

## Seven Rules changes approved by 2021 Federal Council

Below are the seven rule changes approved by the AIMPE 2021 Federal Council meeting held in Fremantle WA 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Under the AIMPE Rules a Special Meeting of the Institute is required to be convened to allowed members to consider endorsing the proposed rule changes.

The Special Meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> July in the usual Branch meeting locations.

### **Proposal 1 re Federal Executive Returning Officer**

“THAT Rule 33 A (i) and (ii) be deleted and replaced with the following:

- (i) At least two months prior to the date set for the opening of the Federal Council, the Federal President shall lodge with the Registered Organisations Commission (ROC), the prescribed information relating to the Federal Executive election as required by relevant Acts & Regulations seeking a Decision for the Australian Electoral Commission to appoint a Returning Officer who will conduct the elections for Federal Executive positions.
- (ii) The members of the Federal Council shall elect a Federal Executive, from amongst their own number, consisting of a Federal President, a Federal Treasurer & three (3) Vice Presidents, for a term of one (1) year or until the next Annual Meeting of the Federal Council. Federal Council shall also elect a Senior Vice President from amongst the three newly elected Vice Presidents.”

## **Proposal 2 re Branch Elections**

THAT Rules 33 B (ii) (iii) (iv) and (v) be deleted and replaced with the following. Then Renumber existing Rules 33 B (vi) to (xiv) as (viii) to (xvi) and delete current (xv):

- (ii) At least six months before the term of office(s) expires, the Branch Secretary shall lodge with the Registered Organisations Commission (ROC), the prescribed information relating to the election, as required by Acts & Regulations seeking a Decision for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).
- (iii) Notice that nominations are required and specifying the opening and closing dates for nominations shall be given by the Returning Officer by publication in the Institute magazine "On Watch" and on the AIMPE website or by direct mailing to members' postal address at least one (1) month before the date on which nominations open. The Nominations Period shall be for a period of six (6) weeks and the Voting Period shall also be, for a period of six (6) weeks.
- (iv) Each candidate shall complete and submit, a Nomination Form, available from either the AIMPE Branch, AIMPE website or the AEC. Each nomination shall be in writing, signed by the nominee and proposer and seconder, all of whom shall be financial members of the Branch.
- (v) Each candidate may submit a candidate statement, not exceeding 300 words, for inclusion with their ballot paper, should such ballot be held. The candidate statement shall be forwarded to the Returning Officer, no later than the closing date for Nominations.
- (vi) Upon the closing of nominations, the Returning Officer shall determine whether and if so, which, of such nominations are in order and if more than the required number of nominations have been received and are in order, the Returning Officer shall conduct a secret postal ballot of the members of the Branch. Where the returning officer finds that a nomination is or may be defective, the returning officer shall, before rejecting the nomination, notify the person concerned of the defect and where practicable, give the person the opportunity of remedying the defect or providing further information in support of the nomination, within a period of not less than seven days after being notified. Where the returning officer has notified a person of a defective nomination, and where that person has remedied the defect and advised the returning officer within the time prescribed by the returning officer, the returning officer shall accept the nomination.

Where the returning officer has notified a person of a nomination defect, and where that person has not corrected the defect and advised the returning officer within the time prescribed by the returning officer, the nomination shall be rejected.

- (vii) The Returning Officer shall cause a ballot paper to be prepared, containing in alphabetical order, the names of the candidates so nominated and such directions

as the Returning Officer shall deem fit, as to the marking of the votes. The ballot shall be regarded as open, as soon as the Returning Officer causes to be sent by prepaid mail, to each financial member of the Branch, a ballot paper together with two (2) envelopes, a “declaration envelope” with a removable flap or label and a prepaid envelope. Both envelopes must comply with the forms prescribed by the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009. The Returning Officer shall also provide facilities for the return of completed ballot papers by the voter without expense to the voter.”

**Proposal 3 re Branch Office Address**

“THAT in Rule 12 (i) the words “169 Stock Road Palmyra WA 6157” be deleted and replaced with the following:

“1 High Street Fremantle WA 6160

**Proposal 4 re Deleting References To The Industrial Registrar And Inserting Registered Organisations Commission**

“THAT Rule 9 paragraph (iii) and paragraph (iv) be deleted and replaced with the following:

- (iii) The Federal President shall keep a register of the names, occupations and addresses of the officers and members of the Institute. Such register shall be kept at the Branch Offices of the Institute and shall be open at any time for inspection by the Registered Organisations Commission.
- (iv) The Federal President shall prepare and submit all returns required by or under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act, 2009, as amended, or Regulations made thereunder.”

**Proposal 5 re Updating List of Federal Electorates Following Abolition of  
Charlton**

“THAT Rule 15 paragraph (i)(b) be deleted and replaced with the following:

- (b) Newcastle Branch - all that part of the Commonwealth of Australia  
within  
the boundaries of the Commonwealth Electoral Divisions of Richmond,  
Page, Cowper, New England, Lyne, Paterson, Parkes, Hunter, Newcastle,  
Shortland, Dobell and Robertson.”

**Proposal 6 re Clarifying Life Member Rights and Obligations**

“THAT Rule 30 be amended by adding the following paragraphs:

- (vii) Life Members of the AIMPE shall be accorded the rights of financial members.
- (viii) Life Members shall not be required to pay either levies or annual contributions.”

**Proposal 7 re Deleting Outdated Part of the Rules**

“THAT Rule 40 be amended by deleting Part B Transitional Provisions”