Workplace Relations Act 1996 s.189 RAO Schedule - arrangement for conduct of an election

Australian Nursing Federation

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T. NASSIOS ACTING INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR

MELBOURNE 11 JUNE 2009

Arrangement for conduct of election.

DECISION

[1] On 1 June 2009 the Victorian Branch of the Australian Nursing Federation lodged in the Industrial Registry the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following offices:

Branch Secretary (1) Branch Assistant Secretaries (2) Branch President (1) Branch Vice-President (1) Branch Executive Members (4) Ordinary Branch Councillors (14)

[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 Schedule 1 of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, I am making arrangements for the conduct of the election by the Australian Electoral Commission.



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1 June 2009

The Industrial Registrar Australian Industrial Registry GPO Box 1994S MELBOURNE VIC 3001 robert.pfeiffer@air.gov.au

Attention : Mr Rob Pfeiffer

Dear Sir

In accordance with Chapter 10 – Standard Branch Rules – Rule 85 of the Registered Rules of the Australian Nursing Federation and the relevant schedule pertaining to conduct of elections in the Australian Workplace Relations Act 1996, I am writing to request that you make arrangements with the Australian Electoral Commission to conduct an election for the following offices of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Nursing Federation:

Branch Secretary (1) Branch Assistant Secretaries (2) Branch President (1) Branch Vice President (1) Four (4) Executive Members Fourteen (14) Ordinary Branch Councillors

The reason for the election is that the term of office for the above positions (other than the newly created additional Assistant Secretary position) will expire on 30 November 2009.

As stated in Standard Branch Rule 85.1 " *Elections for the office of Branch President, Branch Vice President, Branch Executive member and Branch Councillor shall be conducted between the first day of September and the 30th day of October in each alternate year, provided that the Returning Officer may call for nominations prior to the first of September in the year of elections*"

and in Standard Branch Rule 85.2 'The election for the position of Branch Secretary and Assistant Branch Secretary (if any) shall be conducted between the first day of September and the 30th day of October every fourth year, provided that the Returning

Australian Nursing Federation (Victorian Branch) ABN 80 571 091 192 *Postal Address:* Box 12600 A'Beckett Street PO Melbourne Vic 8006 540 Elizabeth Street Melbourne Vic 3000 Phone: (03) 9275 9333 Fax: (03) 9275 9344 www.anfvic.asn.au Officer may call for nominations prior to the first of September in the year of such election.

and in the recently newly inserted Standard Branch Rule 82.2 'Notwithstanding anything else contained in these Rules the Branch Council of the Victorian Branch may resolve that there shall be up to two offices of Branch Assistant Secretary in the Victorian Branch in which case one of whom, as determined by the Branch Secretary from time to time, shall perform the functions of Branch Assistant Secretary under Rule 82.1.2 and otherwise each reference in these Rules to the office shall apply to both offices."

We are mindful that under the recently newly inserted Rule 82.2 a Branch Council resolution is required with respect to there being up to two offices of Branch Assistant Secretary. There is a meeting of Branch Council on 10 June 2009, following which such resolution will be duly forwarded to you via email.

The election will be by and from the financial members of ANF (Vic Branch).

Given that we are required pursuant to our Rules to notify all members of the forthcoming election, the Victorian Branch wishes to utilise the July edition of its monthly publication, "On the Record". In order to meet publication deadlines, we would need to include the dates by 15 June 2009.

It would be appreciated if the AEC's schedule of work allowed for nominations to open on or around 20 July 2009.

Thank you very much for your co-operation in this matter. If there are any matters you wish to discuss, could you please, in the first instance, telephone Lindy Williams on 9275 9321. For emailing purposes, please note that my email address is <u>ros@anfvic.asn.au</u>

Yours sincerely

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Lisa Fitzpatrick SECRETARY - ANF (VIC. BRANCH)

cc – Mr John Nellor, Australian Electoral Commission Mr Shane Lanning, Australian Electoral Commission