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Post-election Report

**Australian Institute of Marine and Power
Engineers West Australia Branch Scheduled
Election E2017/235**

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Election(s) Covered in this Report

Election Decision No/s: E2017/235

Rules

Rules used for the election: [009V: Incorporates alterations of 03/12/2014 in matter R2013/22]

Rules difficult to apply/interpret:

Rule 33B (v) states in part:

The Returning Officer shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the opening of the election cause to be sent by prepaid mail to each financial member of the Branch a ballot paper.

To post out the ballot papers 14 days before the opening of the ballot may result in ballot papers being completed and returned prior to the opening of the ballot. Ballot papers returned prior to the commencement of the ballot could not be admitted to the scrutiny. To admit ballot papers prior to the opening of the ballot would result in an irregularity occurring in the election.

Rule 33 B (xv) states;

All candidates for election to a position provided for in these Rules may submit a resume not exceeding 300 words, for inclusion with the ballot paper, should such ballot be held.

The rules while not specifying a date or time resumes should be submitted implies that the candidates need only submit a resume if a ballot is required. The rules need to be amended to clarify when a resume is to be provide, the date and time resumes are to be supplied and in doing so need to allow sufficient time to allow for preparation of the resume booklet by the returning Officer for Distributing with the ballot papers.

Model Rule reference (if any) N/A

Roll of Voters

The roll of voters was supplied by the Organisation. As there were no contested offices the roll was not used.

Irregularities

Details of written allegations of irregularities, and action taken by AEC: Nil

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: Nil

Other Matters

Withdrawal of Nominations

Organisation rules are silent regarding the withdrawal of nominations. It is recommended the Organisation provide clarity in the rules to state if nominations may or may not be withdrawn and if the decision is taken to allow the withdrawal of nominations then it is recommended this should be a period no later than 7 days after the close of nominations.

Attachments

- 1) Declaration of results for Uncontested Offices – West Australia Branch



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6 April 2018