

Decision of the Administrative Board of 13/03/2006**Amending article 2 of the European Maritime Safety Agency Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board**

Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Board is replaced by the present article

Article 2
Chairmanship

1. In accordance with Article 12 of the Regulation, the Board shall elect a Chairperson and a Deputy-Chairperson from amongst its Members, by a two-thirds majority of all Members entitled to vote. The terms of office of the Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson shall be three years, or shall expire when they cease to be Members of the Board, if earlier. Their terms of office shall be renewable once.
2. The Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson shall be elected by separate, secret ballots. The election will be held at a meeting of the Board convened by the outgoing Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson, at least two months before the end of their terms of office.
3. The election for the Chairperson shall be held first. If the first ballot does not result in a two-thirds majority for any candidate, a second ballot shall be held. Only the two leading candidates in terms of votes cast in the first ballot shall be entitled to stand for election in the second ballot. (In the event that equal numbers of votes are cast for two or more *leading* candidates, those candidates shall enter the second ballot. If an equal number of votes are cast in the first ballot for more than one candidate lying in *second place*, those candidates shall all enter the second ballot, in addition to the leading candidate.)
4. If the second ballot does not result in a two-thirds majority for any candidate, but one of the candidates has maintained a consistent lead in votes cast in both ballots, the Chairman, having consulted the candidates for Chairperson, may invite the Board to agree to elect the leading candidate as Chairperson by consensus. Alternatively, the Chairperson may call for additional ballots, until the result of the election can be determined, either by one candidate achieving a two-thirds majority, or by consensus, with the agreement of the Board.

5. After the Chairperson is elected, the same procedure shall apply for the election of the Deputy-Chairperson.

6. In the event that the Board is unable to agree the election of a Chairperson or Deputy-Chairperson at the meeting convened for that purpose, an additional, extraordinary meeting of the Board may be convened for the purpose of concluding the election process.

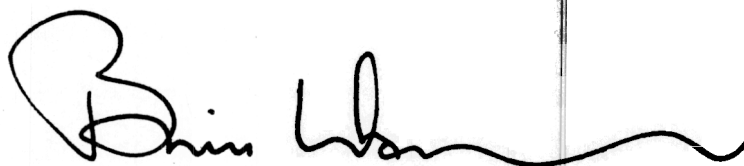
7. In the event that the election process has not been concluded before the expiry of the terms of the existing Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson, the previous Chairperson or Deputy-Chairperson shall Chair the ensuing meeting(s) of the Board, until such time as their successor is elected. However if they are candidates for re-election, the ensuing meeting(s) of the Board shall be Chaired by its longest-serving Member, or the older of the longest-serving members in the event of equal length of service. Pending the election of the new Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson, this Member shall carry out the responsibilities of the Chairperson of the Administrative Board.

8. If the office of the Chairperson or Deputy-Chairperson falls vacant during their elected term of office, the Chairperson or Deputy-Chairperson, as the case may be, shall convene a Board meeting to elect a successor, to be held within three months of the office falling vacant. The succeeding Chairperson or Deputy-Chairperson then elected shall hold office for the remainder of his/her predecessor's term of office, subject to remaining a Member of the Administrative Board.

9. The terms of office of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall commence on the first day following the end of their predecessor's term of office.

10. The Deputy-Chairperson shall automatically take the place of the Chairperson, if the Chairperson is unable to attend to his/her duties. If both the Chairperson and Deputy-Chairperson are absent or unable to attend a meeting of the Board, the meeting shall be Chaired by the longest-serving Member of the Board, or the older of the longest-serving members, in the event of equal length of service.

Done in London on 5/7/2006



B. Wadsworth

Chairman of the Administrative Board