INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION
(of UNESCO)

Tenth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific
(WESTPAC-X)

Phuket, Thailand, 12-15 May 2015

ELECTION PROCEDURES AND FORMS
**Elections of the Officers of the WESTPAC**

The Tenth Intergovernmental Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC-X), Phuket, Thailand, 12-15 May 2015, shall elect the Officers of the WESTPAC, namely, one Chairperson and two Vice-chairpersons, for the term May 2015– May 2017.

The Chairperson shall declare the opening and closing of each session, direct the discussions and ensure observance of the Rules of Procedure, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The Chairperson shall rule on points of order and, subject to these Rules, shall control the proceedings and maintain order and shall strive to work by consensus (Rule 38).

The Vice-chairpersons assist the Chairperson in his/her functions and substitute him/her where necessary.

The Chairperson and the Vice-chairpersons of an IOC Subsidiary Body shall not remain in his/her mandate more than two successive terms (as this is the limit established for an IOC Chairperson, Rule 17.2. The time limit of a mandate is two years according to Article 7.2 of the IOC Statutes). Kindly note, the present WESTPAC Chair and two Vice-Chairs were elected at the last WESTPAC Session (WESTPAC-IX, 9-12 May 2012, Busan, Republic of Korea)

**Nominations**

Nominations of individuals to either the post of Chairperson or the posts of Vice-chairpersons shall be submitted by Member States through the officially designated Head of Delegation to the WESTPAC-X, or through the IOC Focal Point in the Member State or the Permanent Delegation to UNESCO.

Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary using Form A (Chairperson) or Form B (Vice-chairperson) and must reach the Executive Secretary or his/her representative on the first day of the meeting by close of business.

Each nomination shall contain a declaration from the candidate that he/she is prepared to stand for the post for which he/she has been nominated and is willing to take on the obligations that would devolve upon him/her, should he/she be elected. Each nomination shall also contain a CV with the profile of the candidate (Form C).

Each candidate must be seconded by two Member States of the WESTPAC other than the nominating Member State.

**Elections**

The IOC general practice is working and deciding by consensus (Rule 38.1).

Should voting be necessary, decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the members present and voting (Rule 43.16), by secret ballot.
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Biennial Elections for Chairperson

Form A – Chairperson

Name of Member State: ………………………………………………………………………………………

Name of Nominee: ………………………………………………………………………………………

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Chairperson of WESTPAC and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of it.

Signature of the Nominee: …………………………………………………………………………………

Seconder 1                                  Seconder 2

Member State of the WESTPAC          ……………………….          ……………..…………………

Name in capitals                                   ………………………..         ………………………..………

Position                                                 ………………………..         ……………………….………

Signature                                              ………………………...         ………………………..…..…

Date sent to the IOC Secretariat                 Date and time received by the IOC Secretariat

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Biennial Elections for Vice-chairperson

Form B – Vice-chairperson

Name of Member State: ………………………………………………………………………………………………

Name of Nominee: ………………………………………………………………………………………………

I declare that I am prepared to stand for election to the post of Vice-chairperson of the WESTPAC and, if elected, to take an active part in the work of it.

Signature of the Nominee: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

Seconder 1                                  Seconder 2

Member State of the WESTPAC
Name in capitals
Position
Signature

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Biennial Elections for Chair and Vice-chairpersons

Form C– CV of Nominee

[NAME]

Date of birth:

Languages:

Address:

Phone number:

Fax number:

Email:

CURRENT POSITION

[Please insert text]

EDUCATION

[Please insert text]

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[Please insert text]