Post-election report

United Firefighters' Union of Australia

UFUA - West Australia Branch Scheduled election E2020/227



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Organisation: UFUA - West Australia Branch

Election: Scheduled

Election Decision No/s: E2020/227

Rules

Rules used for the election:

259V: Incorporates alterations of 22 April 2021 [R2020/174]

Replaces rulebook dated 24 June 2020 [R2020/48]

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: NIL

Model Rule reference (if any): N/A

For more details see the Model Rules on the AEC website: www.aec.gov.au/ieb/

Roll of Voters

Total number of voters on the Roll: 1,221
Number of apparent workplace addresses: 2
Number of non-current addresses: 35
Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters: NIL

Other Matters

Returning Officer actions required (Section 193): Yes Details:

- Rules regarding the timetable of the election were set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic may impact on the ability for stakeholders to fully participate in the election. A timetable for the conduct of the ballot which varied from the rules was set when the AEC was satisfied that stakeholders would be able to fully participate.
- Rules specifying the method of lodgement of nominations were set aside as the AEC held concerns that the coronavirus pandemic would impact on the ability for potential candidates to nominate. Instead nominations were received electronically, via email/the AEC's portal.

Signed

Sally Angus Returning Officer

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Attachments

- A. Declaration of Results for Uncontested Offices
- B. Declaration of Results for Contested Offices

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UFUA - West Australia Branch

DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/227

Contested Offices

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:

West Australian Branch

VOTING MATERIAL ISSUED	
Total number of people on the roll of voters (a)	1,221
Number of voters issued with voting material	1,221
Total number of voters issued with replacement voting material	17
Total number of voting material packs issued	1,238
VOTING MATERIAL RETURNED	
Total number of envelopes returned for scrutiny by closing date of ballot (b)	561
Number of declaration envelopes rejected at preliminary scrutiny (minus)	5
Number of ballot papers returned outside declaration envelopes (minus)	0
COUNT	
Total ballot papers admitted to the count	556
LATE OR UNRETURNED VOTING MATERIAL	
Voting material returned as unclaimed mail by closing date of ballot	32
Voting material packs not returned by voters by closing date of the ballot	645
Percentage of voting material packs returned by voters to number of people on the roll of voters (b/a)	46 %

Branch President (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	First Preference Votes	Final Votes
CHAN, Clem	244	303
MARSH, John	181	249
PARKER, Lou	131	Excluded

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	556
Formal Ballot papers	556
Informal Ballot papers	0

I declare the following elected:

· CHAN, Clem

Branch Assistant Secretary (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	First Preference Votes	Final Votes
STEENSON, Adam (Steeny)	83	Excluded
NOLAN, Tom	202	305
NELSON, Simon	159	239
EVANS, Cian James	108	Excluded

Total ballot papers admitted for this office556Formal Ballot papers552Informal Ballot papers4

I declare the following elected:

• NOLAN, Tom

Branch Vice President - Officer (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	First Preference Votes	<u>Final Votes</u>
BISHOP, Leigh	191	281
MARSH, John	168	269
DEEG, Gareth	73	Excluded
BROWNING, Darryl	121	Excluded

Total ballot papers admitted for this office556Formal Ballot papers553Informal Ballot papers3

I declare the following elected:

• BISHOP, Leigh

Branch Vice President - Firefighter (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	First Preference Votes	Final Votes
STEENSON, Adam (Steeny)	318	318
CHAN, Clem	Elected to Higher Office	Elected to Higher Office
BETTS, Steven	224	224

Total ballot papers admitted for this office556Formal Ballot papers554Informal Ballot papers2

I declare the following elected:

• STEENSON, Adam (Steeny)

Branch Trustee - Officer (1)

<u>Candidates</u>	First Preference Votes	Final Votes
NELSON, Simon	213	213
MARSH, John	326	326
BISHOP, Leigh	Elected to Higher Office	Elected to Higher Office

Total ballot papers admitted for this office	556
Formal Ballot papers	544
Informal Ballot papers	12

I declare the following elected:

• MARSH, John

Branch Trustee - General (1)

Candidates

STEENSON, Adam (Steeny) Elected to Higher Office

As the only candidate was elected to a higher office, this position is now vacant.

Branch Ordinary Committee of Management Member - Firefighter (5)

<u>Candidates</u>	First Preference Votes	Final Votes
STEENSON, Adam (Steeny)	Elected to Higher Office	Elected to Higher Office
HAWES, Todd	Elected to Higher Office	Elected to Higher Office
CHAN, Clem	Elected to Higher Office	Elected to Higher Office
PEARMAN, Martene	83	311
TEICHER, Dylan	34	Excluded
MERRITT, Matthew	34	Excluded
CLEMESHA, Grant	36	273
BATES, Darrell	51	264
EVANS, Cian James	63	522
TAYLOR, Wes	17	Excluded
MACNAUGHTON, lain	17	Excluded
GIBSON, Scott	42	276
GAMBLE, Scott	152	257
DURHAM, Phil	21	Excluded

Total ballot papers admitted for this office556Formal Ballot papers553Informal Ballot papers3

I declare the following elected:	Order Elected
GAMBLE, Scott	1
PEARMAN, Martene	2
GIBSON, Scott	3
CLEMESHA, Grant	4
EVANS, Cian James	5

Branch Ordinary Committee of Management Member - Officer (5)

<u>Candidates</u>	First Preference Votes	Final Votes
SYMCOX, Cameron	34	Excluded
BOVELL, Timothy Robert	35	Excluded
LONGO, Steve	48	281
KLUNDER, Shane	68	278
BROWNING, Darryl	108	275
ROGERS, Paul	48	286
LOWE, Jeremy	53	Excluded
KRAMMER, Darrel	14	Excluded
EDMONDS, Craig	13	Excluded
DEEG, Gareth	78	269
WILLIAMS, Pippa	52	247
Total ballot papers admitted for this office		556
Formal Ballot papers		551
Informal Ballot papers		5
I declare the following elected:		Order Elected
BROWNING, Darryl		1
KLUNDER, Shane		2
DEEG, Gareth		3
LONGO, Steve		4
ROGERS, Paul		5

Sally Angus Returning Officer

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United Firefighters' Union of Australia

West Australia Branch

DECLARATION OF RESULTS - E2020/227 Uncontested Offices

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:

West Australian Branch

Branch Secretary (1)

Candidates
KUCERA TIM

Branch Trustee - Firefighter (1)

Candidates
HAWES Todd

Branch Trustee - General (1)

Candidates

STEENSON Adam (Steeny)

Branch Ordinary Committee of Management Member - General (1)

Candidates

BAILEY Kerry

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

Sally Angus Returning Officer

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DECISION

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

United Firefighters' Union of Australia (E2020/227)

MR STEENSON

SYDNEY, 24 DECEMBER 2020

Arrangement for conduct of election.

[1] On 17 December 2020 the West Australian Branch of the United Firefighters' Union of Australia lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission prescribed information for an election to fill the following offices:

Branch Secretary	(1)
Branch President	(1)
Branch Assistant Secretary	(1)
Branch Vice President – Officer	(1)
Branch Vice President – Firefighter	(1)
Branch Trustee – Officer	(1)
Branch Trustee – Firefighter	(1)
Branch Trustee – General	(1)

Branch Ordinary Committee of Management members from the following:

Firefighter	(5)
Officer	(5)
General	(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.



DELEGATE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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PRESCRIBED INFORMATION FOR ELECTIONS in accordance with Section 189 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and Regulation 138 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009

- I, Timothy Robert Kucera, being the Branch Secretary of the United Firefighters Union of Australia West Australia Branch, make the following statement:
- 1. I am authorised to sign this statement containing prescribed information for the United Firefighters Union of Australia West Australian Branch.
- 2. The following information is lodged under subsection 189(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act).
- 3. The elections that are required are set out in the table in Annexure A.
- 4. This statement IS lodged at least 2 months before nominations open for the election below.

Signed:

Timothy Kucera

Branch Secretary

Dated: 16 December 2020

ANNEXURE A

• Elections that are required:

Branch	Name of Office	Number required	Voting System Direct voting system; Collegiate electoral system	Reason for Election Scheduled; Casual vacancy; New office created; Insufficient nominations	Electorate
WA	Secretary	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	President	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Assistant Secretary	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Vice President - Officer	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Vice President – Firefighter	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Trustee – Officer	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Trustee – Firefighter	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Trustee – General	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Ordinary Committee Member - Firefighter	5	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Ordinary Committee Member - Officer	5	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70
	Ordinary Committee Member – General	1	Direct Voting System	Scheduled	All members of WA Branch – Rule 70

• Important dates:

	Direct Voting System	Collegiate Electoral System
Nominations OPEN	15 March 2021 (rule 27(10)(a))	N/A
Nominations CLOSE	31 March 2021 (rule 27(10)(b))	N/A
Roll of Voters cut off date	8 March 2021 (rule 27)	N/A