



FAIR WORK  
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## DECISION

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

**Australian Nursing Federation**  
(E2011/2524)

T. NASSIOS

MELBOURNE, 16 FEBRUARY 2011

*Arrangement for conduct of election.*

[1] On 14 February 2011 the abovenamed organisation South Australian Branch lodged with Fair Work Australia the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following office:

Ordinary Branch Councillor (1)

[2] I am satisfied that an election for the abovenamed office 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  
FAIR WORK AUSTRALIA

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16 February 2011

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Branch Secretary  
Australian Nursing Federation  
South Australian Branch  
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Ridleyton SA 5008

Attention: Julie Livesey

By email: [julie.livesey@anmfsa.org.au](mailto:julie.livesey@anmfsa.org.au)

Dear Ms Dabars

**Re: Australian Nursing Federation - South Australian Branch  
Arrangement for Conduct of an Election - E2011-2524  
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act)**

We have attached the Decision by the Delegate for the arrangement for the conduct of an election for the position of Branch Councillor now vacant due to Ms Currie's resignation.

We note that in your application you have referred to Rule 42 of the State Rules "Extraordinary Vacancies". In addition the resignation letter from Patricia Currie states that she "tenders her resignation as ANMF SA Branch Councillor".

In future please ensure that if you refer to rules, the reference is made to the federal ANF rules, rather than the State Rules. Also, the resignation letter provided should have been written by Ms Currie in her position as Ordinary Branch Councillor for the ANF-SA Branch, rather than as Councillor for the State Branch, the ANMF (SA Branch).

Yours sincerely

Samantha Korman

Tribunal Services and Organisations

AR2011/2542



Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (SA Branch)

11 February 2011

Mr Rob Pfeiffer  
Fair Work Australia  
GPO Box 1994  
MELBOURNE Vic 3001



Dear Mr Pfeiffer

I write to advise that Patricia Currie, Branch Councillor has resigned from her role due to accepting a position as an Organiser with the ANF South Australian Branch. A copy of her resignation letter is attached.

Rule 42, Extraordinary Vacancies of the State rules provides that:

- ii) if the vacancy occurs more than eighteen (18) calendar months, (thirty-six (36) calendar months if the vacant position is that of Secretary) prior to the first day of September of a year in which an election for such office would be held in accordance with these Rules the Returning Officer shall conduct an election to fill such vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term as far as practicable in accordance with these rules

As a result the following resolution was carried at the Branch Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 February 2011:

**That ANF South Australian Branch Council requests the Industrial Registrar to authorise the conduct of an election in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisation) Act 2009, under section 189 of Schedule 1B, for a Branch Councillor vacancy arising from the resignation of Ms Patricia Currie effective from 9 February 2011.**

If you have any queries in relation to the information provided please contact Julie Livesey in the first instance on Tel. (08) 8334 1940.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Dabar's  
**BRANCH SECRETARY**

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**PRESCRIBED INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF ELECTION  
SECTION 189 OF SCHEDULE 1B.**

I am an officer of the Australian Nursing Federation South Australian Branch and am authorised to sign this statement which is lodged in accordance with section 189 of Schedule 1B.

1. The officers in respect of which the election is required are:

1 Ordinary Branch Councillor.

2. The reason for which the election is required is:

Resignation of Branch Councillor more than eighteen calendar months prior to the first day of September of a year in which an election for such office would be held in accordance with these Rules, ie. September 2012.

3. The electorate for the election is:

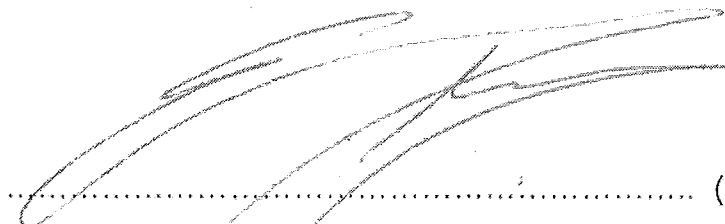
Whole of the Branch.

4. The dates and times that nominations open and close are:

As determined by the Australian Electoral Commission.

5. The voting system to be used in the conduct of the election is:

Direct voting system.

 (signed)

**Elizabeth Dabars  
BRANCH SECRETARY**

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Monday, 10 January 2011

Ms Elizabeth Dabars,  
CEO/Secretary  
Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation (SA Branch)  
PO Box 861  
REGENCY PARK BC SA 5942

Dear Elizabeth,

**Re -- Resignation as ANMF (SA Branch) Councillor**

Due to unforeseen events it is with mixed emotions that I must tender my resignation as ANMF SA Branch Councillor.

Whilst I will no longer represent members in the role of councillor, happily I have recently accepted a position as an Organiser and will therefore have the opportunity to remain a contributing member of the team in a different capacity.

At a time when there is so much turmoil and change both on a local scale and in the federal arena of health, never has there been more reason for Nurses and Midwives to join the union and certainly, never have there been as many benefits for our union members. I am very proud of the achievements of the council and the leadership team over the last few years and can only see the union going from strength to strength with the new council term underway.

ANMF members couldn't be in safer hands.

Thank You and Best Wishes to you all

Yours Sincerely,



Patricia (Trish) Currie