

PFA WA POLICE BRANCH – ALTERATION OF RULE 52AA BRANCH OFFICE BEARERS AND RULE 52AO EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

RULE 52AA

MOTION

Rule 52AA be amended to correct the title for the South West Region

EXPLANATION

The South West Region title, as currently recorded in the Rules, is inconsistent with the form used by WA Police Force. The alteration proposed brings the rules in line with the WA Police Force title.

Current

- (2) (b) The Executive shall be elected by and from the financial membership of the Branch. The Executive shall comprise 15 members, of which 11 who hold office shall be from the Metropolitan Region and one each respectively who hold office shall be from the Northern (Kimberley/Pilbara), Central (Mid West-Gascoyne/Wheatbelt), Eastern (Goldfields/Esperance), Southern (Southwest/Great Southern) Regions. The Branch Executive - Elect shall meet within 10 working days of election to office and shall elect from within itself the Branch Office Bearers.

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RULE 52AO

MOTION

Rule 52AO be amended to correct typographical errors, update the governing legislation and introduce candidate statements to the election process with the statements to be distributed by the Returning Officer.

EXPLANATION

The current Rules contains a typographical error at sub rule (9)(a), references superseded legislation at sub rule (9)(b)(ii), and a misspelling of 'expense' at sub rule (9)(b)(iii).

Additionally, when conducting an election the responsibility for candidate statements and their distribution is the responsibility of the Branch. This has caused complications and Member complaints when the Ballot material and Statements arrive on different dates due to delays in posting across the State. The alteration to introduce candidate statements and responsibility for their distribution to the Returning Officer will improve the election process by providing electors with all relevant material in the one envelope.

Current sub rule (2)

(2) Notice Inviting Nominations:

- (a) The Returning Officer shall not less than 14 days and not more than 21 days before the date of commencement of the period for lodging nominations of candidates for an election for an office, cause to be published in either a newspaper circulating widely within the State, the "Police News" or Newsletter a notice stating that he or she is about to conduct elections for positions on the Executive of the Western Australia Police Branch of the Police Federation of Australia. The roll of voters shall close on the date of publication by the Returning Officer.
- (b) The notice shall state the title of the office, the form in which nominations are to be made, the place of lodging nominations and the times and dates of the commencement and close of the period for lodging nominations, which shall be a period of not less than 14 days. The notice shall invite nominations from eligible financial members listed in the notice.

Proposed sub rule (2)

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- (c) **Candidates for election to the Branch Executive are entitled to lodge with their nominations a statement in support of their election not exceeding 250 words together with a photograph not exceeding 6 cm x 4 cm in size.**

Current sub rule (9)(a) & (b)

(9) Issue of Ballot Papers:

- (a) As soon as practicable after the date determined under sub rule (8) of this rule for the commencement of issuing ballot papers in respect of an election, the Returning Officer shall issue, by posting by pre-paid post, to each person whose name is on the roll and at the address shown on the roll, a ballot paper and the other ballot material in a sealed envelope.
- (b) The envelope shall contain:
 - (i) a ballot paper initialled by the Returning Officer or bearing a facsimile of those initials;
 - (ii) a declaration envelope, and another envelope in the form prescribed by the Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Regulations, and
 - (iii) facility for the return of the completed ballot paper by post by the voter without expence to the voter.

Proposed sub rule (9)(a) & (b)

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- (b) The envelope shall contain:
- (ii) a ballot paper initialled by the Returning Officer or bearing a facsimile of those initials;
 - (iii) any statements and photographs provided by candidates under sub-rule (2)(c);**
 - (iii) a declaration envelope, and another envelope in the form prescribed by the ~~Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Regulations~~ **Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations**, and
 - (iiiiv)** facility for the return of the completed ballot paper by post by the voter without ~~expence~~ **expense** to the voter.

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