

5 August 2020

# Post-election report

**The Australian Institute of Marine and Power  
Engineers**

West Australia Branch

Scheduled election

E2019/209

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# Election(s) Covered in this Report

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Organisation: The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers -  
West Australia Branch  
Election: Scheduled  
Election Decision No/s: E2019/209

## 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) ..... 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 together with two (2) envelopes, a “declaration envelope” with a removal flap or label and a prepaid envelope.

It is unusual for the ballot material to be posted to the voter significantly before the ballot is opened and may cause confusion amongst the causing voters to return their ballot papers before the opening of ballot irrespective of instruction not to do so.

To mitigate this risk, it is strongly suggested that AIMPE vary Rule 33B(v) to allow for a longer ballot period to ensure voters have adequate time to receive and return ballot papers and/or in the election notice, provide a clear statement noting only ballots received after the opening of the ballot will be counted.

Model Rule reference (if any) : None

## Roll of Voters

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As there were no contested offices, no Roll of Voters was required.

## Irregularities

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

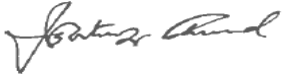
Other irregularities identified, and action taken: None

## Other Matters

Nil

## Signed

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## Attachments

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A. Declaration of Results for Uncontested Offices – WA

**The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers**  
**West Australia Branch**  
**DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2019/209**  
**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:

**Branch President (1)**

Candidates

HANDCOCK Michael Joseph

**Branch Treasurer (1)**

Candidates

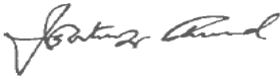
HARTLIEB Karel Henry

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

Candidates

HANDCOCK Michael Joseph

As the number of nominations accepted did not exceed the number of positions to be filled, I declare the above candidates elected.



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## DECISION

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

### **The Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers** (E2019/209)

MR ENRIGHT

MELBOURNE, 12 DECEMBER 2019

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

[1] On 14 November 2019 the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers - West Australia Branch lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

Branch President	(1)
Branch Treasurer	(1)
Ordinary Member of Federal Council	(1)

[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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# AIMPE

Australian Institute of  
Marine and Power Engineers  
Western Australian Branch

14/11/2019

Registered Organisations Commission

By email: [regorgs@roc.gov.au](mailto:regorgs@roc.gov.au)

**Re: Request for Branch Elections**

I, Mark Jones, of 1 High Street, Fremantle, make the following statement:

I am the Western Australian Honorary Branch Secretary of the Australian Institute of Marine and Power Engineers, and I am authorised under Rule 33B(ii) of the AIMPE Rules to make all the necessary arrangements for the appointment of a Returning Officer to conduct elections for Western Australian Branch positions. Accordingly I hereby request the Registered Organisations Commission to approve this request for the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct the election for the offices listed below.

I confirm that the following information is being lodged under subsection 189(1) of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.

**Offices**

Pursuant to Rule 33 B:

Branch President [1]

Branch Treasurer [1]

Ordinary Member of Federal Council [1]



## **REASON FOR ELECTION:**

The reason for the election being that the term of office of some of the Western Australian Branch officials will expire on various dates in 2020.

President 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Ordinary Member of Federal Council 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Branch Treasurer 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020

A single combined election process will bring the election date of these Western Australian Branch elected positions into alignment. All current members of the Branch Executive and Councilors have indicated agreement to this proposed course of action.

## **RULE CHANGE DISCLOSURE;**

1. Rule 33A Federal Executive Elections changes to 33A (i) and (ii) are submitted to FWC. These relate to the Federal Executive not the proposed elections.
2. Rule 33B Branch Elections changes to rule 33B (v) not submitted to the FWC as yet, likely to be approved and submitted December 2019/January 2020. The intent of rule change is to improve the democratic process by alleviating invalid early votes.

## **ELECTED BY:**

The electorate for this election is the financial members of the Western Australian Branch of the AIMPE.

## **NOMINATIONS OPEN:** (preferred time lines)

### **For Branch President and Ordinary Member of Federal Council:**

AEC Notice of the Election will need to be published in our union journal On Watch pursuant to Rule 33B(ii) for Branch President and Ordinary Member of Council positions, in the January 2020 edition with a deadline for articles/notices being, 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 and it should be postal delivery to the members on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. Nominations could therefore open on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

### **For Branch Treasurer:**

AEC Notice of the Election will need to be published in our union journal On Watch pursuant to Rule 33B(ii) for Branch Treasurer position, in the May 2020 edition with a deadline for articles/notices being, 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 and it should be postal delivery to the members on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. Nominations could therefore open on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.**

## **NOMINATIONS CLOSE:** (preferred time lines)

### **For Branch President and Ordinary Member of Federal Council:**

Because, we have a, seagoing membership, who, are commonly away from home for 6 weeks, it is customary for the nominations to remain open for a period of 6 weeks. Accordingly Nominations should close no earlier than **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE:** (preferred time lines)

**For Branch Treasurer:**

Because, we have a, seagoing membership, who, are commonly away from home for 6 weeks, it is customary for the nominations to remain open for a period of 6 weeks. Accordingly Nominations should close no earlier than **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020.**

**CUT OFF DATE FOR ROLL:**

**For Branch President and Ordinary Member of Federal Council:**

As per rule 33B[xii] *“the roll of voters shall be closed 7 days before the opening of nominations “*. Therefore, the cut-off date for the roll of voters will be **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

**For Branch Treasurer:**

As per rule 33B[xii] *“the roll of voters shall be closed 7 days before the opening of nominations “*. Therefore the cut-off date for the roll of voters will be **Friday 26<sup>st</sup> May 2020.**

This statement is intended to be lodged in accordance with the requirements of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act: if there is any deficiency in connection with its lodgment, please advise me so that I may correct such error.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Jones

Honorary Branch Secretary

Western Australian Branch of AIMPE

