



Pacific Immigration Directors Conference

2017 Regular Annual Meeting,

June 20 – 22, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 27: Election of PIDC Board Members for 2017/18 and PIDC Board Meeting Schedule for 2017/18

Recommendation

The PIDC Regular Annual Meeting is invited to **endorse** the election of the 2017/18 Board members and **approve** its meeting schedule.

Purpose

1. Members are requested to nominate and elect representatives to the PIDC Board for the 2017/18 business period.

Background

2. The PIDC Board consists of annually elected representatives of the Small Islands States, Polynesia, Micronesia, Melanesia, including Australia and New Zealand as Donors. Since 2009, the Regular Annual Meeting has consecutively appointed representatives to the Board based on the above representation, as recommended under the PIDC Constitution. In 2016, the Regular Annual Meeting elected the following members to be part of the 2016/17 Board team: Tuvalu (Small Islands States); Australia (Donor) and New Zealand (Vice Chair/Donor); Palau (Micronesia); Marshal Islands (Chair); Vanuatu (Melanesia); Cook Islands (Polynesia); and Samoa as the Board Observer.

Summary

3. The PIDC Board is a permanent subsidiary body of the PIDC and acts on behalf of the PIDC to provide governance to the organisation. The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction and ensuring the PIDCs programme of work and other objectives are delivered and are adding value. It is also responsible for ensuring that the PIDC is a going concern, that reputational financial and non-financial risks are identified and effectively mitigated and that policies are in place that ensure resources are used responsibly and with accountability.

4. In a regular business year, the Board normally meets three times. The Board at its recent meeting in Palau endorsed the following meeting schedule for the 2017/18 financial year which has been aligned to the Secretariats reporting timeframe as outlined in the PIDC Constitution but also ensuring to avoid clashes with national and regional events.

2017/18 Financial Year Board Meeting	Month to Schedule Meeting
Board Meeting No. 1	Late August after the 2017 Regular Annual Meeting
Board Meeting No.2	February 2018
Board Meeting No.3	2018 Regular Annual Meeting in May or June 2018

Strategic Implications

5. The proposed recommendation support the implementation of the strategic objectives contained in the PIDC Constitution, the 2016 – 2018 Strategic Plan and the Results Management Suite.

Financial Implications

6. The three Board meetings have been factored into the PIDC Annual Workplan 2017/18 and its consequent budgetary allocation. There are no additional financial implications identified under this agenda item.

Conclusion

7. The Annual Regular Meeting is required to elect the 2017/18 Board members noting the selection criteria that are based on sub-regional representation (Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia), a Small Island States member, Australia and New Zealand as donors.