



Input paper for the following Committee(s):

- ☐ ARM ☐ ENG ☒ PAP
☐ ENAV ☐ VTS

Purpose of paper:

- ☒ Input
☐ Information

Agenda item 8.3

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Proposed meeting dates for Committees and PAP in 2018

1 SUMMARY

Next year 2018 is an IALA Conference year and the Committees – new or renewed – will start to work in September only, according to the work programme that will be agreed by the Council at its meeting in June 2017.

PAP however will need to meet before the Conference in order to agree – among other things – the presentation of the IALA technical work at the Conference and have a final look at the Committee work programmes for the period 2018-2022.

2 BACKGROUND

PAP, during the work period that now comes to an end, sometimes experienced a lack of attendance due to Committee Chairs and/or Vice Chairs not being allowed to travel long distances for a short meeting outside the regular Committee meeting dates.

Committee meeting dates, after they were reorganised in 2015, seem to be adequately spread over the months of March and April, then September and October, and allow for enough time to devote to the quality check of the documents going to the Council and to the Council's review before their sessions.

3 DISCUSSION

Up to now PAP has met in between ENAV/VTS and ENG/ARM meetings, and back to back to the ENG meetings. This is not satisfactory, for two main reasons:

- Due to limitations in travelling, the VTS Vice Chair is never able to attend, while the ENG Vice Chair is always present (both Vice Chairs travel from Australia);
- The ENAV and VTS Committees can't take advantage of the directions that the PAP may give on some issues, while the other two Committees can implement new directions immediately.

Taking this account it is proposed to:

- Keep the Committees meeting during the same weeks as in September and October 2017:
- Arrange for the PAP to meet once back to back with the VTS Committee and then back to back with the ENG Committee, knowing that this principle can be applied once in 2018.

4 PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

4.1 2018

PAP35 – Week 7, 14-16 February

LAP19 – Week 16, 18-20 April¹

PAP36 – Week 37, 12-14 September

VT545 – Week 38, 17-21 September

ENAV22 – Week 39, 24-28 September

Council 68 – Week 50, 10-14 December

4.2 Tentative dates for 2019

PAP – Week 10 (commencing 4 March)

ENG – Week 11

ARM – Week 12

ENAV – Week 14 (commencing 1st April)

VT5 – Week 15

LAP – to be decided according to progress made in the IGO project

Council – Week 24 (commencing 10 June)

PAP – Week 37 (commencing 9 September)

VT5 – Week 38

ENAV – Week 39

Council – Week 50 (commencing 9 December)

5 ACTION REQUESTED

PAP is invited to approve the meeting dates for 2018 and discuss dates for 2019.

¹ Scheduled to be back to back with IMO LEG105, provisionally planned for 23-27 April