

Amendment to Rules 21(e) and 47(10(h)(i))

EXISTING RULE

Rule 21(e)(i) - Elections for Federal Council

The Federal Returning Officer shall call for nominations for Federal Council Members not later than 1 September by circular posted to all eligible members of the Federation specifying the dates, times, places and postal addresses for the receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer.

AMENDED RULE

Rule 21(e)(i)

The Federal Returning Officer shall call for nominations for Federal Council Members not later than 1 September by circular posted, **emailed or faxed to** all eligible members of the Federation specifying the dates, times, places and postal addresses for the receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer.

EXISTING RULE

Rule 47(10(h)(i)) - Elections for Branch Council

- (h) The Returning Officer shall have the power to appoint such assistants as he/she deems necessary provided that such assistance shall at all times be subject to the absolute control and direction of the Returning Officer.
- (i) The Returning Officer shall call for nominations for Branch Council not later than 1 September in the year in which the term of the current council expires, by circular, posted to all eligible members of the Branch, specifying the dates, times, places and postal addresses for the receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer.

AMENDED RULE

Rule 47(10(h)(i))

- (h) The Returning Officer shall have the power to appoint such assistants as he/she deems necessary provided that such assistance shall at all times be subject to the absolute control and direction of the Returning Officer.
- (i) The Returning Officer shall call for nominations for Branch Council not later than 1 September in the year in which the term of the current council expires, by circular, **posted, emailed or faxed** to all eligible members of the Branch, specifying the dates, times, places and postal addresses for the receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer.

Amendments to Rule 21 (e)(xiii)

EXISTING RULE

Rule 21 (e)(xiii) - Elections for Federal Council

(xiii) The Returning Officer shall report the result of the election to the next meeting of Council and shall submit to that meeting a full report of the ballot indicating the number of ballot papers printed, the number distributed and the number on hand and any other relevant matters.

AMENDED RULE

Rule 21 (e)(xiii)

(xiii) The Returning Officer shall **declare** the result of the election by **giving notice of the result in writing** to the next meeting of Council. **The Returning Officer shall, at the same time and in the same manner as the Returning Officer declares the result of the election, declare the following information in relation to the ballot:**

- a) the total number of persons on the roll of voters;
- b) the total number of ballot papers issued;
- c) the total number of envelopes that were returned undelivered by the closing date of the ballot (if applicable);
- d) the total number of ballot papers received by the Returning Officer;
- e) the total number of ballot papers rejected as informal.

Amendment to Rules 21A(f)(ix)(d), 21A(f)(x), 47(15)(vii)(d) and 47(15) (i)

EXISTING RULE

21A (f) (ix)(d) - Election for Federal Officers

- (d) provide facilities for the return of the absentee ballot paper by post by the member without expense to the member. The absentee member must return the ballot paper within 7 days of receipt thereof. If the Returning Officer has provided the ballot paper by sending it prepaid post the date of receipt thereof shall be deemed the next working day after postage. If the absentee member returns the absentee ballot paper by prepaid post the Returning Officer shall be deemed to have received it the next working day after postage.

AMENDED RULE

21A (f) (ix)(d) -

- (d) provide facilities for the return of the absentee ballot paper by post by the member without expense to the member. The absentee member must return the ballot paper **within 3 weeks** of receipt thereof. If the Returning Officer has provided the ballot paper by sending it prepaid post the date of receipt thereof shall be deemed the next working day after postage. If the absentee member returns the absentee ballot paper by prepaid post the Returning Officer shall be deemed to have received it the next working day after postage.

AUSTRALIAN PRINCIPALS FEDERATION – AMENDMENT TO RULES

EXISTING RULE

21A(f) (x) - Election for Federal Officers

- (x) Following the return of the ballot papers or at the expiration of 7 days after the receipt of the last absentee ballot provided to an absentee member, whichever earlier occurs, the Federal Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the scrutineers (if so requested) count all the votes cast and declare the result of the ballot;

AMENDED RULE

21A(f) (x)

- (x) Following the return of the ballot papers or at the expiration of **3 weeks** after the receipt of the last absentee ballot provided to an absentee member, whichever earlier occurs, the Federal Returning Officer shall, in the presence of the scrutineers (if so requested) count all the votes cast and declare the result of the ballot;

EXISTING RULE

47 (15)(vii) (d) - Election of Branch Executive

- (d) provide facilities for the return of the absentee ballot paper by post by the member without expense to the member. The absentee member must return the ballot paper within 7 days of receipt thereof. If the Returning Officer has provided the ballot paper by sending it prepaid post the date of receipt thereof shall be deemed the next working day after postage. If the absentee member returns the absentee ballot paper by prepaid post the Returning Officer shall be deemed to have received it the next working day after postage.

AMENDED RULE

47 (15)(vii) (d)

- (d) provide facilities for the return of the absentee ballot paper by post by the member, **via prepaid envelope provided to the absentee member.** The absentee members must return the ballot paper within **3 weeks** of the conclusion of the ballot period.,

EXISTING RULE

47 (15) (i) - Election of Branch Executive

- (i) Following the return of the Ballot Papers or at the expiration of 7 days after the receipt of the last absentee ballot provided, whichever earlier occurs the Branch Returning Officer shall, in the presence of scrutineers (if so requested) count all the votes cast and declare the result of the ballot.

AUSTRALIAN PRINCIPALS FEDERATION – AMENDMENT TO RULES

AMENDED RULE

47 (15) (i)

- (i) Following the return of the Ballot Papers or at the expiration of **3 weeks** after the receipt of the last absentee ballot provided, whichever earlier occurs the Branch Returning Officer shall, in the presence of scrutineers (if so requested) count all the votes cast and declare the result of the ballot.