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NOTICE: AMIEU RULE CHANGES

The AMIEU advises of nine (9) motions passed at the AMIEU Federal Council meeting in Darwin concerning alterations to the federally registered rules of the AMIEU.

The nine (9) motions are as follows.

Rules Motion 1:

That the AMIEU Rules be amended to remove current rule 50.15, which reads:

50.15 The Returning Officer shall arrange for a post office box of sufficient size to hold all returned ballot papers and a further post office box for unclaimed envelopes with unused ballot papers both in the Returning Officer's own name and address and arrange that both post office boxes shall not be available to be opened by the Returning Officer until the close of the ballot.

And be replaced with the following:

50.15 The Returning Officer shall arrange for a suitable post office box for the return of ballots.

Motion carried unanimously

Rules Motion 2:

That a new sub-rule 13.8 be included, as follows:

13.8 In the event that a matter has been determined at Federal Council but requires finalisation of wording following the Federal Council meeting, the members of the Federal Council shall be entitled to express their decision on any such wording submitted to them by the Federal Secretary Treasurer by letter, facsimile or e-mail, and the majority decision shall be the decision of the Council, provided that the original intent of the previously passed resolution at Federal Council remains undisturbed. If Federal Counsellors from more than one branch object to the wording, a meeting shall be convened.

Motion carried unanimously

Rules Motion 3:

That the following changes to the Rules take place:

- I) Delete clause 47.5
- II) Delete clause 47.5.1
- III) Delete clause 47.5.2
- IV) 47.5.3 (already deleted)
- V) Delete clause 47.5.4
- VI) Amend wording in clause 47.4 to read as follows:

“The Branch Committee of Management of the Victorian Branch shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Organisers and nine (9) ordinary members elected by the whole of the membership.

Four (4) members of the Committee of Management shall form a quorum”

- VII) Rewrite clause 13.2.4 to read as follows:

“Victorian Branch- Two members elected by all of the members of the Branch in Victoria who are eligible to vote pursuant to rule 10.”

Motion carried unanimously

Rules Motion 4:

That the following changes to the Rules take place:

- I) Delete clause 47A.25.
- II) Delete clause 47B.26.
- III) Delete the following: “Rules 47.25 – 47.26 shall come into operation for the 2009 quadrennial elections and thereafter.”
- IV) In clause 47.25, insert the following:

The Branch Committee of Management of the Tasmanian Branch shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and six representatives from the whole of the membership. Four shall form a quorum.

- V) In clause 47.26, remove the comma between “Executive” and “and” to read:

The President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary shall comprise the Executive and shall administer the business of the Branch between meetings of the Branch Committee of Management. Two shall form a quorum.

VI) Clauses 47.27 and 47.28 remain the same, as follows:

47.27 The Branch Committee of Management shall meet at such times as may be decided upon from time to time.

47.28 Fifty (50) financial members of the Branch may have a Special Meeting called for the purpose of reviewing any matter decided by the Branch Committee of Management upon written request to the Secretary.

Motion carried unanimously

Rules Motion 5:

That the following changes to the Rules take place:

Rule 17.6. The Federal Council at its biennial meeting shall appoint a financial member of the Union or the AEC as the Returning Officer to attend elections.

Motion carried unanimously

Rules Motion 6:

That Rule 9.10 of the Federal Rules of the AMIEU be amended, by adding, after the existing words of the rule:

For capitation purposes, the number of members in relation to which capitation fees are payable are to be ascertained by taking the total amount of income from membership ticket sales inclusive of GST in a given (half-year) capitation period and dividing that figure by the full ticket price (which shall not be less than \$200 inclusive of GST) for that capitation period.

Motion carried unanimously

Rules Motion 7:

That rule 9.1 be amended from:

9.1 A sum in payment of contributions of an amount of not less than fifty-five dollars (\$55) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) as may be decided upon by the Branch Committee of Management of any Branch, shall be paid half-yearly not later than January 31 and July 31 each year by all members.

To:

9.1 A sum in payment of contributions of an amount of not less than one dollar (\$1) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) as may be

decided upon by the Branch Committee of Management of any Branch, shall be paid half-yearly not later than January 31 and July 31 each year by all members.

Motion carried unanimously

Rules Motion 8:

This Federal Council resolves to insert a new Rule 16A after Rule 16:

16A - ADDITIONAL VOTE AT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

16A.1 At meetings of the Federal Executive, the Branch Secretary of each Branch that has paid capitation fees pursuant to sub-rule 9.10 in respect of more than 1,000 members shall be entitled to an extra vote for each additional 1,000 members in excess of 1,000 that capitation fees have been paid for.

16A.2 The number of additional votes allocated to a Branch Secretary at a meeting of the Federal Executive shall be calculated with reference to the number of members in respect of whom capitation fees have been paid for the most recent capitation period prior to that meeting of the Federal Executive.

16A.3 Additional votes may be exercised on any matter before the Federal Executive.

Motion carried by majority

Rules Motion 9:

That sub-rule 4.1 be amended from:

4.1 the Butchering and Meat Industry, Refrigerating Industry, or in any kindred industry handling the products of the Meat Industry, in the Commonwealth; and

To:

4.1 the Butchering and Meat Industry, Refrigerating Industry, or in any kindred industry handling or processing the products of the Meat Industry or of Meat (being defined as any product derived from tissue), in the Commonwealth; and

Motion carried unanimously

The nine (9) motions will be submitted for approval in due course.

Rules Motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be submitted to the General Manager of the Fair Work Commission in accordance with regulation 126 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*.

Rules Motion 9 will be submitted to the Fair Work Commission in accordance with regulation 121 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009*.