

Overview

State Council Election Process

2021



Local Government Elections	Saturday, 16 October
Zone Delegates Appointed	By Friday, 5 November Local Governments are requested to appoint Elected Member delegates and deputy delegates to their Zone, and to notify WALGA no later than 5 November. WALGA will write to all Local Government Chief Executive Officers in October 2021.
Call for Nominations for Election of State Councillors	Call for Nominations to be distributed to all Local Governments and Zone Delegates. Nominations to close prior to the Zone meeting
Election of State Councillors and Deputy State Councillors at Zone meetings	Zone meetings to be held Wednesday, 17 November – Monday, 22 November Country Zones each elect one State Councillor and one Deputy State Councillor. Metropolitan Zones elect two (Central, East, South East), or three (North, South) State Councillors and Deputy State Councillors. Election procedures are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. the WALGA Secretariat or Executive Officer shall act as returning officer;b. If sufficient nominations received, the candidates are declared elected.c. If more nominations than vacancies, then delegates are to vote on the matter by secret ballot;d. Candidates are afforded the opportunity to make a two minute election bid prior to the distribution of ballot papers;e. Ballot papers are distributed asking to place a tick against the name of the representative of their choice. The number of ticks equates the number of vacancies, (e.g. 2 positions = 2 ticks).f. votes are to be counted on the basis of “first-past-the post”;g. the candidate who receives the greater or greatest number of votes is elected;h. if the election is to fill two or more vacancies, the candidates elected are:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes; andii. the candidate who receives the next highest number of votes; andiii. the candidate who receives the next highest number of votes, and so on up to the number of vacancies to be filled.i. if two or more candidates receive the same number of votes so that section (g) or (h) cannot be applied, the WALGA Secretariat is to draw lots to determine which candidate of the tied is elected. (See example below).j. Successful candidates are declared elected to the position.k. Secret ballot papers are destroyed following the meeting.

CONTACTS

	<p>Example vote count – four candidates for two positions:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Nominees</th> <th>Votes</th> <th>Resulting action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cr A</td> <td>10</td> <td>Cr A is declared elected to the first position</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr B</td> <td>7</td> <td rowspan="2">Cr B has tied vote with Cr C. Therefore, both names are placed in the blue balls and the WALGA Secretariat then draws one out and that candidate is declared elected to the second position.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr C</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr D</td> <td>2</td> <td>Cr D is eliminated</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Nominees	Votes	Resulting action	Cr A	10	Cr A is declared elected to the first position	Cr B	7	Cr B has tied vote with Cr C. Therefore, both names are placed in the blue balls and the WALGA Secretariat then draws one out and that candidate is declared elected to the second position.	Cr C	7	Cr D	2	Cr D is eliminated
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State Council Induction	<p>Wednesday, 24 November</p> <p>A comprehensive induction will be provided for State Councillors and Deputy State Councillors commencing at 4:00pm on Wednesday, 24 November.</p>														
Commencement of State Council	<p>Wednesday, 1 December</p> <p>New State Council commences.</p>														
Election of WALGA President and Deputy President	<p>Wednesday, 2 March</p> <p>Elections for the position of President and Deputy President of WALGA will be conducted at the first ordinary meeting of State Council in 2022.</p> <p>Pursuant to the Constitution, only the incumbent President, or a State Councillor from the Country Constituency will be eligible for election.</p> <p>The Deputy President must be elected from the alternate Constituency to the President.</p>														

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