



CPSU Elections: Nominations open Wednesday 6 September 2017

Information for members and the Election Notice

Nominations open on Wednesday, 6 September 2017 for CPSU positions, including National Officer, Section Secretary, Governing Councillor, Section Officer and Section Councillor. Nominations close 12 noon (AEST) Wednesday, 27 September 2017 at the office or postal address of the Returning Officer.

All CPSU members are encouraged to get involved and have a say in choosing their union's leadership.

Please see the Election Notice for the list of positions open for nomination and to find out which positions you are eligible to nominate for. Nomination forms are available on the CPSU website at www.cpsu.org.au/campaigns/cpsu-2017-elections or from the Returning Officer upon request.

The CPSU Elections are conducted by the AEC in accordance with the [CPSU PSU Group Rules](#)

Timetable

- Nominations open Wednesday, 6 September 2017.
- Nominations close 12.00 noon (AEST) on Wednesday, 27 September 2017 at the office or postal address of the Returning Officer.

Term length

All positions run from 1 January 2018 until 31 December 2020.

About the positions

Under the union's rules, the National Secretary is responsible for protecting the interests of members and the union and for the administration and operation of the union, including governance, compliance with relevant legislation and implementing the decisions of the Governing Council. The Assistant National Secretary acts as National Secretary in their absence and with other National Officers is responsible for rendering assistance to the National Secretary in their duties. In practice, this means they lead the union's efforts in a particular membership area or take responsibility for various whole of union specialist areas of work.

Section Secretaries and Governing Councillors represent their section of the union on the Governing Council, as the supreme governing body of the union and assist the relevant National Officers to manage the affairs of their section. In practice, this generally means they work with a national team of delegates, often through a Section Council structure, help to build and promote the union in their work area, represent members and engage with employers, working with union officials and staff to do so. Section Councillors assist in this work, representing members in a state or particular work area on their Section Council.

Who can nominate?

Nominations are open to all financial members eligible to stand in the particular electorate. Check the Election Notice to find out which positions you are eligible to nominate for.

How do I nominate?

Just fill in a nomination form and return it to the AEC Returning Officer:

By email: A properly completed nomination form including all necessary signatures may be scanned and submitted to nswelections@aec.gov.au Note that emails greater than 6 MB may not be accepted by the AEC's firewall.

By post: AEC, PO Box 496, Haymarket NSW 1240.

By FAX: 02 6215 9910

By hand: Australian Electoral Commission, Level 10, 59 Goulburn Street, Haymarket NSW

Team Nominations

A group of eligible members may run as a team for National Officers in accordance with rule 3.7. Each candidate must complete a nomination form for the office they seek. A team must also submit a team proposal form. A team must include a member for each National Officer position for which nominations have been called.

When would the election ballot be conducted?

Where a ballot is required, the AEC will send ballot papers to all members eligible to vote who are financial as at Wednesday 30 August 2017. The ballot, if required, will open on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 and close at 10.00 am (AEDT) on Wednesday, 13 December 2017. If you have changed your postal address, make sure you update your details now at <https://web.cpsu.org.au/UpdateYourDetails>

Who is conducting the election for the AEC?

Rhys Richards is the AEC Returning Officer who can be reached on (02) 9375 6362.

Copying or inspecting the roll of voters

A candidate or member may inspect or obtain a copy of the roll of voters directly from the AEC Returning Officer. To ensure candidates are receiving the membership list accurate for the roll of voters as at 30 August when the rolls closed under the Rules, the CPSU will not provide membership lists to candidates. The AEC will provide voter rolls as per the CPSU's Rules.

Candidate statements for AEC publication with the ballot paper

For positions on the Governing Council (National Office, Section Secretary, Governing Councillor and Section President elected from a section with more than 2,000 members), candidates may lodge a written statement of not more than 250 words in support of their candidature. The statement may only include personal details, employment history, policy details and the candidate's claims for election and may not include any photos, pictures or diagrams.

Please submit your statement to the Returning Officer as a word document (.doc) either by email or on a CD no later than 12:00 noon (AEDT) on Wednesday, 11 October 2017.

- **By email:** nswelections@aec.gov.au. Note that emails greater than 6 MB may not be accepted by the AEC's firewall.
- **By post:** Australian Electoral Commission, PO Box 496, Haymarket NSW 1240
- **By hand:** Australian Electoral Commission, Level 10, 59 Goulburn Street, Haymarket NSW

Candidate statements for CPSU publication as per Rule 3.23

Where there is more than one nomination for a National Officer position or any position on Governing Council (Section Secretary, Governing Councillor and Section President elected from a section with more than 2,000 members), candidates can submit a 250 word statement and a photo of themselves in support of their nomination which will be published on the CPSU website and/or other CPSU publications.

What can the CPSU candidate statement contain?

The statement may only include personal details, employment history, policy details and the candidate's claims for election. It should be truthful, accurate and free from defamatory or discriminatory statements. It cannot include diagrams or pictures (except that candidates for National Officer or a position on Governing Council may include a candidate photo). Statements must be received by the CPSU no later than 5pm Wednesday, 11 October 2017 to:

- **email:** elections@cpsu.org.au (preferred method)
- **post:** CPSU 191-199 Thomas St, Haymarket NSW 2000 or **fax:** 1300 137 646

What about comments on other candidates for CPSU publication?

If candidates comment in their statement about any other candidate the CPSU is obligated not to publish the statement without providing that person a right of reply, as per the following rule 3.23(c):

If any item submitted for publication in an edition of any official PSU Group publication published between the calling of nominations in an election and the closing date for voting in the election comments on any other candidate directly or indirectly that article shall not be accepted for publication unless:

1. *a copy of the item is sent to the candidate or candidates commented on in the article at least 7 days prior to the closing date for acceptance of items for the publication; and*
2. *the candidate or candidates commented on are given reasonable space to reply in the same publication in which the original comment is published.*