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Dear Naomi,

**Re: Post-Election Report for the Australian Education Union Northern Territory Branch  
E2017/103 and E2107/158**

I refer to your post-election report dated 29 November 2017.

In the section 'Other Matters' I note the list of issues in relation to E2017/103 and E2017/158.

While the branch rules do not address candidate statements, in my role as Branch Secretary I provided each candidate with advice as to the submission and distribution of candidate statements through the AEU NT Office. This advice is attached. However, as there is nothing in our Branch rules pertaining to candidate statements, our Branch Executive may consider introducing an addition to the Branch's rules in relation to this.

I also note your point regarding Rule 109 and its lack of flexibility with regards to the variation of election timelines.

I will suggest to the Branch Executive at our next meeting on 9 March 2018 to consider a change to Rule 109 and an introduction of rules concerning candidate statements. Rule amendments can be put to our 2018 Branch Conference for consideration.

Your issue with the lack of information regarding qualifications for nominators is noted. This matter should be able to be corrected administratively when we provide you with the roll of voters.

The issue regarding the ability to declare a contested election, where the nominee has nominated for more than one election, could also be dealt with by an amendment to Rule 109. The matter of nominees nominating for more than one position is related to this. I'll put both matters in the context of a foreshadowed rule change to Branch Executive next March.

I will address the matters of discrepancies and missing information on rolls, as well as roll updates, by improving the administration and provision of those rolls in the future.

The AEU NT will make available this response to members in accordance with section 198(3) of the FW(RO) Act.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Lampe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Adam Lampe  
Branch Secretary

# Elections 2017 – Candidate Statement Regulations

## GENERAL

1. The following regulations have been drawn up by the Branch Secretary. They are in accordance with AEU NT Branch Rules 108 to 111. These regulations shall be binding on all members of the Union.

2. These regulations shall be circulated to all candidates, and published on the AEU NT website. The Branch Office shall supply a copy to any member on request.

## ELECTION STATEMENTS

3. Once the nominations process is finalised, a request for Candidates to supply a statement supporting their candidacy will be made one week before the expected arrival of ballot papers with members. Candidates will be given 7 days in which to respond.

4. Candidates may submit a statement for each post for which they are standing. Candidates standing for more than one post who wish to use the same statement for each post must clearly state that this is the case. Candidates submitting a different statement for each of the posts they are standing for must clearly indicate which statement is for which post.

5. Each election statement, which must consist of text only, must not exceed 250 words in total. This includes biographical information. If the 250 word limit is exceeded, only the first 250 words will be printed. Candidates' election addresses will be reproduced as specified below:

- Bullet points are excluded from the word count;
- Numbers, initials and dates count as words. So "\$2,000", "AEU", "2017" all count as one word;
- Hyphenated words count as one word - so "ex-TWU" counts as one;
- With the exception of abbreviations, the Branch Office will convert text all in capital letters into normal upper and lower case.
- Any italics and underlining will be converted to bold text by the Branch Office.

6. In addition to any election statement, the following factual details will be printed. This will not count towards the 250 words limit. FORENAME, SURNAME, GENDER and SUB-BRANCH NAME will be added to the compendium of statements

Candidates should ensure their details are correctly recorded in MEMNET, (the AEU NT membership database).

7. Candidates may provide a passport sized photograph of themselves to the Branch Secretary, as jpg attachment to an email to [admin@aeunt.org.au](mailto:admin@aeunt.org.au) for publication. The photograph must have been taken in the last twelve months. A photograph used for a previous election will not be accepted. No alterations will be made other than sizing of those received to be all the same.

8. Photographs must be received by the Branch Secretary attached to an email via [admin@aeunt.org.au](mailto:admin@aeunt.org.au) by no later than 4.00pm on 2 October 2017.

9. Election statements must be received by the Branch Secretary by no later than 4.00pm on 2 October 2017. Election statements must be provided electronically and sent as a word document attached to an email to [admin@aeunt.org.au](mailto:admin@aeunt.org.au).

10. Candidates should ensure that their statement(s) have been proof read carefully and are correct before submitting as replacement/amended copies will not be accepted.

11. Submissions will be acknowledged within 24hrs (excluding weekends). If you do not receive an acknowledgment within this time you must contact Kelly Whitty on 08 8948 5399.

12. It is the responsibility of the nominee to submit within the deadline, election statements and photographs received after 4.00pm on 2 October 2017 shall not be accepted.

13. The Branch Office may require any candidate to verify that the statement and/or photo submitted is theirs.

14. Each candidate is responsible for ensuring that their statement contains no libellous material. AEU NT retains the right to refuse to have published any part of a candidate's election statement which, after taking legal advice, may be libellous or provide grounds for any legal proceedings against the union.

## MISUSE OF MEMBERSHIP DATA

15. No information derived from the union's membership or other database (i.e. MEMNET and any mailing lists derived from it) comprising names and/or addresses of members of the union shall be used by any candidate or by a candidate's supporters.

## VOTING

16. Ballots for election to a union's principal executive committee (including President) must be conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC). Thus nomination, voting papers and counting processes are all conducted by the AEC. Ordinary members should observe the deadlines and requests made by the AEC in connection with these elections.

## COMPLAINTS OF ALLEGED BREACH OF THESE REGULATIONS

17. Any complaint as to the alleged breach of these regulations shall be made in writing to the Branch Secretary and should be received in less than 24 hours from the closing date for the supply of election statements. If the Branch Secretary, after consulting the Branch President, considers that the regulations have been breached the Branch Secretary will decide what action, if any, be taken. The Branch Secretary's decision shall be final and binding on all members. The Branch Secretary shall publish the decision, together with the reasons for it, to sub-branches.