

RULES OF ORGANIZATION AS ADOPTED BY 13th I.T.T.C. 1972

1. AIMS

The primary aim of the International Towing Tank Conference is to stimulate progress in solving the technical problems which are of importance to towing tank superintendents who are regularly responsible for giving shipbuilders and ship operators advice and information based on the results of experiments with ship models. The Conference also aims at stimulating research in all fields in which a better knowledge of ship hydrodynamics is needed to improve model experiment methods, at recommending standard procedures for general use in carrying out ship model experiments, at formulating collective policy on matters of common interest, and at providing an effective organization for the interchange of information on such matters.

2. ACTIVITIES

The aims of the Conference shall be pursued by stimulating research into specific topics, and by organizing and encouraging meetings to review progress in this research and to make such recommendations and decisions on joint action and policy as seem desirable to the members of the Conference.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Conference shall be open to all towing tanks or ship model laboratories which regularly have direct

responsibilities to shipbuilders and ship operators and also to other organizations which contribute to the aims of the Conference. Each such organization shall satisfy the Executive Committee that it is eligible for membership. Each Member Organization shall be represented by its superintendent or his equivalent. In addition, the Executive Committee may invite individuals who have contributed significantly to the aims of the Conference to take part in the work of the Conference.

4. ORGANIZATION

CONFERENCE

The Full Conference will consist of the representatives of the Member Organizations, members of the Technical Committees and such additional Individuals invited and approved by the Executive Committee and mentioned under Paragraph 3. The Full Conference shall determine its policies, decide what subjects it shall consider, elect the Executive Committee and appoint Technical Committees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall normally consist of eight members, broadly selected on a geographical basis, each of whom shall normally serve for a period of six years. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the members of that Committee immediately

following the end of a Full Conference and act as Chairman until the end of the next Full Conference.

The Executive Committee shall implement the policies determined by the Full Conference. It proposes Members and Chairmen of Technical Committees for appointment by the Full Conference.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

An Advisory Council shall be established by the Executive Committee and shall recommend to the Executive Committee subjects to be considered, bearing in mind that the primary aim of the Conference is to solve technical problems of importance to Tank Superintendents. It will review the Recommendations of the Technical Committees and advise the Executive Committee accordingly.

The organizations to be represented on the Advisory Council shall be selected by the Executive Committee from the Towing Tanks which satisfy all the following conditions:

- a. Capability for performing a variety of investigations, such as resistance and propulsion, manoeuvrability, seakeeping, simulation, propeller characterisation, and cavitation.
- b. A substantial portion of their work supported by commercial and/or governmental or intergovernmental sponsors.
- c. A long history of work in support of the aims of the ITTC.

Each selected organization shall delegate one technical representative to

serve on the Advisory Council. Members of the Advisory Council may also be members of the Executive Committee or the Technical Committees.

The Chairman of the Advisory Council shall be elected by its members immediately following the end of a Full Conference and act as Chairman until the end of the next Full Conference.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

The Technical Committees shall plan in detail the recommended programme of work. Each Technical Committee shall normally consist of not more than eight members, including the Chairman, who should in all cases be selected for their personal contributions to, interest in, and ability to contribute to the field of the Technical Committee. The membership of each Technical Committee shall be reviewed by the Conference at intervals of not more than three years. No person may serve on more than one Technical Committee at any one time.

Written contributions to the programme of work of a Technical Committee may be submitted to its Chairman by any member of the Conference on his own behalf or on behalf of any other individual. Each Technical Committee may include any such contribution, either fully or in part, with its Report.

5. MEETINGS

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Meetings of the Executive and Technical Committees and the Advisory Council shall be held whenever their members consider them necessary.

CONFERENCES

Full Conferences will be held from time to time; these have been held at three-year intervals, but the Full Conference may alter this at any time. The host country may invite Observers to attend the Conference but they may not take any active part in its work. The detailed organization of each Conference is the responsibility of the host country which will also arrange for the preparation and publication of the Proceedings of that Conference.

Each Conference will include Technical Sessions at which the Reports and Recommendations of the Technical Committees may be discussed by all Delegates; no discussion will be permitted which is not directly related to the Report and the Recommendations under consideration. Following the Technical Sessions each Technical Committee will review its Recommendations and then submit them to the Advisory Council. At the Final Session of the Full Conference these Recommendations and the comments of the Advisory Council will be presented for decision.