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Elizabeth (Jane) Ryder is appointed as Scottish member of the Advisory Committee on National Historic Ships

David Lammy, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Elizabeth (Jane) Ryder have been appointed as Scottish member of the Advisory Committee on National Historic Ships. Their terms of appointment will run from 11 June 2007 to 10 June 2011.

Biographical notes

Elizabeth (Jane) Ryder is Chief Executive of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (2003 to date). Before this, she was an equity partner at Partner Boyd Jameson, a firm specialising in maritime law, before becoming Director and Company Secretary of Orcades Viking Limited, operating the largest factory freezing vessel in the UK fleet (1981 to 1995). She then served as Director of the Scottish Museums Council where she was responsible for the initiation and delivery of the national audit of Scotland's museum collections (1995 to 2003). She has served as the Scottish member on the board of the Museums, Libraries and Archives council, and currently serves as a board member of the Scottish Leadership Foundation. She has not undertaken any political activities during the past five years.

Background

The Advisory Committee on National Historic Ships (ACNHS) has been set up to act as the primary source of advice to the Secretary of State on national historic ship preservation and funding priorities. It will also act as a source of advice to the Heritage Lottery Fund on preservation priorities and individual applications it receives to fund historic ships, and to other public funding bodies. It will provide leadership and strategic vision across the national historic ships community and wider maritime sector by acting as a focus for advice on aspects of the preservation of historic vessels.

The Advisory Committee takes over from the National Historic Ships Committee the maintenance and development of the National Register of Historic Vessels and the development and monitoring of an 'At Risk' register.

The ACNHS Committee members give their services on an honorary basis but reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be reimbursed.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.