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Proposed new SOA Rules

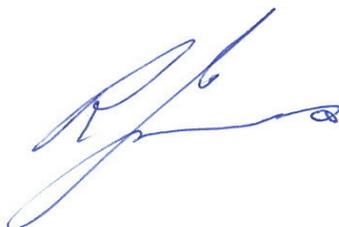
One of the goals of the SOA Executive for 2008 is to update the current Rules of our union. In addition to the current Rules being out of date and in need of being re-written, a request was received last year from the Industrial Registrar to have these updated. The process to update these must be done in accordance with the existing Rules, which requires a detailed process to be followed.

The first step is to have the proposed new Rules approved by an absolute majority of SOA members. For your reference, attached to this Newsletter are the existing Rules and the proposed new Rules. Voting on new Rules is conducted at State Conference but, as there has never been an absolute majority of members attend a State Conference, we have received industrial advice on the process to be followed. This required the development of a proxy system whereby those members who are unable to attend the next State Conference can vote via a proxy. This process will be explained in a future Newsletter.

The proposed new Rules cover two main areas, being an update of the general Rules and a change of name. Subject to these being approved at State Conference, they will be the subject of submissions to the Industrial Registrar. Based on advice, it is proposed to leave the existing eligibility Rule in its current wording. If there are any questions relating to why this was recommended, please call to discuss.

If these proposed Rules are to be approved, it is essential that the wording is acceptable prior to the State Conference to ensure a smooth passage through this process. Please peruse the proposed Rules and provide feedback to your respective Branch Councillor. I request that each member provide a response to your Branch Councillor (yes you agree with the proposed new Rules or no you do not agree. If a member does not agree, please indicate why). This will be required so the SOA executive can amend (if required) and gauge how these proposed new Rules will progress through the voting system at State Conference.

Could each Branch Councillor ensure that a reply is received from each member within your respective Branch to assist the Executive in this process, and pass these results to the State Secretary?



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