Post-Election Report

The Australian Licenced Aircraft Engineers Association E2017/277



Australian Electoral Commission

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Election Decision No/s: E2017/277

Rules

Rules used for the election: [107N: Incorporates alternations certified on 11 March

2016 [R2015/272]]

Rules difficult to apply/interpret: N/A Model Rule reference (if any) N/A

Roll of Voters

Total number of voters on the Roll: 1082 Number of apparent workplace addresses: Nil

Number of non-current addresses: 8

Other matters pertaining to the roll of voters: N/A

Irregularities

Details of written allegations of irregularities, Nil and action taken by AEC:

Other irregularities identified, and action taken: Nil

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Other Matters

The rules do not provide instruction regarding withdrawal of nominations by a candidate. It is recommended the rules be amended to include direction for candidates wishing to withdraw a nomination. E.g. Nominations may be withdrawn in writing to the Returning Officer up to the closing time of nominations.

The rules appear to be silent on the method used to determine the order of names on a ballot paper. It is recommended the rules be amended to specify the method by which the order is determined. E.g. the order of names on a ballot paper shall be determined by a draw conducted by the Returning Officer. Alternatively: the order of names on a ballot paper shall be alphabetical by surname of the candidates (as determined by the Association).

The rules appear to be silent on the action to be taken should two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes in a ballot (tied result). It is recommended the rules be amended to include instruction on how to resolve a tied vote. E.g. should two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes the Returning Officer shall draw by lot to determine the result. Or an alternate method as determined by the Association.

Rule 22 (e) states: "A member shall not hold more than one position on the Federal Executive at any one time". The rules appear to be silent on what action should be taken if a candidate is eligible to be elected to more than one office. It is recommended the rules be amended to clarify the action to be taken to resolve such a result. E.g. rule 22 (e) be amended to include a reference to the hierarchy to be applied (as listed in rule 21 (2)): "A member shall not hold more than one position on the Federal Executive at any one time. If a member is eligible to be elected to more than one office, the following hierarchy of office shall be applied to election: Federal President, Senior Vice-President, Vice-President, Federal Secretary, Assistant Federal Secretary, Trustees, and Councillor."

Attachments

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1). Declaration of Results Contested and Uncontested Offices E2017/277

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27 June 2018