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Dear Mr Blackmore

**Organisation must respond to the post-election report of the Australian Electoral Commission: E2017/235**

On 6/04/2018 the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) received a post election report from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) for election E2017/235 dated 6/04/2018. The AEC will have also provided the report to the organisation under section 197 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

The report identifies rules that were difficult to interpret or apply, in particular rules 33B (v) and 33B (xv). This letter serves as a reminder of the obligations imposed on the organisation or branch as a consequence of the AEC's report. If a response has already been sent to the AEC and made available to all members please disregard this letter.

**A notice must be published on the organisation's website**

The organisation or branch must publish on its website a notice that a copy of the report is available from the organisation, branch or the AEC on request. The notice must be kept on the website for a period of at least 3 months (see regs 141(4) and (5)).

**A written response must be provided to the AEC**

A written response must be provided to the AEC within 30 days of receipt of the report. The organisation's response must include whether the organisation or branch intends to take action and if so what action the organisation or branch intends to take (s198(2)).

**Extract of report must be made available to members**

The organisation or branch must make the section of the report relating to the difficult rules available to its members (s198(3)). This extract from the report must be made available to the members before or at the same time as the organisation's response is made available to members.

**Written response must be made available to members**

A copy of the organisation's response to the AEC must be made available to members either:

- within 30 days after the response is given to the AEC, or
- published in the next edition of the organisation or branch journal (s198(5))

Subsection 198(6) and regulation 142 prescribe ways in which the relevant extract and the copy of the response can be made available to members. These do not limit the ways in which they can be made available to members. The organisation will comply if it does all of the following:-

- publish the report extract and the copy of the response in the next edition of the organisation or branch's journal; and
- within 30 days of giving the response to the AEC:
  - lodges with the ROC a copy of the relevant extract and response, together with a declaration that a copy will be provided to any member who so requests; and
  - give notice in the next edition of the organisation or branch's journal, or an appropriate newspaper, that a copy of the relevant extract and response are available on request to each member free of charge; and
- publish the relevant extract on the website within 14 days after receiving the report, and publish the response on the website within 14 days of giving the response to the AEC (reg 142(2)).

### **Penalties may apply**

If the organisation or branch does not:

- respond to the AEC within 30 days,
- make the extract of the report relating to the rules available to members no later than the organisation's response is made available to members, or
- make the organisation's response available to members within 30 days or in the next edition of the journal,

the organisation may face penalties under the RO Act. Each requirement listed above is a civil penalty provision that may result in fines for the organisation

As noted above, if the response and report have already been made available to members and the AEC, please disregard this letter. If you have any questions in relation to these obligations please contact the ROC for assistance by email to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au).

### **If the organisation or branch decides to alter its rules in response to the AEC's report**

If the organisation or branch decides to alter its rules in response to the AEC's report, the ROC is NOT able to provide advice and assistance regarding draft alterations or the processes required to make the alterations. Rule alterations remain a function of the Fair Work Commission.

Yours faithfully

**Christine Hibberd**

**Registered Organisations Commission**



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Dear Mr Blackmore,

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### **Reminder of actions required when persons elected to office**

The Australian Electoral Commission has provided the Registered Organisations Commission (the ROC) a declaration of results for the election of uncontested offices for West Australia Branch [E2017/235]. This letter is a reminder of certain obligations imposed on organisations and on persons elected to office.

#### **A notice must be published on the organisation's website**

The organisation or branch must publish on its website a notice that a copy of the report is available from the organisation, branch or the AEC on request. The notice must be kept on the website for a period of at least 3 months (see regulation 141 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009).

#### **Holders of office required to undertake approved training**

Section 293K of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act) requires each officer with financial management duties to undertake approved training that covers those duties within 6 months after the person begins to hold office. Please ensure that relevant officers undertake approved training within the required timeframe. Please also ensure that all new holders of office are advised of their obligations to make disclosures regarding remuneration, non-cash benefits and material personal interests, the details of which are provided for in the RO Act.

#### **Organisation must notify the Commission of changes**

Also, section 233(2) of the RO Act requires that an organisation must notify the Commission **within 35 days of any changes** to the holders of office in the organisation. **If there are no changes a notification is not required.** If the election has resulted in **any changes** to the holders of office, the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers, The-West Australia Branch must notify the Commission of these changes. In particular, please advise:

1. Person(s) who have ceased to hold office:
  - the name of the office vacated;
  - the date of the change of office holder; and
  - the name of the person vacating the office.
  
2. Person(s) who have commenced to hold office:
  - the name of the office now held;
  - the date of the change of office holder;

- the name of the person now holding the office;
- the postal address of the person (generally the postal address of the organisation); and
- the occupation of the person now holding the office.

The notification must include a declaration by the Secretary (or other prescribed officer) that the information is a correct statement of the changes made. A template notification of changes, which may assist you, is attached. If any change does not apply until a date in the future, you do not need to notify until then (e.g. AGM, 1 January, 2nd Monday in March). If you have already lodged this information, please disregard this reminder.

Regards

**Christine Hibberd**  
**Registered Organisations Commission**

**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO RECORDS (Changes to Records in the Annual Return) required to be kept in accordance with section 230 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* and regulation 147 *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009***

I, [NAME], being the [OFFICER] of the [ORGANISATION NAME], declare the following:

1. I am authorised to make this declaration.
2. The following is a correct statement of the changes made to the information contained in the records required to be kept by the organisation in accordance with s.230(1)(b), (c), and (d) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*:

*[delete all that do not apply]*

- On [DATE] the address of the organisation changed to [STREET ADDRESS].<sup>1</sup>
- On [DATE] the name and/or address of a branch[es] of the organisation changed to:<sup>2</sup>
  1. *[include OLD name and address and NEW name and address of every branch that has changed]*
  2. ...
- A list of changes to offices and the names, postal addresses and occupations of persons holding those offices is attached to this declaration at Annexure A and forms part of this declaration.
- On [DATE] the following branch[es]:<sup>3</sup>
  - COMMENCED operation:
    1. *[include name of each new branch]*
    2. ...
  - CEASED operation:
    1. *[include name of each closed branch]*

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<sup>1</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(d)

<sup>2</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(a) & (d)

<sup>3</sup> s.230(1)(d); reg.147(b) & (c)

2. ...

Signed: [SECRETARY OR OTHER AUTHORISED OFFICER]

Dated: [DATE]

*[PLEASE NOTE: This declaration must be submitted to the Registered Organisations Commission within **35 days** of the change. It can be submitted to [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au).]*

**ANNEXURE A**

- Changes to Offices and Office Holders in the Organisation and its Branches [*insert as many pages as required*]:

*Please note the 35 days begins at the earliest event (for instance when the officer retires) and an organisation may need to notify the events separately if the appointment or election process will take longer than 35 days.*

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Date of Change</b>	<b>Name of Office that has changed</b>	<b>Name of <u>Outgoing</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Name of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Postal Address of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>	<b>Occupation of <u>New</u> Office Holder</b>
<i>National</i>	<i>1.1.2014</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Full Name</i>	<i>Full Name</i>	<i>c/- the Registered Organisation, postal address of Registered Organisation</i>	<i>Paid official</i>
	<i>25.12.2013</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>Full Name</i>	<i>As above</i>	<i>mechanic</i>
<i>...</i>						
<i>NSW</i>	<i>1.1.2014 (resigned) 7.1.2014 (appointed)</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Full Name</i>	<i>Full Name</i>	<i>c/- the Branch, postal address of the Branch</i>	<i>mechanic</i>
		<i>Committee of Management Member</i>	<i>Full Name</i>	<i>Full Name</i>	<i>As above</i>	<i>mechanic</i>
		<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Full Name</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
<i>...</i>						

Insert date of report

# Post-election Report

**Australian Institute of Marine and Power  
Engineers West Australia Branch Scheduled  
Election E2017/235**



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## Election(s) Covered in this Report

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Election Decision No/s:

E2017/235

## Rules

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Rules used for the election: [009V: Incorporates alterations of 03/12/2014 in matter R2013/22]

Rules difficult to apply/interpret:

**Rule 33B (v) states in part:**

The Returning Officer shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the opening of the election cause to be sent by prepaid mail to each financial member of the Branch a ballot paper.

To post out the ballot papers 14 days before the opening of the ballot may result in ballot papers being completed and returned prior to the opening of the ballot. Ballot papers returned prior to the commencement of the ballot could not be admitted to the scrutiny. To admit ballot papers prior to the opening of the ballot would result in an irregularity occurring in the election.

**Rule 33 B (xv) states;**

All candidates for election to a position provided for in these Rules may submit a resume not exceeding 300 words, for inclusion with the ballot paper, should such ballot be held.

The rules while not specifying a date or time resumes should be submitted implies that the candidates need only submit a resume if a ballot is required. The rules need to be amended to clarify when a resume is to be provide, the date and time resumes are to be supplied and in doing so need to allow sufficient time to allow for preparation of the resume booklet by the returning Officer for Distributing with the ballot papers.

Model Rule reference (if any)

N/A

## Roll of Voters

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The roll of voters was supplied by the Organisation. As there were no contested offices the roll was not used.

## Irregularities

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Details of written allegations of irregularities, and action taken by AEC: Nil

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: Nil

## Other Matters

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### Withdrawal of Nominations

Organisation rules are silent regarding the withdrawal of nominations. It is recommended the Organisation provide clarity in the rules to state if nominations may or may not be withdrawn and if the decision is taken to allow the withdrawal of nominations then it is recommended this should be a period no later than 7 days after the close of nominations.

## Attachments

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- 1) Declaration of results for Uncontested Offices – West Australia Branch



Simon Bulloch  
Returning Officer

6 April 2018

# Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers

## West Australian Branch Scheduled Election DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2017/235 Uncontested Offices

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### 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:

#### West Australian Branch

##### President (1)

###### Candidates

JONES Mark Evan

##### Ordinary Member of Federal Council (1)

###### Candidates

JONES Mark Evan



Simon Bulloch  
Returning Officer

Australian Electoral Commission

6 April 2018



## DECISION

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

**Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers**  
(E2017/235)

MR ENRIGHT

SYDNEY, 30 NOVEMBER 2017

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

[1] On 3 November 2017 the West Australian Branch of the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

President  
Ordinary Member of Federal Council

[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.



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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, Christopher Blackmoore, being the Branch Secretary of the Western Australian Branch 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 Western Australian Branch of the Australian 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. This statement is lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election below.

Signed: C. Blackmoore

Christopher Blackmoore  
WA Branch Secretary  
AIMPE

Dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

*[PLEASE NOTE: This statement should be lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission at least 2 months prior to nominations opening. It can be submitted to .]*

