Post-election report

The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers

Queensland Branch Scheduled Election E2021/188



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Election(s) Covered in this Report

Organisation: The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers, Queensland Branch

Election: Scheduled

Election Decision No/s: E2021/188

Rules

Rules used for the election: [009V: Incorporates alterations of 11 June 2021 in matter R2021/90] (replaced rule book dated 14 January 2021 [R2020/127])

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: No

Model Rule reference (if any): N/A

For more details see the Model Rules on the AEC website: www.aec.gov.au/ieb/

Other Matters

Returning Officer actions required (Section 193): Yes

The matters in which I have exercised the authority given to me by s.193 of the Act are:

- As there is no rule pertaining to the withdrawal of Nomination, the Returning Officer applied subparagraph 193(1) (b)(ii) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisation) Act 2009 to fix a closing time for the withdrawal of nomination and the withdrawal period was aligned with the close of the nomination period.
- As there is no rule pertaining to the closing time for the submission of the Resume, the Returning Officer applied subparagraph 193(1) (b)(ii) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisation) Act 2009 to fix a closing time for the submission of the Resume and the submission period of the Resume was closed after seven days from the close of the nomination period.

Signed

Ishtiaq Ahmed
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Attachments

A. Declaration of results for Contested Offices - Queensland

The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers

Queensland Branch

DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2021/188 Contested Offices

Scheduled Election

The results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and the rules of the organisation are:

Queensland Branch

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED		
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	353	
Number of voters issued with voting material	353	
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	0	
Total number of voting material packs issued	353	
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED		
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	90	
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)		
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)		
COUNT		
Total ballot papers admitted to the count		
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL		
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	6	
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot		
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)		

Ordinary Member of Federal Council (2)

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<u>Candidates</u>	Final Votes
ROOTS, Peter	57
WOOLLEY, Montgomery William	25
AYRES, Terry	22
READY, Brad	53
Total ballot papers admitted for this office	88
Formal Ballot papers	88
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the	following	elected:
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Order Elected

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• ROOTS, Peter

Ishtiaq Ahmed Returning Officer Telephone: 02 9375 6331

• READY, Brad

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21/04/2022



DECISION

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 s.189—Arrangement for conduct of an election

The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers (E2021/188)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 18 OCTOBER 2021

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 11 October 2021 the Queensland Branch ('the Branch') of the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers ('the Organisation') lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

Ordinary member of Federal Council (2)

- [2] In the prescribed information lodged by the Branch, this office was referred to as 'Branch Councillor'. On 13 October 2021 the Branch confirmed by email that the reference to 'Branch Councillor' was a reference to the office of 'Ordinary member of Federal Council'.¹
- [3] In the Branch's correspondence enclosing the prescribed information, the Branch noted that it had attempted to lodge the prescribed information on 21 July 2021. It was apparent from Branch's follow-up communication to the Commission, as well as from searches undertaken by Commission staff arising from this, that this earlier attempted lodgement was not received in the Commission's email account.
- [4] As the Branch has indicated that it has previously had difficulty with lodgements to the Commission via email, I have requested that this problem be investigated in an effort to identify the reason(s) for it and a potential remedy. The Commission will advise the Branch once it has identified the issue and any remedial steps that may be necessary to ensure receipt of future attempted lodgements.
- [5] The Branch's correspondence states that it has made efforts to comply with its obligations in relation to elections and other lodgements and I confirm that there is no suggestion from the Commission that this is not the case.
- [6] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed offices is required to be held under the rules of the organisation and, under subsection 189(3) of the Fair Work (Registered

¹ 'Branch Councillor' apparently being a commonly used colloquial reference to this office, while the rules of the organisation (in particular rules 7 and 33B(i) specify the office's official name.

Organisations) *Act 2009*, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.



DELEGATE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and Regulation 138 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009

I, Peter John Toohey, being the Queensland Branch Secretary of the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers make the following statement:

- 1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for the Queensland Branch of the Australia Institute of Marine and Power Engineers.
- 2. The following information is lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).
- 3. The elections that are required are set out in the table in Annexure A.
- 4. No rule alterations are pending that will impact the election.
- 5. This statement IS lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election(s) in Annexure A.

Signed:

QUEENSLAND BRANCH SECRETARY

Dated: 21 July 2021

NOTE: This statement should be lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission at least 2 months prior to nominations opening. It can be submitted to regorgs@roc.gov.au.

Annexure A

Elections that are required [insert as many pages as required]

Branch	Name of Office	Number required	Voting System Direct voting system; Collegiate electoral system	Reason for Election Scheduled; Casual vacancy; New office created; Insufficient nominations	Electorate
Queensland	Branch Councillor	2	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	Queensland

· Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN	Date is dependent on Election Decision date and AEC. Rule 33B(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" at least one (1) month before the date fixed for the election. (Close for copy for Publication is generally the end of the first week of each month. Published online 2 nd week of the month) If published mid-August, nominations would open mid-September.	N/A
Nominations CLOSE	5 weeks after nominations open. i.e. last week of October.	N/A
Roll of Voters cut off date	Rule 33B(xii) 7 Days before the opening of nominations. i.e. late August 2021	N/A

NOTES: For insufficient nominations and casual vacancies, the date nominations open and close, unless specified in the rules, should be listed as 'To be determined by the returning officer'. This also applies where rules are silent as to the nominated dates.

If the nomination dates are 'To be Determined by the Returning Officer', but your organisation has a preference, please state 'To be Determined by Returning Officer' and clearly indicate that your nominated date is a preference.

If the Pit includes a position that is not an office, please refer to our template Prescribed information for the election of officer and non-officer positions.