

MUA Divisional Queensland Assistant Branch Secretary Election 2018



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2018 QUEENSLAND ASSISTANT BRANCH SECRETARY ELECTION

Bill Giddins, Divisional National Returning Officer
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QUEENSLAND ASSISTANT BRANCH ELECTION 2018 – NOMINATIONS

Consistent with the application of the Divisional Rules, the following nominations have been received and accepted. These were subject to final confirmation regarding Divisional Sub- Rule 45(e).

Area	Position	Nominee	
Queensland Branch	Branch Assistant Secretary	Robert, Maguire (Bobby) Michael, McLennan (Macc'a) Petersen, Paul	Ballot Required

Candidate Statements and Photographs can be seen on the MUA Divisional Website and will be available from Branch Offices in due course.

Additionally, in compliance with Divisional Sub-Rule 47(c) (v), those Statements will be posted with the Ballot Papers when the Ballot Materials are issued no later than Tuesday 5 June 2018.

Nominations

In accordance with the MUA Divisional rules, Nominations for all positions opened on Tuesday April 24 and closed at 5pm on Monday, May 28. There is 1 position to be filled.

3 nominations were received and accepted.

The 200 word statements that candidates submitted during the nomination period were found to be in order and met the requirements of the law.

All Queensland Branch members will vote for the additional Assistant Branch Secretary position requiring a ballot.

Postal Ballot Dates

The election for the position requiring a ballot will commence no later than Tuesday, June 5, with a postal ballot of all members of the Queensland Branch who were financial when the Final Roll was compiled on 13 April 2018..

Ballot papers will be posted to voters at the address recorded on the Union's records. The voting period is three weeks, making it essential that as little time as possible is spent getting the ballot material to the voter's correct address. Members are urged to ensure that their Branch has their correct address.

The ballot will close at 5pm on Tuesday June 26, however a ballot paper will be included in the count, provided that it is received by 5pm on June 30, and the prepaid envelope shows a postmark clearly dated not later than June 26. Voters posting their ballot paper near the end of the ballot period should ensure the prepaid envelope containing the ballot paper is hand stamped at the post office, so that the time and date of posting is clearly legible.

Replacement Papers

If the ballot material has not arrived within a reasonable period after the mail out has begun (Tuesday June 5), members should contact the Divisional National Returning Officer to apply for a replacement ballot paper. Members are reminded that procedures ensure that no member is able to vote more than once.

Absentee Voting

Divisional Sub-Rule 47(f) allows a member entitled to vote the right to seek an absentee vote should they not be present at the postal address recorded in the Roll of Voters during the course of the ballot period. In these circumstances, an application in writing should be directed to the Divisional National Returning Officer for the voter to collect the ballot material in person or to have it sent to an address nominated by the voter. Such applications need to be made before 5pm on Tuesday June 19.

Ships' Crews

MUA delegates and shipping companies are requested to contact the Divisional National Returning Officer with information regarding crew members who will be away at sea during the election period (June 5 - June 26). Ballot material will be posted directly to their ship if required where possible. Delegates should ensure that the correct mailing address is supplied.

Queensland Branch Electoral Roll

There were 1765 members on the Queensland Branch Electoral Roll at the date that the Final Roll was compiled.

Ballot Procedure

The Divisional National Returning Officer will cause each ballot paper to be initialled before dispatching papers to voters no later than Tuesday 5 June 2018.

Members must check with their Branch to ensure their current mailing address is correct on the union's records.

The method of validly casting a vote is provided for in Divisional Sub-Rules 47(c) to (f) inclusive. The ballot material provided will contain voting instructions from the Divisional National Returning Officer. Absentee Voting is provided for where a member will not be present at the postal address provided in the Roll of Voters during the ballot period.

Scrutineers

Each candidate shall have the right to appoint not more than two scrutineers being financial members of the Union who shall be entitled to be present at all stages of the ballot count. The appointment of scrutineers shall be by notice in writing signed by the candidate to the National Returning Officer. The rights and duties of scrutineers shall be to represent the interest of their appointing candidate. They shall be entitled to be present at all stages of the ballot count while the Divisional Returning Officer's carry out the procedures under the Rules and to direct the Divisional Returning Officer to any irregularity concerning the carrying out of any step in the ballot count. They shall do all things necessary so that the secrecy of the ballot shall be observed. They shall not obstruct the Divisional Returning Officer's in the performance of the Divisional Returning Officer's duties nor interfere with the conduct of the Ballot.

The Count

The Divisional National Returning Officer shall on Wednesday 20 June 2018 notify each candidate by post of the place and date of the Ballot Count.

On Wednesday 27 June 2018 the Divisional National Returning Officer and the Divisional Deputy National Returning Officer shall attend at a place nominated by and under the control of the Divisional National Returning Officer in order to count the ballot.

The counting of the Ballot will be undertaken in conformity with MUA Divisional Sub- Rules 47 (g) to (i) inclusive and be under the control of the Divisional National Returning Officer. Upon completion of the count, the Divisional National Returning Officer shall announce the result of the election in writing to the Divisional National Secretary and the Divisional Queensland Branch Secretary pursuant to Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (j). Any protests will be dealt with in conformity with Divisional Sub-Rule 47 (l).

The successful candidate will take office from 3 July 2018 in accordance with Divisional Sub-Rule 47 j (iv) as necessarily amended.



Robert Maguire (Bobby)

Comrades, I am seeking your vote.

I have 33 years multi-faceted experience in the Maritime industry. Included, Chief Integrated Rating, Crane Driver, Rigger Dogger, Excavator, Front Loader Fork Lift driver, Marine Vessel Master; Engineer, Tugs towage, Work Boats, Ferries, Charter, Lines boats, Wharfie roles.

I have experience working in maritime industry areas, such as, Hydrocarbon, Bulk Ore, Oil Tankers, General Cargo, Blue water dredging and international trading vessels.

I know the maritime industry back to front, and I know how important it is, as a union member, to have a delegate who has a genuine and absolute desire to offer support and help whenever needed.

Actively involved as a ship's delegate for many years. I have had the benefit of learning from some of the best delegates in Pat Geraghty, Paddy Crumlin and Chris Cain.

They have given me invaluable help in showing me how to best represent our comrades against ship owners and stevedores.

You have my absolute commitment to defend members and ensure dedicated leadership in promoting members' interests. Also, as we move forward. I will fight to ensure there is, and will be, secure employment and proper wages and conditions for all members in the industry.



Michael McLennan (Macc'a)

Queensland MUA members,

My name is Michael McLennan and I inform the membership that I am standing for Fourth Official in the MUA Queensland branch. Commencing as a Wharfie in 1999, I am employed as a full time salaried (F.S.E) Foreman at D.P. World, Fisherman's Island Terminal (formerly P&O Ports).

I've been a supplementary, GWE, VSE, and was promoted to FSE in 2006. I seek your vote to bring over 16 years of terminal, bulk and general experience into the branch, including enterprise bargaining, drafting, rosters and wage calculation. Since 2000, I have been on EBA, Branch, Employee and Safety Representative committees. My election commitments are simple and achievable and I will detail these further as I meet members over the coming weeks:

* Decisions based on knowledge and experience.

* Consulting, promoting and debating of all ideas.

* Honesty and openness with the membership.

* Formulation of key initiatives linking common industry outcomes.

* Hard work to further my knowledge of seagoing and towage.

If you're an MUA member I urge you to vote to have your say. Please feel free to call me on 0426 277 702 to discuss or clarify my election commitments. In Unity, Michael McLennan



Paul Petersen

I am nominating for Assistant Secretary of the MUA Queensland branch. Since 1999, I've been an active member of the Queensland branch.

The last three years I've had the honour to serve members as the Queensland MUA Organiser. During that time, I've held a leading role in organising the Hutchison picket-line, negotiating the Qube, Sealink, Linx's and the Larcom EBA's.

As a rank and file member I stood as a proactive delegate in several operational areas of our industry. Over ten years' experience as a stevedore, two years as a mooring coordinator, two years in dredging and two years in the blue water industry give me a good overall understanding of the maritime industry.

My commitment will always be to return the union to its members, to take members' concerns seriously, to act upon them, and to provide unwavering support for our delegates.

I will commit to serving all ports, ships, ferries, and tugs that fall under my jurisdiction on a regular basis.

As well as organise and promote all MUA campaigns to the public and push to bring government attention to our struggle.

I am confident I have the skills, knowledge and experience to serve as Queensland MUA assistant secretary.
