Workplace Relations Act 1996 s.189 of Schedule 1B - arrangement for conduct of an election

Independent Education Union of Australia (E2004/239)

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Arrangement for conduct of election.

DECISION

[1] On 15 and 20 July 2004, the Western Australian Branch of the abovenamed organisation lodged in the Industrial Registry the prescribed information in relation to an election for the following offices;

President
Deputy President
Secretary
Ordinary Executive Members (8)
Delegates to Federal Council representing the Western Australian Branch (3)

[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 1B 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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Independent Schools Salaried Officers Association
Independent Education Union WA Branch



The Registrar Australian Industrial Registry GPO Box X2206 PERTH WA 6001



Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Branch Elections

In accordance with the rules of the Branch, we request that an election be held pursuant to the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

The following information is provided:

- 1. Elected Positions:
 - (a) Branch Executive:

President (1)

Deputy President (1)

Secretary (1)

Ordinary Executive Members (8)

- (b) Federal Council Delegates (2)
- 2. The reason for the election is that the term of office is due to expire.
- 3. The name of the Branch is the Independent Education Union of Australia WA Branch.
- 4. The date for the completion of the election shall be no later than the 31st October 2004.
- 5. The manner of the voting system provided for in the Rules is the preferential system.

Please be advised that the Independent Schools Salaried Officers' Association has requested the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission to conduct similar elections. (Copy enclosed.)

We believe that in the past the Independent Education Union of Australia, WA Branch and the Independent Schools Salaried Officers' Association elections have been conducted simultaneously, and that is our preference if possible.

As the membership records are computerised, membership lists and/or labels can be provided.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact this office.

Yours faithfully,

Nigel Briggs

Acting Secretary

14th July 2004

Encl

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Dear Robert,

The membership of the Independent Education Union (WA Branch) as at 23rd December 2003 was 3631.

In that regard, and further to my letter of 14th July 2004, the IEU (WA Branch) would now be eligible to elect 3 Delegates to Federal Council.

Yours faithfully,

Nigel Briggs

Acting Secretary

Australian Electoral Commission AEC

Workplace Relations Act 1996 - Schedule 1B

RETURNING OFFICER - POST ELECTION REPORT

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ELECTIONS COVERED IN THIS REPORT

Election Decision No/s: E2004/239

Election: President

Deputy President

Secretary

Ordinary Executive Members (8) Federal Council Delegates (3)

Returning Officer: E.M. Panegyres

RULES

Rules used for elections Rule ID 130N: Incorporates alterations of 18/6/2004 [R2004/322]

Rule/s re eligibility to vote 17(a)(o)(q)

Rules difficult to apply/interpret

There is no provision in Appendix A – Branch Rules, for dealing with candidates who nominate for more than one office in the same election.

Federal Rule 18, which is the rule for the election of Federal officers, has in sub-rule 18(g)(v), a hierarchical order of election, but there is no similar provision in the Branch rules.

Nor is there any provision for how to deal with: -

Holding more than one office -Model Rule reference 8.1

Nomination for more than one office – Model Rule reference 8.2

Withdrawal of nominations – Model Rule reference 10

There appears to be a conflict in the Definitions in rule 17(aa) dealing with "Preferential Voting".

In the first four (4) lines of the definition it states "...that the voter shall place the number 1 in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom such person votes as the first preference, and shall place the numbers 2, 3, 4 (and so on as the case requires) in the squares opposite the names of the *remaining* candidates so as to indicate the order of preference for them." This implies fully preferential voting.

In the last three (3) lines of the definition it states that "For the purpose of counting votes in **any election** a vote shall be valid if and only if it clearly expresses a preference for at least the number of candidates to be elected in that election. This implies optional preferential voting.

Model Rule reference

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29.2 - Standard Preferential - election of one candidate

29.3 – Standard Preferential – election of more than one candidate

39.4 - Optional Standard Preferential system

ROLL OF VOTERS

As a Ballot was not required, therefore a Roll of Voters was not requested

ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES RECEIVED

There were no written complaints or allegations of irregularities

ATTACHMENTS

Declaration of Results for Uncontested Offices

E.M. Panegyres Returning Officer

16 September 2004

Independent Education Union of Australia WA Branch Elections 2004

DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR UNCONTESTED OFFICES

Results of the election for the following offices conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 and the rules of the organisation.

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WA Branch

President

Candidate

MAGUIRE, Ken

Deputy President

Candidate

SHORT, Rosemary

Secretary

Candidate

HOWE, Theresa Isobel

Ordinary Executive Member (8)

Candidates

BOURKE, Deborah BRIGGS, Nigel FRASER, Nigel FROST, Brenda MURRAY, Del SHANAHAN, Paul SWAIN, Marianne WILLIAMS, Carolyn

Federal Council Delegate (3)

Candidates

BRIGGS, Nigel HOWE, Theresa Isobel MAGUIRE, Ken

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

Van Panegyres Returning Officer

16 September 2004