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NEWSLETTER

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2008 State Conference (Annual General Meeting)

On Saturday 10 May 2008 the SOA held its 2008 State Conference, or Annual General Meeting. The Agenda contained a number of important items, in particular the proposed change to our Rules.

On behalf of the SOA Executive I would like to express my appreciation for those who voted on this issue. In particular the SOA Executive would like to thank those members who gave up a valuable day off with their families in order to attend this State Conference. Without the commitment of the members who attended and those who voted, improvements to the SOA would not be possible.

REPORTS

All SOA Executive members provided written reports and it is particularly pleasing to note the excellent management of our membership details and the compliance with financial audit requirements. These are the results of excellent work by the Vice President (membership) and Treasurer (finances). All Branch Councillors provided verbal reports and these are vital and were well received.

SOA RULES

Four resolutions were put forward for the proposed new Rules. These were in accordance with the information previously distributed. In summary these resolutions were for a change of name, general changes to our Rules, adoption of the model election rules and authority of the President to adjust as required by the QIRC, if required, to meet the provisions of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*. All of these required the favourable vote of the absolute majority of members. I am pleased to report that through both direct attendance and proxy votes, an absolute majority of votes in favour was achieved for all four resolutions.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

A number of other items were on the Agenda, including the new logo, a discussion on the Senior Officer's Review, proposed changes to ERV's, presumptive legislation and SOA fees. The Minutes are in the process of being verified through feedback from office bearers. When this is completed they will be distributed for all members to peruse.



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