

Sydney Hospital Sub-Branch Elections

Dear Member,

The Branch Committee of Management met on Tuesday 26th of March 2019 and passed the following resolution in relation to the Sydney Hospital General Sub-Branch elections held on the 6th of February 2019.

Resolution:

Based on the report of the returning officer the Branch Committee declares the elections of the Sydney Hospital Sub-Branch AGM held on the 6th of February 2019 to be invalid based on breaches to rule 34 (d). The Branch Committee appoints the NSW returning officer Wayne Lewry to oversee the conduct of fresh elections within the AGM period outlined in the union rules and authorises him to delegate tasks to any member at Sydney Hospital who is not running in the election to assist him. The Committee will meet the reasonable travel costs of Wayne to attend Sydney Hospital to conduct the AGM on the day specified.

The Branch Committee does not make a habit of involving itself in affairs of Sub-Branches. However, it has the power to do so if necessary under rule 34 (k) of the Union's rules, which states that Sub-Branches are subject to the decisions of the Branch Committee and Council.

It was preferred by the Union that the elected officers of the Sub-Branch would consent to new elections taking place as it was clear that there were significant irregularities in the initial ballot. This was refused, as was an additional compromise offer to resolve the issue. As a result, the above motion was passed and the Union's returning officer Wayne Lewry, a working paramedic member, has been enlisted to conduct the election independently.

Wayne will be in contact to advise how he will conduct the elections this week. Wayne will ensure that at all times the Union's rules will be adhered to in relation to the election.

This process will ensure that all members have the right to participate in the democratic election of their Sub-Branch.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD