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Maritime UK Chair and Vice Chair role description

Appointment and term

The Chair and Vice Chair are the two officers of the company, as set out in the Articles of Association. Both are Directors of the company (The Maritime Industries of the United Kingdom).

They are appointed by National Council (board) resolution.

Each of the Chair and Vice Chair shall hold office for one term of two years, at the end of which they shall not be eligible for re-election to that office. Prior to the expiry of their term of office the National Council may resolve to extend the term by no more than six months.

A person who has served as Vice Chair may stand for election as Chair but not vice versa. There is an expectation that the Vice Chair will become Chair.

There is an expectation that the Chair should rotate around the component maritime industries (shipping, ports, engineering/science, leisure marine and services) to ensure representativeness over time.

Responsibilities

The Chair shall chair all meetings of the National Council. If there shall be no Chair or if the Chair is absent the Vice Chair shall chair the meeting. If there is no Vice Chair or if they are absent, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to chair the meeting. There are four meetings per year of the National Council.

Presently, the Vice Chair is Chair of Remco and serves on the Operations Committee along with the Chair. The Operations Committee meets four times a year, in between meetings of the National Council.

In addition, both officers perform an ambassadorial role for the organisation and sector. In particular, the Chair acts as the industry "co-chair" with a minister for a series of industry-government fora. An example of this is the Maritime Ministerial Working Group. They are frequently asked to make speeches and conduct media interviews, although the latter is not a requirement. The officers are called upon by government to provide counsel on various matters.

The Chair, Vice Chair and CEO have a fortnightly conference call.

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