



# COMITÉ MARITIME INTERNATIONAL

## CHAIR OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

9 January 2026

Dear President,

### Nominations for CMI Executive Officers

The next CMI Assembly meeting is to be held in Rio de Janeiro the 15 May 2026, with the Agenda including elections to offices of the CMI.

The position regarding nominations is the following:

- Rosalie Balkin is stepping down as Secretary-General and needs to be replaced.
- Lawrence Teh is stepping down as Administrator and needs to be replaced.
- Francis X. Nolan, III's first term of three years as an Executive Councillor will expire. He is eligible for re-election for a second term.

The duties of the Nominating Committee and its Chair are set out in article 26 of the CMI Constitution.

Said article requires that, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, the Chair is to determine first whether any Councillors eligible for re-election are available to serve for an additional term.

If so available, the Chair is to obtain from such Councillors a statement as to the contributions they have made to the Executive Council or the Nominating Committee during their term (s).

I have done so and inform that Francis X. Nolan, III has stated to be available to serve for an additional term. I am satisfied, on the basis of the statement received from him, that he is suitable for re-election.

With regard to the offices of Secretary-General and Administrator, article 26 of the CMI Constitution provides that the Executive Council may make nominations to the Nominating Committee for election by the General Assembly.

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I received from the Executive Council the nomination of José Angelo Estrella-Faria to the office of Secretary-General and of Peter Laurijssen to the office of Administrator.

In the event that Peter Laurijssen, a current Executive Councillor, be elected to the office of Administrator in compliance with the nomination made by the Executive Council, there would be a new position becoming open as Executive Councillor and in need of a candidate for nomination and election.

Article 26 of the CMI Constitution provides that the Chair is to determine whether Member Associations wish to propose candidates for possible nomination by the Nominating Committee as a Councillor. After receiving the proposed candidacies, the Chair shall notify Member Associations and seek their views concerning the candidates for nomination. The Nominating Committee shall then make nominations taking such views into account.

I would therefore appreciate hearing from you by no later than 10 February 2026, via e-mail at [giorgio.berlingieri@advant-nectm.com](mailto:giorgio.berlingieri@advant-nectm.com), with copy to the Administrator at [lawrence.teh@dentons.com](mailto:lawrence.teh@dentons.com), and to the Head Office Manager at [admin-antwerp@comitemaritime.org](mailto:admin-antwerp@comitemaritime.org), on whether you wish to propose candidates for possible nomination by the Nominating Committee to fill the positions noted above, namely to the offices of Secretary-General, of Administrator, of one Executive Councillor, and of another Executive Councillor to fill the position of Peter Laurijssen if he is elected as Administrator.

Your sincerely

  
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