

The Executive Council at the meeting held on 8th September 2020 resolved as follows:

“That the following rule changes are approved and the Executive Officer shall ensure this determination is publicised within 7 days of the determination by notice to the financial members on the union’s website and made available to the members at the registered office in accordance with Rule 101(b):

43 - MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

(a) The President or the Executive Council may, if the President or the Executive Council determine it appropriate, requisition a General Meeting for the Executive Council report, which can be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting, for the purpose of:

(i) receiving the Full Report; and

(ii) receiving the report of the Executive Council for the previous 12 months.

(b) At least five percent (5%) of the ~~financial~~ members may requisition a General Meeting by each signing a requisition, which may be in multiple copies, for the purpose of considering the Full Report.

(c) The President must promptly proceed to convene a meeting, and the meeting must be held as soon as reasonably practicable and no later than three (3) months from the date a requisition is provided to the President under sub-rule (b).

(d) At least seven (7) days’ notice specifying the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and the nature of the business requisitioned, will be given to all the ~~financial~~ members.

(e) No other business, other than the business specified in the requisition, will be dealt with at the meeting, or any adjournment of the meeting.

84 FINANCIAL YEAR

(a) The financial year of the Union commences on ~~1 January-July~~ in a year and ends on ~~31st December 30th June~~ in a year.

Moved: Blackband/Seconded: Jepson – unanimous”

The change to Rule 43 was requested by the Registered Organisations Commission to ensure compliance with recent case law.

The change to Rule 84 has been mooted for some time and it has been resolved by the Executive Council to make the change from calendar year to the ATO tax year.

If there is no major opposition from the membership and the change is approved by the Fair Work Commission, this will be implemented from 1st July 2021.

The main advantage of a June year end over a December year is the alignment of the financial year end with compliance documents, such as:

- Member annual statements
- Income Statements (formerly known as group certificates)
- Annual payroll tax reconciliation and payment

The alignment of these dates means that there is increased efficiency in outputs, i.e. all the work is being done at once for the same financial period.

It should also be a pleasant change not receiving an AMOU membership fee invoice around Christmas/New Year. (2021 will be the last such invoice).

If you have any feedback, please email me: mark@amou.com.au

Regards

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