

Overview

State Council Election Process

2023

Local Government Elections	Saturday, 21 October
Zone Delegates Appointed	<p>Local Governments are requested to appoint Elected Members as Delegates and Deputy Delegates to their Zone, and to notify WALGA no later than Friday, 3 November.</p> <p>WALGA will write to all Local Government Chief Executive Officers in October 2023.</p>
Call for Nominations for Election of State Councillors	<p>A Call for Nominations will be distributed to all Local Governments and Zone Delegates. Nominations will preferably be submitted at least one week prior to the Zone meeting at which the election will be held. However, nominations will also be received from the floor at the Zone meeting.</p>
Election of State Councillors and Deputy State Councillors at Zone meetings	<p>Zone meetings to be held between Thursday, 16 November – Monday, 27 November.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Election procedures are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WALGA Secretariat or Executive Officer shall act as returning officer; • If sufficient nominations received, the candidates are declared elected. • If more nominations than vacancies are received, then Delegates are to vote on the matter by secret ballot. • Candidates are afforded the opportunity to make a two-minute election bid prior to the distribution of ballot papers. • Ballot papers are distributed asking Delegates 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). • Votes will be counted on the basis of “first-past-the post”. • The candidate who receives the greater or greatest number of votes is elected. • If the election is to fill two or more vacancies, the candidates elected are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes; and ○ the candidate who receives the next highest number of votes; and ○ the candidate who receives the next highest number of votes, and so on up to the number of vacancies to be filled. • If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, the WALGA Secretariat is to draw lots to determine which candidate of the tied is elected. (See example below). • Successful candidates are declared elected to the position. • Secret ballot papers are destroyed following the meeting.

	Example vote count – four candidates for two positions:		
	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
State Council Induction	A comprehensive induction will be provided for State Councillors and Deputy State Councillors before the December State Council meeting.		
Commencement of State Council	Wednesday, 6 December New State Council commences.		
Election of WALGA President and Deputy President	<p>Elections for the position of President and Deputy President of WALGA will be conducted at the first ordinary meeting of State Council in 2024.</p> <p>Pursuant to the Constitution, only the incumbent President, or a State Councillor from the Metropolitan 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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