with a short description of their background and skills.
3. Each nomination needs to be signed by a senior officer of the National Member recommending them.

Elected committee members will be responsible for assisting the EC Racing Committee Chairman with all matters concerning Radio Sailing racing under the IRSA jurisdiction including: rules, process changes, development, judgements, etc.

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3. Reminder of nominations for Technical Committee

This is a call for nominations for a committee to assist the current Chairman of the Technical Committee (Graham Bantock).

The elected committee will be asked to assist the Chair in formulating and sophisticating rules of measurement and boat design for the current IRSA classes (IOM, 10R, A Class and M class).

As well, there is a responsibility to assist emerging international classes, such as RG65, to develop rules of design and measurement to reflect their world standing. It is felt within the current EC that this is one of our most important roles in the future. The IRSA has a lot to share and offer them should they decide to take advantage of such assistance.

As with the Technical Committee, each nomination should be accompanied by:

1. A "Statement of Commercial Interests"
2. A short description of their background and skills.
3. And, each nomination needs to be signed by a senior officer of the National Member recommending them.

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The nominations for the Racing Committee and Technical Committee will also close on:

Sunday 31st August 2014.

Calling for nominations for all of the above together should reduce the workload for the DNMs if they only have to advertise and search once for all the nominations.

Summarising again; nominations can be sent to any member of the current EC or directly to myself at:

selwyn.holland@gmail.com

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact any of the executive by email (see the IRSA site under EC members).

Therefore, we now officially call for nominations for the EC positions, the Racing Committee and Technical Committee positions.

Regards

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On behalf of The Executive Committee, IRSA