

ELEVENTH MEETING OF PARTNERS OF THE EAST ASIAN – AUSTRALASIAN FLYWAY PARTNERSHIP
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Election and Appointment of Management Committee Members

Submitted by the Secretariat

Summary

In accordance with paragraph 9(2) of the Partnership Document and Terms of Reference of the EAAFP Management Committee, the Secretariat has prepared guidance for Partners regarding the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Partnership and members of the Management Committee.

Introduction

1. This paper aims to assist Partners in their deliberations to nominate members to the Management (MC) to serve from the close of the 11th Meeting of Partners (MOP) to the close of the 12nd Meeting of Partners.
2. In accordance with paragraph 9(2) of the Partnership Document, Partners shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership for a term of two (2) years. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership are automatic members of the Management Committee.
3. At MOP10, Partners elected the United States of America as Chair of the Partnership and Singapore as Vice Chair of the Partnership.
4. The Terms of Reference of the Management Committee (MOP9/D6) states that the general function of the Committee is to “...provide general policy, operational and financial direction to the Secretariat concerning the implementation and the expansion of the Partnership.”. Following the Decision MOP10.D3, the EAAFP Finance Sub-Committee and Technical Sub-Committee support the work of the Management Committee and provide reports of their meetings to the Management Committee.
5. The Terms of Reference also states that the Committee shall consist of not more than seven (7) Partners, to be appointed by the Meeting of the Partners, and that:

The Committee shall consist of:

- i. *The Chair of the Partnership (who represents a government Partner)*
- ii. *The Vice-Chair of the Partnership*
- iii. *The Host Government Partner if not otherwise represented*
- iv. *One (1) intergovernmental Partner*
- v. *Two (2) non-government Partners*
- vi. *One (1) Government Partner not otherwise represented*

** Each member shall act on behalf of the Partnership*

6. The Terms of Reference state that the term of office of the Management Committee shall expire at the close of the next ordinary session of the Meeting of the Partners following the session at which they were originally elected. Members are eligible for re-appointment but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms of office. Partners not members of the Committee shall be entitled to be represented at meetings of the Committee by an observer who shall have the right to participate but not to vote. The Chair of the Technical Sub-Committee shall have the right to participate in meetings of the Committee as an observer without the right to vote.
7. When making appointments, Partners are also invited to consider the benefits associated with some continuity of membership rather than have all members change at the same time.
8. The Table below indicates the Partners currently serving as members of the MC and their history as members.

Current Members of the Management Committee			
Position	Partner	History of the Management Committee	Eligible for a further term
Chair of the Partnership	United States of America	MOP7 – MOP8 Vice-Chair MOP8 – MOP9 Vice-Chair MOP9 – MOP10 Chair MOP10 – MOP11 Chair	No
Vice-Chair of the Partnership	Singapore	MOP9 – MOP10 MOP10 – MOP11 Vice-Chair	No
Secretariat Host Government Partner	Republic of Korea	Automatic	Automatic
Intergovernmental Partner	Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)	MOP10 – MOP11 member	Yes
Non-governmental Partner	Wetlands International	MOP10 – MOP11 member	Yes
Non-governmental Partner	Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT)	MOP9 – MOP10 member MOP10 – MOP11	No
Government Partner	Thailand	MOP10 – MOP11 member	Yes

9. From the above table, the United States of America, Singapore, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) will step down from the Management Committee and replacements will need to be found. Thailand, Convention on Migratory Species, and Wetlands International, are invited to consider their nomination to continue for one more term.
10. The Republic of Korea will continue to serve on the Management Committee as the Secretariat Host Government Partner.

Decision

Partners at the 11th Meeting of the Partners are requested to:

- Consult within Partner types and determine which Partners will be nominated for the Management Committee and whom will be the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Partnership
- Communicate this information to all Partners and the Secretariat under Agenda Item 17 of MOP11.