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MEMO

TO FEDERAL COUNCILLORS

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FROM FEDERAL EXECUTIVE

RE NOTICE of RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

The AIMPE Federal Executive has decided to place seven rule change proposals before Federal Councillors for a postal vote in accordance with Rule 38(iii). Accordingly, this is to give you 60-days notice of the seven proposed rule changes which are attached.

Some of these are Rule changes which the Executive regards as priority matters because AIMPE has been asked to address shortcomings by the Australian Electoral Commission. Others have become necessary as some rules have simply become out of date. The Federal Executive anticipates that these proposals will not be regarded as contentious and will receive the support of the majority of Federal Councillors

Rule change 1 is presented to Federal Councillors in response to an adverse Post Election Report submitted by the Australian Electoral Commission. The AEC has identified a problem in the interpretation and or application of Rule 33A our Federal Executive election rules provisions and recommended that these provisions be clarified. One aspect is that the AIMPE rules currently state that the Federal Council shall appoint a Returning Officer. Under the law AIMPE now has to apply to the Registered Organisations Commission to authorise the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct the election. The AEC then appoints the Returning Officer. (The other alternative under the law is for AIMPE to apply for an exemption and seek to conduct our own ballots.) Proposed rule change 1 also brings into this rule the election of the Senior Vice President by Federal Council.

Rule change 2 is also presented to Federal Councillors in response to adverse Post Election Reports submitted by the Australian Electoral Commission. The AEC has identified problems in the interpretation and or application of aspects of our Branch election rules provisions and recommended that these provisions be clarified. These include lack of clarity regarding the time periods of each stage of the election process. The proposed rule change sets out 6 week periods for nominations and for the ballot and also resolves the problem of the 14 days before opening of the election.

Acknowledgement is due to Life Member Mr Jim Smith for the work that he did on these election rule issues.

Rule change 3 is intended to update the rules in relation to the relocation of the WA Branch office from Palmyra to Fremantle.

Rule change 4 has the effect of removing references to outdated institutions (Industrial Registrar) and laws (Workplace Relations Act) and replacing the references with the correct current institutions (Registered Organisations Commission) and laws (Fair Work Act).

Rule change 5 is to remove from the Rules an electorate (Charlton) which no longer exists following the last Commonwealth redistribution of electoral boundaries in NSW.

Rule change 6 is to clarify the rights of Life Members of AIMPE.

Rule change 7 is to remove temporary transitional provisions which are now obsolete.

Once the 60-days notice period has elapsed you are asked to vote on each separate proposed Rule change indicating whether you confirm or disapprove of the proposed rule change.

Many thanks,

Martin Byrne
Federal Secretary