



# PFWA COUNCIL ELECTION

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This is your chance to be actively involved as a Council Member in shaping the strategic direction of YOUR Federation and contributing to growing our strong leadership voice in representing the interests of all WA public school leaders to Government and the Department.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How many positions are on offer?

The Council consists of the

- Council Positions (20 positions)
  - 4 representatives from Primary Sector
  - 4 representatives from Secondary Sector
  - 4 representatives from District High Sector
  - 4 representatives from Education Support Sector
  - 4 representatives from Deputy Principal Sector \*
- Executive
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Executive Councillor – Primary Sector
  - Executive Councillor – Secondary Sector
  - Executive Councillor – District High Sector
  - Executive Councillor – Education Support Sector

\*Pending WAIRC approval of rule change.

### How are the Executive roles voted on?

As per our rules 32(b) *"The Offices of President, Vice-President and Treasurer and the positions of Executive members shall be elected by a majority of the members of the Council from among the members of the Council eligible to hold such office or position."*

Nominations for the Executive will be called on 18 October and the election will take place at Special Council Meeting on 25 October 2024. The new Council will elect the Executive. The results will be announced at the AGM on 1st November 2024.

### **What happens if four (4) or more nomination forms are received for a sector?**

If more than four nominations are received for a sector, the Returning Officer shall have ballot papers printed containing the names of all the candidates in order determined by lot, the number of nominees to be elected and explaining the manner in which to record a valid vote. The ballot shall open no later than four (4) weeks after the close of nominations and shall close twenty-one (21) days thereafter.

### **Do you have plans to expand the Council?**

Yes, we intend to put a specific category for Deputy Principals. The Council will consider the change to our rules at the next Council meeting on August 30th. pending WA Industrial Relations Commission approval of the change. This however does not exclude Deputy Principals nominating for a Council position. This additional category of council member will be elected after this initial voting round due to timelines with the Industrial Commission in ratifying our rule change.

### **How long is the term and how often do you meet?**

Whilst you will be elected on the 14<sup>th</sup> October and participate in the election of the Executive, you will not take up any other official duties until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The term of the position is three years.

The Council meet twice a term. Light lunch provided. Best sausage rolls in Perth 😊 Teams is an option for those who cannot make the meeting in person.

### **Why join the Council?**

Being a Council Member will give you an excellent insight into the operations of the Federation, the Department and the big strategic issues facing school leaders. Being on a Council is a great learning opportunity that will be a valuable addition to your resume in demonstrating leadership and commitment in your profession.

Council and Executive Officers are encouraged to participate in meetings and be on committees and reviews representing the PFWA.

### **When will we know the outcome of the election?**

If four (4) or less nominations are received for a sector the votes will be counted and declared on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

If a sector goes to a ballot the votes will be counted and declared on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

### **How do I nominate?**

Candidates may only nominate as a representative for the sector of which they are a member.

All candidates must be nominated in writing by two (2) financial members from the same sector as the sector for which the candidate is nominating.

The nomination form must be signed by the nominee and the nominators. All elected Councillors shall take office from 1 January 2025 and hold the position for the period of three years.

Nomination cannot be withdrawn after nominations close. Nomination Form and details are on our website or email [info@pfa.org.au](mailto:info@pfa.org.au)

**Nominations must be returned by post or email by 5.00pm on Thursday 22 August 2024.**