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Workplace Relations Amendment (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Act 2002.

RETURNING OFFICER - POST ELECTION REPORT

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ELECTIONS COVERED IN THIS REPORT

Election Decision No/s

E No 212 of 2003

Election

Branch Committee, National Councillors,

Branch Executive Director

Returning Officer

Roy Hill

RULES

Rules used for elections Rule ID

267V: Incorporates alterations of 02/09/1998

Rules difficult to apply/interpret

Election rules contradictory or unworkable.

ROLL OF VOTERS

Rule re Eligibility to vote Rule 46(e)(ii) every financial member entitled to vote.

ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES RECEIVED

There were no complaints or allegations of irregularities

IRREGULARITIES IDENTIFIED

Difficulties with Rules are addressed in Attachment B

ACTION TAKEN IN RELATION TO IRREGULARITIES

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A

Declaration of uncontested offices

Attachment B

File note re legal opinion from AGS

Roy Hill Returning Officer 5 August 2003



FILE NOTE

After lengthy discussions with Ian Henry and Laurie McGrath regarding the legal opinion offered by Jim Heard, it was my decision to conduct the ballot using the Standard Preferential System.

Whilst the rules are extremely contradictory, Rule 46(e) (iii) is specific in its instruction that the voting system "will be a preferential system and will be carried according to Rule 28(c)iv)."

Rule 28(c)(iv)(i) provides that "a voter shall record his vote on a ballot paper as follows. He shall place the figures 1 2 3 4 (and so on) against the names of each and every candidate so as to indicate by such numerical sequence the order of his preference. A consecutive number must be placed in each square commencing with the number '1' otherwise the ballot paper will be rejected as informal."

This, sub-rule together with sub-rules (ii) and (iii) prescribe a Standard Preferential ballot. The method of determining a tied vote described in Rule 28(c)(iv)(iii)(a) is unworkable and will be treated as a procedural defect under s.215 of the Act, and be ignored.

Tied votes will determined by lot as prescribed in Rule 27(1) and Rule 46(e)(xi).

Rule 46(e)(x) may be interpreted in a number of ways including a description of a First Past the Post system of voting, but Jim Heard's interpretation is accepted as the most likely.

Rule 28(c)(viii)(b) states that a vote is informal if a voter votes for a greater or lesser number of candidates than the number of offices to be filled. This is a complete contradiction of Rule 28(c)(iv)(i) and will be ignored.

Rule 46(e)(vii)(b) also states that a vote is informal if a voter votes for a greater or lesser number of candidates than the number of offices to be filled. This is a complete contradiction of Rule 46(e)(iii) and consequently a complete contradiction of Rule 28(c)(iv)(i) and will be ignored.

16 August 2001

Civil Contractors Federation New South Wales Branch

DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR UNCONTESTED OFFICES

Results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with section 189 of Schedule 1B of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and the rules of the organisation

E No. 212 of 2003

Branch President

Candidate

CHERRIE, Glenn

Branch Vice-President

Candidate

CATO, Joseph Lawrence

Branch Treasurer

Candidate

BOWEN, Terry

Branch Committee Members (11)

Candidates

ANTOUN, Robert

BIRD, Alan John

BROWN, Trevor

BURTON, Paul

FORDHAM, Glenn Anthony

GLEESON, Paul Anthony

LEIGH, Brian Michael

SIMPSON, Grahame

SKINNER, Michael

WADE, John

WAUGH, Alan Kent

National Councillors (2)

Candidates

DAHAN, Robert Peter

SCHULTZ, Mark Philip

Branch Executive Director

<u>Candidate</u>

LONG, Craig Neil

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

Roy Hill

Returning Officer

5 August 2003



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WORKPLACE RELATIONS ACT 1996 s189 RAO Schedule - arrangement for conduct of an election

Civil Contractors Federation

(E 2003/212)

T. NASSIOS DEPUTY INDUSTRIAL REGISTRAR MELBOURNE, 19 JUNE 2003

DECISION

On 18 June 2003, the New South Wales Branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged in the Industrial Registry the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following offices:

Branch President
Branch Vice-President
Branch Treasurer
Branch Committee Members (11)
National Councillors (2)
Branch Executive Director

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



POWELL, Larry From: POWELL, Larry

Sent:

Thursday, 19 June 2003 10:34 AM 'ccfnsw@civilcontractors.com' To:

E2003/212 - TO Long,Mr Craig, Civil Contractors Federation-New South Wales Branch re Print filed on 19/6/2003 Subject:

In relation to E2003/212 before Registrar - Deputy Industrial Registrar Nassios, I have attached for your information a copy of Print(s) 933218 which has been filed in the Australian Industrial



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Registry.

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POWELL, Larry From: POWELL, Larry

Sent: Thursday, 19 June 2003 10:57 AM 'industrial.elections@aec.gov.au' To:

Subject: Election decision E2003/212 CCF - NSW Br

Election Decision: E2003/212 - CCF - NSW Branch.

Enclosed is a copy of the above decision and a copy of the rules of the organisation.



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No alterations have been lodged to those rules.

POWELL, Larry
From: POWELL, Larry
Sent: Wednesday, 18 June 2003 12:03 PM
To: 'industrial.elections@aec.gov.au'
Subject: Election notification E2003-212 CCF - NSW Branch

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FAX TO:

Mr Clency Lapierre

FAX NUMBER 03 9654 6672

FROM:

Robbyn Brown - Executive Assistant

DATE:

18/06/2003

SUBJECT:

Civil Contractors Federation NSW 2003 Elections

PAGES (including header):

Dear Clency,

Attached are 2 pages re: Section 214 and Regulation 61 Workplace Relactions Act for Annual

I confirm that the original letter will be posted to the following address.

GPO Box 1994s Melbourne Vic 3001

Regards,

Robbyn Brown

Executive Assistant



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18 June 2003

Deputy Industrial Registrar Australian Industrial Registry GPO Box 1994S MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Attention: Mr Clency Lapierre

Dear Sir,

Application is hereby made pursuant to Section 214 and Regulation 61 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 to have an election conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission for the election of officers of the NSW Branch of the Civil Contractors Federation.

The name of each office for which an election is required is:

Branch President
Branch Vice-President
Branch Treasurer
Branch Committee Members (11 to be elected)
National Councillors (2)
Branch Executive Director

- The reason for the election being that the term of office for the above offices will expire on 13 September 2003, the date one year since last year's Branch Annual General Meeting.
- The electorate comprises:

Rule 28A(d) "If only the required number of nominations to fill any office or offices is received, the Returning Officer shall by notice addressed to the NSW Branch Executive Director forthwith declare the person or persons so nominated elected unopposed."

Rule 28A(e) "If more than the number of nominations required to fill any office are received, an election shall be taken by secret ballot of all members of the Branch as hereinafter provided."

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The last Branch Annual General Meeting was held on 13 September 2002.

- The proposed date for the 2003 Branch Annual General Meeting is 9 September 2003.
- The voting system to be employed in the conduct of the election being a direct voting system.

Statement under Regulation 61(2):

I, Craig Long, hereby state that the information given above is being lodged as 'prescribed information' in accordance with subsection 214(1) of the Act.

Yours faithfully,

Craig Long

Executive Director



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