



## DECISION

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

**The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers**  
(E2026/3)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

[1] On 9 February 2026 the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers (the **organisation**) lodged with the Fair Work Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices for a new term of office:

Federal President	(1)
Vice Presidents	(3)
Federal Treasurer	(1)
Senior Vice President (to be elected from the Vice Presidents)	(1)

[2] The organisation's rules provide that the election for the Federal Executive offices shall occur on the first day of the annual meeting of the Federal Council.<sup>1</sup> This year that meeting is scheduled for 10 June 2026 (as advised by the organisation's Federal President in the prescribed information).

[3] The prescribed information notes that the opening and closing of nominations and the close of the roll of voters are to be determined by the Returning Officer i.e. the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).<sup>2</sup> This is the same approach as taken in the previous election for these offices (E2025/3). The organisation has therefore specified preferred dates and times for the arrangement of the election in line with the scheduled date of the annual meeting of Federal Council.

[4] As the election is to occur on the first day of the annual meeting, the organisation has expressly requested that the election be conducted in-person. I request that the AEC consider the organisation's request in light of the rules.

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<sup>1</sup> Rulebook [D2024/5], certified 29 April 2025, rule 33A(iii) and (vi).

<sup>2</sup> -Ibid, rule 33A(iii).

[5] 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 Organisations) Act 2009*, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the AEC.



DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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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, John Hartree, being the Federal President of the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers (AIMPE) make the following statement:

1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for AIMPE.
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. The Australian Electoral Commission has resumed conducting physical, in person ballots for industrial elections. In these circumstances the provisions of the AIMPE elections rules, specifically Rule 33 A, should apply. Rule 33 A is attached as Annexure B.
5. AIMPE therefore requests the AEC to conduct the physical ballot on the first day of AIMPE Federal Council 2026 which has set by the Federal Executive to be 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in Adelaide, South Australia specific venue yet to be determined.
6. This statement **IS** lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election(s) in Annexure A.

NOTE: A failure to lodge Prescribed Information on time can lead to civil penalties under the RO Act. Extensions of time should be requested at least two months before nominations open.

Signed



FEDERAL PRESIDENT AIMPE

Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

NOTE: This statement should be lodged with the Fair Work Commission at least 2 months prior to nominations opening. It can be submitted to [regorgs@fwc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@fwc.gov.au).

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## Annexure A

### Elections that are required

Branch	Name of Office	Number required	Voting System	Reason for Election	Electorate
National	President	1	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	<i>Federal Council (rule 5(ii) &amp; rule 33 A)</i>
National	Vice President	3	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	<i>Federal Council (rule 5(ii) &amp; rule 33 A)</i>
National	Treasurer	1	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	<i>Federal Council (rule 5(ii) &amp; rule 33 A)</i>
National	Senior Vice President (elected from among the 3 Vice Presidents)	1	Collegiate electoral system	Scheduled	<i>Federal Council (Rule 10)</i>

- Important dates:

		<b>Collegiate Electoral System</b>
<b>Nominations OPEN</b>		<i>To be determined by the Returning Officer (rule 33 A (iii) does not specify opening date) AIMPE suggest 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.  Except for Senior Vice President position</i>
<b>Nominations CLOSE</b>		<i>Time to be determined by the Returning Officer (rule 33 A (iii)) AIMPE suggest 1000 on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Except for Senior Vice President position</i>

<b>Roll of Voters cut-off date</b>		<i>To be determined by the Returning Officer (rule 33 A (iii) silent on closing of roll) AIMPE suggest 1200 on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026</i>
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**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 P.I. includes a position that is not an office, please refer to our template [Prescribed information for the election of officer and non-officer positions](#)

## Annexure B

### 33 - ELECTIONS

#### A. Federal Executive Elections

- (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 Organisation 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 and 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.
- (iii) Nominations shall be made in writing and shall be lodged with the Returning Officer before the time so fixed by the Returning Officer for the closing of nominations. Each nomination shall be signed by the Nominee, the Proposer and Secunder. The elections of these officials shall be conducted on the first day of the Annual Meeting of the Federal Council. Nominations shall close on that day at a time fixed by the Returning Officer.
- (iv) The Returning Officer shall have power to accept or reject any nominations in accordance with these Rules; provided that before the Returning Officer rejects any nominations the following shall have effect:-
  - (a) The Returning Officer shall notify the person concerned of the defect in the nomination; and
  - (b) The Returning Officer shall, where it is practicable to do so, give the person concerned the opportunity of remedying the defect as soon as possible after close of nominations.
  - (c) If the person concerned within such period is able to and does in fact remedy the defect in the nomination, the Returning Officer shall thereupon accept such nomination.
- (v) Subject to sub-clause (iv), if the number of valid nominations received does not exceed the number of positions to be filled the Returning Officer shall declare those persons nominated as being elected.
- (vi) If there be no valid nomination received for any office, nominations for such office shall be called by the Returning Officer from the Federal Councillors present at the Meeting. The provisions of sub-clauses (iii) to (v) of this Rule shall apply to such nominations.
- (vii) If more than one nomination is received for any office a secret ballot for that Office shall be conducted by the Returning Officer.

- (viii) Any Federal Councillor unable to attend the Federal Council meeting at where a ballot is to be conducted may, by writing under the Councillor's hand, appoint another member of Federal Council as the Councillor's proxy in connection with such election and the same shall be delivered to the Returning Officer before the commencement of the election.
- (ix) In the event of a ballot being required the Returning Officer shall prepare ballot papers with candidates' names set out in alphabetical order. The Returning Officer shall mark each ballot paper issued with the Returning Officer's initials, provide voting instructions to voters and do all things necessary to ensure ballot papers do not disclose the identity of the Federal Councillor voting. Ballot papers shall be distributed to all Councillors or to their proxies. The Returning Officer shall provide a receptacle into which all ballot papers shall be placed by the voter when voting. On completion of the ballot the Returning Officer shall count all formal votes and immediately declare the result of the ballot; in the event of a tie the Returning Officer shall determine the result by lot.
- (x) Each candidate shall have the right to appoint one scrutineer who may attend at all stages of the ballot and whose duties shall be to watch the interests of the candidates. A candidate shall notify the Returning Officer of the appointment of a scrutineer in writing.
- (xi) Extraordinary vacancies for the positions of Federal President, Vice President and Federal Treasurer shall be filled by election by a postal ballot of the remaining members of the Federal Council. The provisions of this Rule shall apply, mutatis mutandis to such election. An extraordinary vacancy shall exist when:-
  - (a) an officer is removed under Rule 41;
  - (b) an officer dies or resigns from office; and
  - (c) an officer ceases to be eligible to hold office.