

# JAPAN FEDERATION OF PILOTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Japanese Pilots' Association (JPA) was founded by pilots in 1930 when there were eleven pilotage districts and a total of fifty pilots were serving in these districts. In its infancy, JPA was merely an unofficial organization. However, with the expansion of the seaborne traffic volume and the growing significance of the vital role to be played by the pilotage service, and in appreciation of its highly public nature, the organization was finally set up as an authorized legal entity in 1964.

JPA was dissolved and Japan Federation of Pilots' Associations (JFPA) was founded by 35 Pilots' Associations on April, 2007. JFPA inherited the major services and activities of JPA.

The organization of JFPA is as shown in Fig.5.

Services to be undertaken by JFPA are as follows:

- (1) Giving guidance or recommendations to pilots' associations and pilots, in order to maintain the dignity of pilots.
- (2) Making research and study on appropriate and efficient implementation of pilotage services.
- (3) Conducting public information activities on pilotage systems and services.
- (4) Publicating insiders' monthly bulletin.
- (5) Taking necessary measures on training of pilots.
- (6) Taking necessary measures on ensuring/providing pilots.
- (7) Making cooperation and communications with relevant administrative organs.
- (8) Taking other necessary measures to accomplish the purpose of JFPA, including guidance, communications and supervision to pilots' associations and pilots.

## **Assembly**

The supreme organ for the decision-making of the Federation is the Assembly held every year with several other extraordinary Assemblies held as the situation demands. A quorum of the Assembly consists of the presence of a majority of representative pilots of pilots' Association. In the Assembly, the report of JFPA's activities in the last fiscal year and planning for the coming year, financial report and plan, and other important matters are subjected to discussions for decision-making.

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is the decision-making organ for political matters of Federation and meets several times a year. The Board of Directors is organized by the president, vice presidents, managing director, executive director, auditors and the directors who are elected from the pilots serving in all the pilotage districts throughout the country. The Board of Directors not only issues necessary orders for executing pilotage services in accordance with the policies decided in the Assembly but also makes various decisions on matters not requiring voting in the Assembly.

## **Special Committee**

For subjects requiring special investigation, a Special Committee is set up whereby inquiries from the Board of Directors are properly handled. At present the following Special Committees are set up within the Federation.

## **Committee on Research of Pilotage Services**

The Committee comprises 9 committee members and conducts studies on interpretation of each provision of the Pilotage Law and on the possibility of revision or abolition of the various regulations.

### **Sub-Committee on Quality Control of Pilotage Services**

The Committee incorporating 7 committee members conducts studies on various technical issues that the pilots are facing.

At present, safe navigation of vessels, the safe embarking/disembarking of pilots, training, accident prevention and international technical matters are under study.

### **Committee on Public Information**

The Committee comprising 8 committee members takes care of editorial and public information including JFPA's web site and, insides' monthly bulletin for members.

In addition to the forementioned committees, there are several committees and they are serving to fulfill their respective duties assigned.

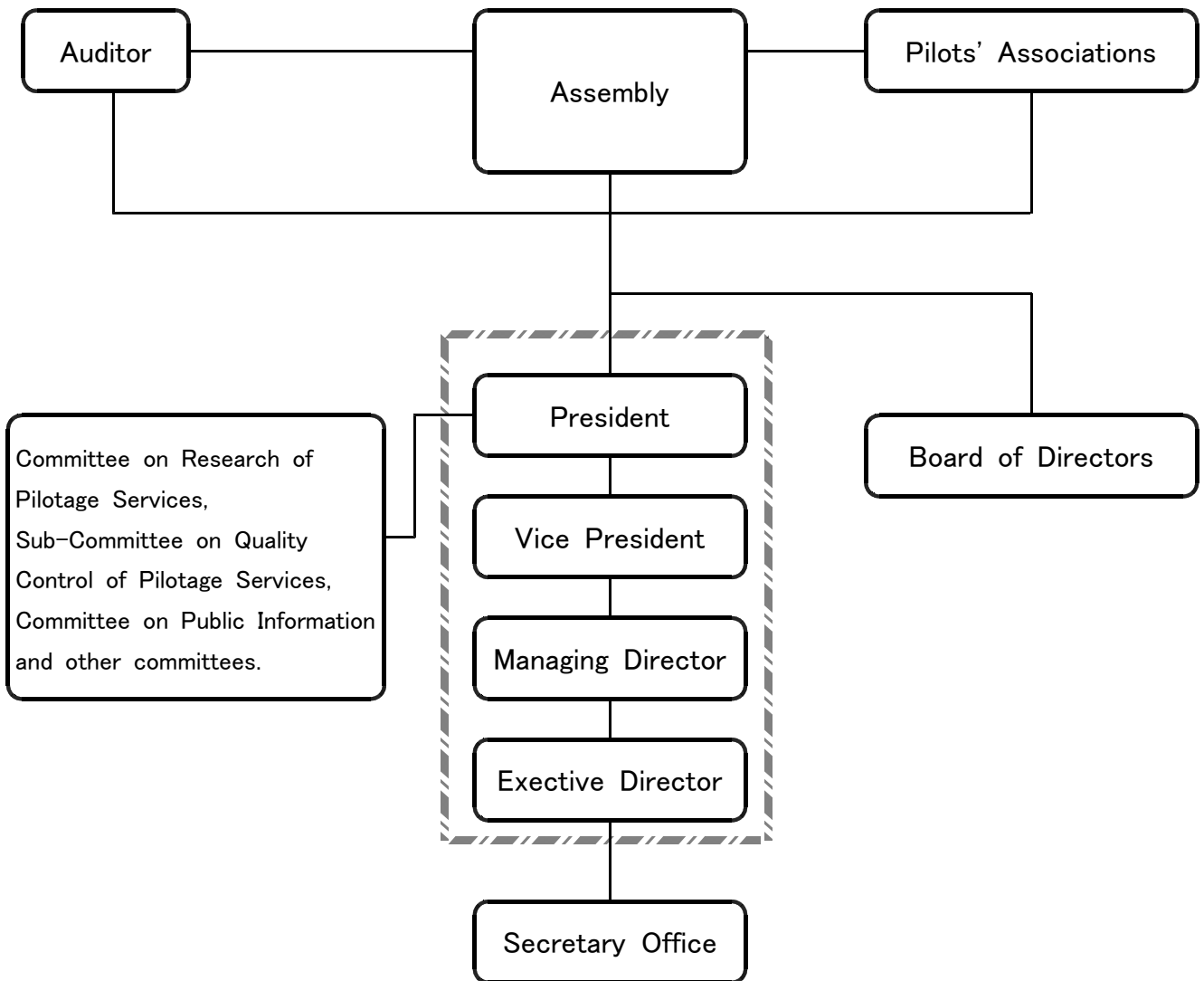


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