

DQWG Letter 02/2021  
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## Election of DQWG Office Bearers – Call for nominations

### References:

- A. DQWG Terms of Reference (dated May 2019)
- B. DQWG16 Draft Minutes – Action 16/9

### Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of the DQWG.

The basis of the election are the DQWG Terms of Reference Section 4d which states:

“The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be a representative of a Member State. The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be decided at the first meeting after each ordinary session of the Assembly and shall be determined by vote of the Member States present and voting.”

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly has been held 16-18 November 2020. Thus the DQWG16 online VTC meeting in February 2021 has been the first meeting after each ordinary session of the Assembly. A call for nominations was sent out to the DQWG members prior to the meeting.

Unfortunately the then existing Vice-Chair resigned due to capacity issues. There were no candidates for the position of Vice-Chair or Secretary. The existing Chair from NLHO was re-elected at DQWG16.

As of 29<sup>th</sup> of March, the existing Chair has been offered a new position within the Netherlands Defence organization. This means a transfer from the Navy to the Joint IT Command. As a result, the existing Chair will have to step down from 01 June.

The existing Chair will maintain all DQWG duties until 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2021 and report to HSSC13.

DQWG Member States are strongly encouraged to nominate suitable candidates for the vacant position of Chair and Vice-Chair at the earliest opportunity with a **deadline end of April 2021**. Please forward your candidates to [ives.guillam@iho.int](mailto:ives.guillam@iho.int).

Since the Terms of Reference approved at HSSC9 (November 2017, Ottawa, Canada), the DQWG has been able to produce educational material for the end user (S-67), create a DQ Checklist (part of S-97), review S-100 based PS and FCs for consideration to other WGs and provide an appropriate methodology for the display of quality information (now tested by the S-101PT).

The work is not finished and to maintain momentum, the coordination from a Chair, assisted by a Vice-Chair is crucial. The DQWG has proved its usefulness outside the more product focussed WGs and should remain to play a key role in the future to avoid interoperability issues within various S-100 based PS, provide guidance to HOs on data quality aspects, in particular to ensure harmonized implementation and optionally demonstrate the need for data quality in relation to MASS.

The resigning Chair will be available to support the new Chair to familiarize him-/herself in this position.

Yours sincerely



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