



APPENDICES

Ordinary Council Meeting Late Reports

Monday, 28 October 2019

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10 October 2019**Our Ref: 02-002-05-0001 NS:CO**

Attention: Chief Executive Officer

Election of Zone Delegates and State Councillors

The Local Government elections, to be held on Saturday 19 October 2019, will affect Council appointments to external committees including the WALGA Zone.

As a consequence, Councils are requested to elect / appoint Elected Member delegates and deputy delegates to the Zone and notify WALGA by no later than Friday 8 November 2019.

WALGA's Zones, as the first item of business at the November meeting, will elect State Councillors, Deputy State Councillors, Zone Chair and Zone Deputy Chair.

A Chronological overview of the process is detailed below:

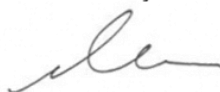
- Local Government elections occur on 19 October 2019.
- Member Councils to elect / appoint their Zone Delegates and to advise WALGA as soon as possible but preferably by 9am, Friday 8 November 2019.
- For the purpose of electing their representatives and deputy representatives to the WALGA State Council, Zones are required to hold these elections at their November 2019 meeting.
- Zones to advise WALGA, in writing, of their elected State Council representative and deputy representative immediately following the 2019 November Zone meeting.
- State Councillor Induction Session – morning of 4 December 2019.
- New State Council will take office at the Ordinary Meeting of State Council on 4 December 2019.
- The position of President and Deputy President of WALGA, will be elected at the March 2020 State Council Meeting.

Further information regarding the nomination and election process to State Council will be provided before the November Zone meeting.

Please find attached WALGA's Elected Member Prospectus. This document will assist in providing further information on becoming a Zone Delegate or State Councillor. If you can please distribute to your Elected Members for their information that would be much appreciated.

For further information and to provide details of your Zone Delegates by Friday 8 November 2019, please contact Chantelle O'Brien on (08) 9213 2013 or cobrien@walga.asn.au.

Yours sincerely



Nick Sloan
Chief Executive Officer



Elected Member Prospectus

Becoming a Zone Delegate or State Councillor



About WALGA

WALGA is the Western Australian Local Government Association, formed in 2001 with the merging of the WA Municipal Association, Local Government Association of WA, Country Urban Councils Association, and Country Shire Councils Association.

WALGA is not a government department or agency; WALGA exists to advocate and negotiate on behalf of the WA Local Government sector in the best interests of its Member Councils.

What Does WALGA Do

WALGA aims to provide value to Member Local Governments by:

- Enhancing the capacity of Local Governments to deliver services;
- Building a positive profile for Local Government;
- Providing effective advocacy and leadership on behalf of the sector; and,
- Ensuring representation in the interests of Local Government in WA.

How Does WALGA Work

WALGA employs approximately 100 staff across the areas of:

- Policy portfolios including asset management, community, emergency management, environment, infrastructure, planning, roads and waste;
- Services and advice including governance, industrial relations, procurement, recruitment, supplier panels, tender management, and training for officers and Elected Members; and,
- Operational functions including events, finance, human resources, information technology, marketing and media management.

How is WALGA Funded

A number of components contribute to the WALGA operational budget. As with most member-based organisations, WALGA has an annual Membership fee paid by all Member Councils. To ensure fairness, the annual Membership fee is indexed to the size and capacity of each Local Government. It contributes less than 10 per cent of WALGA total turnover.

WALGA secures additional funding through: charges to State and Federal departments and agencies for the administration of grants; fee-for-services selected for use by Member Local Governments; and returns from supplier contracts as part of group buying arrangements that guarantee lowest market rates for Members.



Role of Zones

State Councillors are elected to State Council from one of 17 Zones, which are groupings of Local Governments convened together on the basis of population, commonalities of interest and geographical alignment.

The relationship between State Council and Zones within the Western Australian Local Government Association is a critical one in the political representation of Local Government at the State and Federal levels.

Zones have an integral role in shaping the political and strategic direction of WALGA. Not only are Zones responsible for bringing relevant local and regional issues to the State decision making table, they are a key player in developing policy and legislative initiatives for Local Government.

WALGA's Constitution outlines that the functions of Zones are to:

- Elect one or more State Councillors;
- Consider the State Council agenda;
- Provide direction and feedback to their State Councillor; and,
- Any other function deemed appropriate by the Zone.

Additional activities undertaken by Zones include:

- Developing and advocating on positions on regional issues affecting Local Government;
- Progressing regional Local Government initiatives;
- Identifying relevant issues for action by WALGA;
- Networking and information sharing; and,
- Contributing to policy development through policy forums and other channels.

Zones provide input into State Council's advocacy agenda in two critical ways: by passing resolutions on items contained in the State Council agenda, and by generating new agenda items for consideration by State Council.

Zone Motions

To generate new agenda items for consideration by State Council, a Zone may pass a resolution requesting that WALGA take action. For example, a Zone motion may request WALGA to investigate an issue, undertake advocacy, or develop policy.



It is best practice that Zone motions are submitted with the backing of a resolution of Council; however, as Zones are self-governing and autonomous, individual Zone delegates may submit motions for the Zone to consider.

It is recommended that the Zone be advised whether a motion to be considered has been endorsed by Council, or has been submitted by an individual Zone delegate.

Role of Zone Delegates

Zone delegates are elected or appointed to represent their Council on the Zone and make decisions on their Council's behalf at the regional level.

In fulfilling their role as Council's delegate, the Zone delegate should give regard to their Council's positions on policy issues.

There is also an expectation that Zone delegates will report back to their Council about decisions made by the Zone.

Role of State Council

WALGA is governed by a President and a 24 member State Council, elected from the Local Government sector.

Each State Councillor represents a WALGA Zone. There are 12 metropolitan zones and 12 regional zones. All 139 WA Local Governments are invited to be Members of WALGA and a zone.

Elected Members are able to nominate to represent their Local Government on their zone and in turn, through the zone election process, to represent the zone on State Council.

State Council's primary role is to govern the successful operation of WALGA and broadly includes:

- i. Strategy formulation and policy making;
- ii. Development, evaluation and succession of the Chief Executive Officer;
- iii. Monitoring financial management and performance, including the annual budget;
- iv. Monitoring and controlling compliance and organisational performance;
- v. Ensuring effective identification, assessment and management of risk;
- vi. Promoting ethical and responsible decision making;



- vii. Ensuring effective communication and liaison with members and stakeholders; and;
- viii. Ensuring an effective governance framework and culture.

Role of State Councillor

State Councillors have ultimate responsibility for the overall successful operations of WALGA.

The principal roles of State Councillors relate to:

- Policy positions and issues;
- The strategic direction of WALGA;
- Financial operations and solvency; and,
- All matters as prescribed by law.

State Councillors, as directors of a board, are required to act consistently in the "best interests of the organisation as a whole". This effectively means that the duties of a State Councillor are owed to all Member Local Governments.

State Councillors are also expected to be 'champions' for WALGA and for the Local Government sector.

Commitment of the Role of State Councillor

State Councillors are expected to attend State Council meetings, of which there are six per year. As State Councillors are elected to State Council by their Zone, State Councillors would also be expected to attend and play a prominent role in Zone meetings, including reporting back to their Zone about WALGA's activities and advocacy.

State Councillors are also expected to attend WALGA events and functions and play an active role in representing the Local Government sector, and contributing to policy debates and other forums.

State Council operates a number of internal and external committees and policy forums. There is an expectation that State Councillors play a leading role in serving on State Council's committees on behalf of WALGA and the Local Government sector.

State Councillors are paid a sitting fee of \$3,500 per annum and expenses incurred to attend State Council meetings are reimbursable.



Opportunities for State Councillors

State Councillors, as board members of WALGA, are key leaders in the Local Government sector in Western Australia. Not only do State Councillors represent their community on their Council, they also have the opportunity to represent their region (Zone) and the Local Government sector at the state level.

All State Councillors will be appointed to a Policy Team or the Finance and Services Committee. Policy Teams provide State Councillors with hands-on exposure to development of policy positions and submissions to Government on behalf of the Local Government sector in WA. The Chair of the relevant Policy Team will also have the opportunity to attend meetings with Government Ministers to advocate on behalf of Local Government.

There is also the potential for State Councillors, as Local Government leaders in WA, to play a role in supporting and mentoring other Elected Members, either informally or through WALGA's Member Advisor Program.

Become Involved

We hope that involvement in your Association – by representing your Council on the Zone, or representing your Zone on State Council – will be an enriching and rewarding experience.

Consider nominating for a position on the Zone or State Council and you play a role in shaping policy and advocacy on behalf of Local Government in Western Australia!

Contacts

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Dear Mr Cooper,

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOMINATIONS

Following the upcoming local government elections to be held on 19 October 2019, there may be a change in your local government DAP membership if the composition of your council changes. In this instance, your local government will need to nominate replacement DAP members for appointment by the Minister for Planning.

Each DAP comprises of five members, being three specialist members and two local government members. All current local government DAP members were appointed on the 26 July 2018, for a term ending 26 January 2020.

Representation of local interests is a key aspect of the DAPs system. Under regulation 24 of the *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011* your local council is requested to nominate, as soon as possible following the elections, four elected council members to sit as DAP members for your local government. Using the attached form, nominations should be submitted via email to the DAPs Secretariat at daps@dph.wa.gov.au.

All local government councils are requested to provide nominations for local government DAP members by Friday 8 November 2019, to ensure local interests are represented in future DAP determinations. If you are unable to provide nominations by the above date, please contact the DAPs Secretariat to discuss alternative arrangements and implications. If there is no change to your local government DAP representation following the local government elections, confirmation of this should be provided to the DAPs Secretariat as soon as possible. Once nominations are received, the Minister will appoint local government DAP members for the term ending 26 January 2022.

The McGowan Government launched OnBoardWA as part of its commitment to increase the diversity and backgrounds of Government board and committees along with the total number of women appointed to 50 per cent by 2019.

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I encourage you to consider diversity of representation when putting forward your local government nominations in supporting this important election commitment. Further information about OnBoardWA can be found at <http://www.onboardwa.jobs.wa.gov.au>.

The Action Plan for Planning Reform has been released to ensure the Western Australian planning system continues to deliver great outcomes and great places for Western Australians. Changes to the DAP system have been identified as part of the reform initiatives to provide a more robust DAP process that promotes consistency and transparency in decision-making. Please note that the local government membership configuration on the DAP will not be affected by the reform initiatives.

If you have any queries regarding this request for nominations, please contact the DAPs secretariat on (08) 6551 9919 or email daps@dplh.wa.gov.au. Further information is available online at <https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/daps>.

Yours sincerely



Gail McGowan PSM
Director General

10 October 2019



Government of Western Australia
Development Assessment Panels

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PANELS LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEMBER NOMINATION

Please complete the form and submit to daps@dplh.wa.gov.au.

Local Government	
DAP Name	

	Member 1		Member 2	
Name				
Address				
Phone				
Email				
Date of Birth				
Sex				
*Employer Name/s				
*Position/s				
*Employment Status	Full Time	Part Time/Casual - Specify hours per week	Full Time	Part Time/Casual - Specify hours per week
*Eligibility for Payment	Yes	No	Yes	No

	Alternate Member 1		Alternate Member 2	
Name				
Address				
Phone				
Email				
Date of Birth				
Sex				
*Employer Name/s				
*Position/s				
*Employment Status	Full Time	Part Time/Casual - Specify hours per week	Full Time	Part Time/Casual - Specify hours per week
*Eligibility for Payment	Yes	No	Yes	No

* The employment details refer only to external employment and does not include your role as a Local Government member. Eligibility for DAP sitting fees is determined in accordance with the [Premier's Circular 2017/18](#).

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