



Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

POST ELECTION REPORT

**Australian Education Union
Northern Territory Branch**

ELECTION COVERED IN THIS REPORT

Election Decision No: E2014/94

RULES

Rules used for the election: 284v: Incorporates alterations of 6 January 2014 –
(Federal Branch Rules – Northern Territory Branch -
R2013.266)
Rules difficult to apply/interpret: None
Model Rule reference (if any): N/A

ROLL OF VOTERS

Total number of names on the roll of voters: 1791
Number of apparent workplace addresses: 1040 (58%)
Number of non-current addresses: 13
Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters: None

ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES RECEIVED

Details of written allegations of irregularities and action taken by AEC: None

Other irregularities identified and action taken: None

ATTACHMENT

Declaration of Results



Chris Roper
Assistant Manager
Elections Services

17 October 2014

Australian Education Union Northern Territory Branch

Declaration of Results for Contested and Uncontested Offices

E2014/94

Below are 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.

Total number of names on the roll of voters	1791
Ballot papers issued	1778
Replacement ballot papers issued	13
Total Ballot Papers Issued	1791
Ballot papers / envelopes returned for scrutiny	472
Less ballot papers / envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny	3
Total Ballot Papers Admitted to Scrutiny	469
Percentage of ballot papers returned to number issued	26%
Ballot papers returned as unclaimed mail	52
Ballot papers not returned	1267

Branch President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
HARDCASTLE, Peter	91	91
RYAN, Jarvis	369	369
Total votes	460	460
Formal ballot papers	460	460
Informal ballot papers	9	9

I declare Jarvis Ryan elected.

Women's Officer (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
TONGATUA (NEE HOOPER), Grace	167	188
HARDCASTLE, Rosalind	99	0
MURAD BALDWIN, Melanie	175	195
Exhausted Votes		58
Total votes	441	383
Formal ballot papers	441	441
Informal ballot papers	28	28

I declare Melanie Murad Baldwin elected.

Executive Councillor representing Indigenous Teachers & Indigenous Education Workers in Schools and Educational Institutions (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>First Preference Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>
BROWN, Cassandra Selene	299	299
HOLTZE, Delean Elsa	146	146
Total votes	445	445
Formal ballot papers	445	445
Informal ballot papers	24	24

I declare Cassandra Selene Brown elected.

Vice-President (General) (1)

Candidates

PELIZZO, Stephen

I declare Stephen Pelizzo elected.

Vice-President (TAFE) (1)

Candidates

No nominations were received

Treasurer (1)

Candidates

DANVERS, Julie Annette

I declare Julie Annette Danvers elected.



Chris Roper
Returning Officer
Australian Electoral Commission

16 October 2014



DECISION

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

Australian Education Union (E2014/94)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 24 MARCH 2014

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 14 March 2014 the Australian Education Union - Northern Territory Branch lodged with the Fair Work Commission the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following offices:

- Branch President
- Branch Vice-President (General)
- Branch Vice-President (TAFE)
- Branch Treasurer
- Women's Officer
- Executive Councillor representing Indigenous teachers and Indigenous education workers in schools and educational institutions

[2] 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 Australian Electoral Commission.



DELEGATE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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12 March 2014

Manager
Fair Work Commission
GPO Box 1994, Melbourne, 3001

Dear Manager,

RE: 2014 AEU-NT Election

In accordance with AEU-NT rule numbers 18 (a) (iii) (vi), 108 (a) (b) (c) and (d), 109 and 110 – given below – I would seek that you initiate election proceedings for the AEU-NT **Branch Executive** positions:

Branch President

Vice-President (General)

Vice-President (TAFE)

Treasurer

Women's Officer

Executive Councillor representing Indigenous teachers and Indigenous Education workers

The relevant AEU-NT rules are:

18 - CONSTITUTION OF BRANCH EXECUTIVE

- (a) The Branch Executive shall consist of the following -
- (i) Branch President,
 - (ii) Vice-President (General) and Vice-President (TAFE),
 - (iii) Branch Secretary,
 - (iv) Treasurer,
 - (v) Women's Officer,
 - (vi) Executive Councillors from each Region, elected on a basis of one member for every 200 members or part thereof;
 - (vii) An Executive Councillor representing Indigenous teachers and Indigenous education workers in schools and educational institutions.

- (b) The Branch officers shall be the Branch President, Vice-President (General), Vice-President (TAFE), Branch Secretary, Treasurer and Women's Officer.
- (c) For the purposes of Rule 136 only, the position of Secretary will be deemed to be a higher position than that of Vice-President (General) or Vice-President (TAFE).

108 - ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF BRANCH EXECUTIVE

- (a) The Branch President shall be biennially elected by financial members of the Branch by secret postal ballot.
- (b) The Vice-President (General) shall be elected from and by the financial members of the General Division, and the Vice-President (TAFE) shall be biennially elected by and from the financial members of the TAFE Division. The Treasurer shall be biennially elected by and from financial members of the Branch. The Woman's Officer shall be a female, biennially elected by and from financial members of the Branch. These elections shall be by secret postal ballot.
- (c) The Branch Secretary shall be elected for a term of 3 years by secret postal ballot.
- (d) Executive Council Members shall be biennially elected by financial members of their respective Regions in a secret postal ballot from 2001.

109 - NOMINATIONS - BRANCH EXECUTIVE

Nominations for positions on Branch Executive shall be called in accordance with this Rule

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- (a) The Returning Officer shall call for nominations not later than 22nd July. The closing date for nominations shall be 5.00 p.m. on the 21st day of August;
- (b) Nominations shall be in writing, signed by 2 financial members and by the candidate as acceptance of the nomination;
- (c) The Returning Officer shall call for nominations by sending to all Sub- Branches a notice which shall specify the following:-
 - (i) the designations of the positions for which nominations are being called and the number of positions to be filled in respect of each designation;
 - (ii) the address to which nominations are to be forwarded (for this purpose the Returning Officer shall rent a post office box in Darwin);
 - (iii) the time and date of closure of nominations;

(iv) that a nomination to be valid shall be signed by at least 2 financial members other than the member nominated and by the latter to indicate that she/he consents to the nomination;
(v) that a separate form of nomination must be submitted in respect of each position for which a member is nominated;

(d) A Returning Officer shall only accept a nomination for Branch Executive positions which comply with the requirements of these Rules. When she/he received a defective nomination, she/he shall forthwith notify the person concerned of the defect and, where it is practicable to do so, give him/her the opportunity of remedying the defect which shall, where practicable, be not less than 7 days after his/her so being notified;

(e) Subject to (d) a Returning Officer shall notify all candidates of the acceptance or rejection of their nominations.

110 - BALLOT - BRANCH EXECUTIVE

The ballot for Branch Executive positions shall be held in accordance with this rule.

(a) On the closing of nominations, the Returning Officer shall cause a ballot paper to be printed in respect of those positions for which an election is necessary. Such ballot paper may contain provision for voting for more than one position or separate ballot papers may be prepared in respect of each contested position. A ballot paper shall:

(i) list candidates for each position in the order determined by lot by the Returning Officer and state the position for which they are candidates;

(ii) include instructions on how to vote;

(iii) state the date and time of closing of the ballot and the postal address to which the ballot paper shall be returned.

(b) All members who are financial members of the Union attached to the Branch at the date of closing of the roll of voters shall be eligible to vote. The Branch Secretary, shall provide the Returning Officer with a list of such members showing the full name and address and place of employment of each member.

(c) Not later than 14th September the Returning Officer shall forward by prepaid post to each financial member a ballot paper in respect of each position to be voted on. Such envelope shall also contain a smaller declaration envelope in which the voter shall place his/her completed ballot paper or papers and a larger pre-addressed envelope for return to the Returning Officer. Both envelopes shall be in the form prescribed by the regulations made under Schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

(d) Ballot papers shall be returned to the Returning officer not later than 5.00 p.m. on 15th October. Only ballot papers then received by the Returning Officer shall be included in the count.

The reason for the elections is that the term of office for the above positions expires this year.

The ballot, including the appointment of a Returning Officer, will be conducted through the Australian Electoral Commission.

The voting system for these elections shall be a **direct voting system**.

105(a)(ii) of the AEU-NT Rules states:

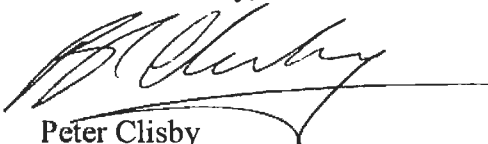
to vote at any election or any meeting or in any plebiscite; provided that the roll of voters for any election to be conducted pursuant to these rules is to be closed seven days before the day on which nominations are opened in relation to all elections by a direct voting system for offices in the Branch.

Hence, **the roll of voters** for these elections will be closed seven days before the day nominations open.

I am lodging the above prescribed information in relation to these elections which are required to be held for the above mentioned offices of the AEU-NT, in accordance with Section 189(1) of the RAO Fair Work Australia Act 2009.

Please contact me if you further wish to discuss these matters.

Yours Sincerely,



Peter Clisby
Secretary, AEU-NT