



# Rules governing elections to NPA Allied Industry Group

## TIMING OF ELECTIONS

- October 2, 2017 Nominations open
- January 8, 2018 Nominations close at noon
- January 22, 2018 On-line voting available (NPA website)
- February, 2018 Candidates published (Pig World, NPA website)
- February 5, 2018 Postal ballot papers issued
- February 23, 2018 Poll closes at noon
- March 2018 Results published (Pig World, NPA website)

## CANDIDACY

- The entire NPA Allied Industry Group is subject to renewal by election every three years (at which time co-opted members and regular invitees are subject to renewal of their co-option or invitation).
- Only current Allied Industry members of NPA may offer themselves as candidates for election to the group.
- Unless he or she holds office in the third term, an Allied Industry Group member may serve no more than three consecutive terms (nine years) but may stand for election again after a break of one term.

## NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- The nomination form must be completed correctly for a nomination to be accepted.
- Candidates are required to provide information for personal profiles to be published, as part of the election process.
- The nomination paper must clearly name the candidate and his/her NPA membership number.
- The nomination must be supported by two current Allied Industry members of NPA.
- The nomination papers must be received by the NPA office on or before the closing date for nominations.
- The decision of the appointed NPA election scrutineers will be final and only written correspondence will be entered into.

## LIST OF CANDIDATES

- A list of qualifying candidates will be published on the NPA website and in Pig World. The list will also be available from the NPA office.

## CAMPAIGNING

- Each candidate will be required to contribute up to 150 words in support of his/her candidacy, to be published on the NPA website.
- Each candidate will be required to provide NPA with a suitable head and shoulders photograph.
- Employees of NPA may not express support for or resistance to any candidate.
- Board members and regional chairmen may express support for any candidate, other than at one of the meetings hosted by NPA, in any NPA publication, or in Pig World.

## BALLOT PAPERS

- Ballot papers will list all candidates in alphabetical order.
- Each current Allied Industry member of NPA is eligible to vote (one vote per membership).

## VOTING

- Voting will be on-line, on the NPA website — however paper ballot forms can be supplied upon request.
- A cross against the name of a candidate constitutes a vote for that candidate.
- A current Allied Industry member of NPA may vote for up to ten candidates, by placing a cross against each of ten names.
- The voter is not obliged to use all ten votes.
- A candidate may vote for himself/herself.
- More than ten crosses will mean a spoiled paper.
- Any other mark on the paper other than ten crosses will mean a spoiled paper.
- Only ballot papers returned by the published closing date for voting will be eligible.

## COUNTING AND VERIFICATION

- Counting and verification of votes will be by NPA staff or their appointed agents.

## IDENTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

- A total of ten candidates will be elected to the NPA Allied Industry Group.
- All successful candidates shall accept that, once elected, he/she should stand down if his/her circumstances change such as he or she is no longer eligible as an Allied Industry Group member.

## PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

- The results of the election will be announced on the NPA website and in Pig World.