



THE INTERNATIONAL  
PROPELLER CLUB  
*of the United States*

Dedicated to the enhancement and well being  
of all interests of the maritime community  
on a rational and international basis.

## RESOLUTION

**Subject:** Merger of the European Association of Propeller Clubs (EAPC) with the Northern and Central Europe Region of the International Propeller Club of the United States

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**WHEREAS**, the mission of the International Propeller Club of the United States to promote and support the merchant marine and allied industries in all countries in which Propeller Club Ports are located is supported internationally through regional organizations established under its Bylaws, including for those countries in northern and central Europe, the Northern and Central Europe Region of the International Propeller Club of the United States;

**WHEREAS**, to officially perform that mission within the territory of the European Union in many respects requires an association registered under the laws of the European Union, which the Northern and Central Europe Region of the International Propeller Club of the United States is not;

**WHEREAS**, under its Articles of Association, EAPC was established in 1992 by Port Clubs of the Northern and Central Europe Region of the International Propeller Club of the United States as an association registered under the laws of the European Union for purposes of conducting business within the E.U., and its current membership consists exclusively of local Ports that are chartered by the International Propeller Club of the United States;

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists substantial overlap in administrative functions performed for Propeller Club Ports and members located within the Northern and Central Europe Region of the International Propeller Club of the United States by its U.S.-based Headquarters and EAPC the streamlining of which would facilitate achieving the objectives of the International Propeller Club of the United States within that Region; and

**WHEREAS**, under the broad authority over regional arrangements and realignments vested in the Executive Committee by Section 4 of Article 8 of the Amended Bylaws, the Executive Committee may realign Regions or designate new Regions as may be necessary as a result of chartering of new Ports, resignation of Ports, or to otherwise streamline operations, subject only to review by the Board of Governors at a convention;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northern and Central Europe Region of the International Propeller Club of the United States shall be merged with the European Association of Propeller Clubs (EAPC) as follows—

(1) EAPC, as an association registered under the laws of the European Union (or E.U.) for purposes of conducting business and representing the interests of its members within and before the E.U., would merge with the Northern and Central Europe Region of the International Propeller Club of the United States as defined by its amended Bylaws adopted October 10, 2008, with the resulting entity to be incorporated into those Bylaws under the EAPC name;

(2) The scope of this merger with respect to existing regions of the International Propeller Club of the United States as defined by its amended Bylaws adopted October 10, 2008 and individual Ports will be limited to Propeller Club Ports within that Region;

(3) EAPC will become the official representative of the International Propeller Club of the United States for Propeller Club Ports within its geographic area of responsibility;

(4) Any Port/Club subscribing to/joining EAPC will by virtue of its membership in EAPC become a member Port of the International Propeller Club of the United States subject to chartering requirements as discussed below;

(5) As an association registered under the laws of the European Union for purposes of conducting business within the E.U., EAPC would be the Executive Agent of the International Propeller Club of the United States for purposes of financial transactions and administrative coordination with member Propeller Club Ports within its geographic area of responsibility;

(6) EAPC will collect a single annual fee from each of its member Propeller Club Ports from which funds it will pay the member dues owed to the International Propeller Club of the United States from Propeller Club Ports within its geographic area of responsibility, at the then authorized amount with the remainder to be used for EAPC-related activities;

(7) EAPC will assume responsibility for developing and initiating the chartering process for new Ports within its region under Article 4, Section 2 of the Bylaws, except that in the case of EAPC, such application would be made first through EAPC as the more efficient means of ensuring that the applicant met membership requirements in both EAPC and the International Propeller Club of the United States; and once EAPC membership is approved, the application would be forwarded to the Executive Committee recommending approval pursuant to the Bylaws;

(8) As with the single fee payment for dues, an application for the chartering of a local Propeller Club Port within EAPC would include required application/charter fees for both EAPC and the International Propeller Club of the United States, with the latter being forwarded to the U.S. Headquarters along with the recommendation for charter approval;


(9) Any inquiries received by the U.S. Headquarters of the International Propeller Club of the United States regarding the proposed establishment of a Propeller Club Port within the EAPC area of responsibility would be forwarded to EAPC for response and follow-up action; and

(10) The EAPC president pro tempore will assume the position on the Executive Committee held by the Regional Vice President for the Northern and Central Europe Region of the International Propeller Club of the United States, with the option to add a second EAPC representative to the Executive Committee as an appointed position or as the scope of EAPC extends beyond that of the former Northern and Central Europe Region, and a representative of

the International Propeller Club of the United States would be appointed to the EAPC Board of Directors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the framework presented with this merger may serve as a model for application to other regional organizations within the United States and internationally in furtherance of the purposes of Article 12 of the Bylaws (International Committee) as a means of strengthening regional organizations.

**APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

  
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Rolf Marshall  
President  
International Propeller Club of the United States

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED**

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Giovanni Scognamiglio  
President  
European Association of Propeller Clubs

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