

QUEENSLAND FIRE AND RESCUE -
SENIOR OFFICERS UNION OF EMPLOYEES

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NEWSLETTER

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Elections for SOU Officer positions

In accordance with Rule 4.2(b) of the Rules of the Queensland Fire and Rescue – Senior Officers Union of Employees (SOU), the process for calling elections for Officer positions has commenced.

The State President is overseeing the elections and, on behalf of the SOU Executive Committee, has contacted the Industrial Registrar to commence the election process. In accordance with the Act, the election process will be conducted through the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) and is being conducted in accordance with the model election rules as prescribed in Rule 4 of the Rules of the SOU.

Officer positions

In accordance with Rule 4.1, the Officer positions are:

Office	Number of positions
Executive Committee -	
State President	1
State Vice President	1
State Secretary	1
State Treasurer	1
Branch Councillors –	
Far Northern Branch	1
Northern Branch	1
Central Branch	1
North Coast Branch	1
South Western Branch	1
Brisbane Branch	1
South Eastern Branch	1
State Headquarters Branch (Incl. Whyte Island Training Facility)	1

Members eligible to nominate

Rule 4.3(a) provides that, “Subject to the disqualifications set out in the Act, any person who was a Financial Member of the Union 30 days before the opening day for nominations is eligible to nominate as a candidate for an Officer position”.

Members eligible to vote

Rule 4.4(a) states that “Any person who was a Financial Member of the Union 30 days before the opening day for nominations is eligible to vote in an election for an Officer’s position”.

Rule 4.4(b) state that “In addition to Rule 4.4(a), if the election is for a Branch Councillor position, only persons who were Financial Members within the same branch as the nominated Branch Councillor at the relevant time set out in Rule 4.4(a), are eligible to vote for that Branch Councillor”.

Opening day for nominations

The opening day for nominations will be in accordance with ECQ processing the SOU's application. Members will be advised of this date so new members can be aware of their eligibility to nominate for an Officer position and vote in the elections.

Term of office and frequency of elections

Rule 4.2(a) states "The maximum term of office for any Officer's position is 3 years".

Rule 4.2(c) states "Elected Officers will be declared elected and their term of office will commence from 1 February following the election".

If any member has any queries regarding these elections, please contact the State President.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ron James', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ron James
STATE SECRETARY
Queensland Fire and Rescue -
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