

FIRE BRIGADE EMPLOYEES' UNION 2012 ELECTION OF STATE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

ELECTION NOTICE

Pursuant to the Industrial Relations Act, 1996 and the Regulation thereunder, the Electoral Commissioner for New South Wales will conduct the 2012 Election of the State Committee of Management of the Fire Brigades Employees' Union. The Electoral Commissioner for New South Wales is the Returning Officer for this election.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are hereby invited for the following positions:

- **President**
- **Senior Vice President**
- **Junior Vice President**
- **State Secretary**

and Sub-Branch Secretaries (13), viz:

- **Sydney North Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone ME2)**
- **Central Coast Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone MN2)**
- **Newcastle Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone MN1)**
- **Sydney Central Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone ME1)**
- **Sydney South Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone MS2)**
- **Illawarra Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone MS1)**
- **Sydney Inner West Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone ME3)**
- **Sydney Central West Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone MW2)**
- **Sydney Outer West Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zone MW1)**
- **Sydney South West Sub-Branch (FRNSW MS3)**
- **Country Sub-Branch (FRNSW Zones MN3, MW3, RN1, RN2, RN3, RW1, RW2, RW3, RS1, RS2, RS3)**
- **Senior Officers' Sub-Branch**
- **Retained Sub-Branch**

All members of the Union who are financial members at the time when the roll of voters for the election closes, i.e. **Thursday, 16 February 2012** shall be entitled to vote in the election for all positions. Committee members will hold office for 3 years. A Nomination Form is available from the Fire Brigade Employees' Union (02) 9218 3444 or the NSW Electoral Commission, telephone (02) 9290 5403 or can be downloaded on either website: www.fbeu.net, or www.elections.nsw.gov.au

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must be financial members of the Union and must be nominated in writing by at least two financial members of the FBEU. A candidate may not contest more than one Officer Position. Where a member is nominated for more than one Officer position the Returning Officer will invite the member to withdraw their multiple nominations so as to limit their nominations to one position. If the member fails to do so before the time stipulated, i.e. Noon, Thursday 22 March 2012, all nominations for that member shall be deemed to be withdrawn.

A member nominating for election to a **Sub-Branch Secretary's** position (except the positions of Senior Officers' Sub-Branch Secretary and Retained Sub-Branch Secretary) shall be either a permanent firefighter holding the rank of Station Officer or below, or a firefighter employed in the private sector, and in either case shall be employed within the region or area of that Sub-Branch.

A member nominating for election to the position of **Senior Officers' Sub-Branch Secretary** shall be employed as a permanent firefighter holding a rank above the rank of Station Officer.

A member nominating for election to the position of **Retained Sub-Branch Secretary** shall be employed as a retained firefighter.

Each **Sub-Branch Secretary's** position shall be elected in a separate ballot. All members shall participate in the election of each of the Sub-Branch Secretaries.

LODGEMENT OF NOMINATIONS

Lodgement of a correctly completed nomination form, by the specified time, is the responsibility of the candidate.

Nomination forms can only be lodged with the Returning Officer:

- by hand: NSW Electoral Commission, Level 25, 201 Kent Street, Sydney;
- by post: PO Box 693, Grosvenor Place NSW 1220;
- by fax: (02) 9290 5939

and must be received by the Returning Officer no later than **5.00pm, Thursday 15 March 2012**. Any anomaly in the form must be rectified before this time.

A candidate may withdraw his/her nomination in writing so as to be received by the Returning Officer by Noon, Thursday 22 March 2012.

BALLOT

Should more than the required number of nominations be received, a draw will be conducted to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot paper at the New South Wales Electoral Commission at **1.30pm, Thursday 22 March 2012**. Candidates or their representatives are invited to witness the draw.

If a ballot is necessary, voting material will be posted on **Thursday, 29 March 2012**. Instructions for voting and for the return of ballot papers will be shown on the ballot paper. The ballot will close at **5.00pm Thursday, 12 April 2012**.

The count will be held at the NSW Electoral Commission on Friday, 13 April 2012 commencing at 9.00am.

The method of voting for this election is Optional Preferential. Members must number every square.

Any enquiries should be directed to Jill Johnson at the New South Wales Electoral Commission, telephone (02) 9290 5403.

Colin Barry
Returning Officer
NSW Electoral Commission