

Master Electricians Association, Queensland Industrial Organisation of Employers

Certificate of Election

The Queensland Industrial Registrar issued a Decision, pursuant to the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, on 10 May 2021 that the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) conduct an election for the Master Electricians Association, Queensland Industrial Organisation of Employers (MEAQ) for the following positions:

<i>Office</i>	<i>No. of Positions</i>
President.....	1
Senior Vice President	1
Junior Vice President.....	1
Treasurer	1
Councillor.....	5

Table 1 – Positions of office

A Notice of Election and Nomination Form detailing the election arrangements was distributed to members on 4 June 2021. The timetable for the election was advertised as follows:

- Nominations open at midday on Monday, 7 June 2021;
- Nominations close at midday on Tuesday, 6 July 2021;
- Postal Ballot, if required, will open Monday, 2 August 2021;
- Ballot to close at midday on Wednesday, 8 September 2021.



Nominations

Nomination forms were received by the following:

Office	No. of Positions	Nominees
President.....	1	HORAN, John
Senior Vice President.....	1	LOVEDAY, Sarah
Junior Vice President	1	MATTHEWS, Peter
Treasurer.....	1	SAUNDERS, Michael <i>Ineligible</i> STANTON, Tamantha
Councillor	5	BLAMIREs, Owen HAINES, Ben MACGREGOR, Brooke MOHAMMED, Tasleem SAUNDERS, Michael WARD, Leo

Table 2 – Summary of Nominations

Based on advice received from the MEAQ, Michael Saunders was found to be ineligible to hold the position of Treasurer within the Union in accordance with rule 10(iv). The ECQ accepted the nominations of all other candidates.

Ballot

The ECQ was required to conduct a ballot for the following position:

Office	No. of Positions	Election Format
Councillor.....	5	Postal Ballot

Table 3 – Summary of ballots



Ballot

Postal ballots opened on Monday, 2 August 2021 and closed at midday on Wednesday, 8 September 2021.

Ballots issues

2144 members were eligible to vote.

2144 ballot papers were posted to eligible members.

Ballots returned

165 ballot envelopes were returned to the ECQ.

1 envelope was returned without the declaration slip being signed.

1 envelope was returned with the ballot paper on the outside of the declaration envelope.

2 envelopes were returned without the declaration envelope.

A total of 161 declaration envelopes proceeded roll mark-off.

The results of the vote count for each position are as follows:

Councillor One (5) to be elected

Formal votes in count	=	761
Informal votes	=	44
Total Votes	=	805

Results in Ballot Paper Order –

Each ballot paper = 5 votes

	Count	Status
HAINES, Ben	130	Elected
WARD, Leo	144	Elected
MACGREGOR, Brooke	147	Elected
BLAMIRE, Owen	140	Elected
MOHAMMED, Tas	70	
SAUNDERS, Michael	130	Elected
Formal Votes	761	
Informal Votes	44	
Total Votes	805	

Table 4 – Votes counted for Councillor



Declaration

I, Elizabeth Bannell, an officer of the Electoral Commission of Queensland assigned to conduct an election by the Industrial Registrar in Decision RIO 2021/96 issued pursuant to the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, declare that: -

JOHN HORAN is elected to the office of President.

SARAH LOVEDAY is elected to the office of Senior Vice President.

PETER MATTHEWS is elected to the office of Junior Vice President.

TAMANTHA STANTON is elected to the office of Treasurer.

OWEN BLAMIREs, BEN HAINES, BROOKE MACGREGOR, MICHAEL SAUNDERS and LEO WARD are elected to the office of Councillor.

within the Master Electricians Association, Queensland Industrial Organisation of Employers in accordance with the rules of the Industrial Organisation.

Elizabeth Bannell
Returning Officer
10 September 2021