



## **Unofficial Guidelines for Candidates for IODA Committee Members**

These guidelines are based on current practice and do not constitute regulations of IODA.

### **President**

The role of the President is to Chair the Executive Committee that is made up three Vice Presidents, the Chair of the Technical Committee, and Chair of the Regatta Committee, that are to develop and implement policies consistent with the Objectives of IODA as stated in Article 2 of the IODA Articles of Association and Class Rule 1.1.

They are elected by all members voting at the Annual General Meeting.

The President is expected to attend the following:

- as Chair of Executive Committee meetings held during the Optimist World Championship
- the IODA Annual General Meeting
- as Chair the Executive Committee Mid Year Meeting (MYM) usually held in January or February
- as Chair of 6-8 Executive Conference Call meetings during the year
- as the Official IODA Representative at the Optimist World Championship each year
- as the IODA Representative at the World Sailing AGM.

### **Vice-Presidents**

The main function of Vice-Presidents of IODA is to assist in the creation and implementation of policies consistent with the Objectives of IODA as stated in Article 2 of the IODA Handbook and Class Rule 1.1.

They are elected by all members voting at the Annual Meeting, but each Vice-President must be principally resident in a different area (Europe; North or South America; Africa, Asia or Oceania).

Each Vice-President is expected to:

- Attend the World Championship as well as the Executive Committee meetings held during the Optimist World Championship
- Attend the IODA Annual General Meeting (AGM) held during the World Championship
- Attend an Executive Committee Mid-Year Meeting (MYM) usually held in January or February.
- Attend the Optimist Continental Championship in the geographic region represented for each Vice President
- Participate in 6-8 Executive Conference Call Meetings
- Contribute by other communication channels – emails, ad hoc phone calls, etc in daily decision making

**Technical Committee:**

The duties of the Technical Committee are as described in IODA Article 8. It is desirable that at least two of its members shall be World Sailing International Measurers.

Each member is expected to attend the measurement days of at least one IODA Championship. It is expected that Technical Committee members are to attend a Technical Committee Meeting if held during the year.

**Regatta Committee:**

The duties of the Regatta Committee are as described in IODA Article 9. It is desirable that at least two of its members shall be World Sailing International Race Officers or International Judges.

Each member is expected to attend at least one IODA Championship. It is expected that Regatta Committee members are to attend a Regatta Committee Meeting if held during the year.

**Expenses:**

For the World Championships and AGM, the Organizers shall pay the travel expenses, accommodation, meals and local transport for the President, two members of the Technical Committee and two Members of the Regatta Committee who have been appointed to the World Championship.

IODA will cover the travel costs and an adult entry fee for the Vice Presidents and Treasurer to attend the World Championship and AGM, provided they are not the country representative, team leader or coach of a team.

In addition, Vice Presidents receive entry fee and travel costs to one IODA Continental Championship as do Regatta and Technical Committee members appointed to the Championship.

For the MYM, all Executive Committee members receive travel costs, accommodation and meals. No expenses are paid in respect of partners but these may be accommodated at IODA championships by paying the fee paid by adult team officials.

If the Technical Committee and Regatta Committee hold a meeting during the year (usually close to the Executive MYM), members will receive travel costs, accommodation and meals.

All expenses are reimbursed as outlined in the IODA Travel Policy.

