

Summary of the QPSU Council meeting
1 March 2011

QPSU Council met on Tuesday 1 December 2010. 180 delegates were in attendance, plus observers. Council met at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane.

2011 AGM

Following the plan discussed at last meeting to have the QPSU Annual General Meeting for 2011 to be held in Townsville, Council voted to schedule the AGM on 11 May 2011 at 5:00pm, followed by a function for members.

Council recommended to the AGM that Ms Jan Geary and Mr Barry Peacock be awarded Life Membership of the QPSU.

QPSU-ASU Amalgamation Ballot

At the time of the meeting, the Electoral Commission's ballot of all members of the QPSU and ASU to decide on the amalgamation between the two unions was still in progress. The closing date for the ballot is Friday 25 March. Council voted to appoint two QPSU scrutineers for the ballot.

Union elections – Executive and Council

Council was advised that **Ross Buchanan** was elected to fill the vacant position on QPSU executive.

A number of new delegates were also at the meeting, following uncontested ballots for their agencies. In areas where there have been contested ballots, the ballots were still being counted at the time of the meeting and the winners will be eligible to sit at the May Council meeting.

Regional Issues Committee

At the meeting Council formally endorsed the creation of a Regional Issues Committee, with all six positions on the Committee to be filled by delegates from regional Queensland.

Community engagement

At the meeting, Council delegates acted on two recommendations from the Community Engagement Committee. The first was for official support of the “Live Below the Line” anti-poverty campaign. The second was for endorsement of the Social Compact Heads of Agreement with North Queensland. Council delegates agreed to both recommendations.

Amendments to meeting procedure

Following the discussion that took place at last Council meeting about the need for a Delegates’ Code of Conduct, an amendment was made to Council’s meeting procedure, to give effect to the principle that Council delegates should not use their position to publicly denigrate union staff.

The Code of Conduct itself is still being drafted, and delegates at the meeting reaffirmed their previous decision that such a code should exist.

In addition, meeting procedure rules were amended to allow for postal ballots of Council members.

Awards changes

Council delegates voted to reduce the number of members required to sign a nomination for an Activist Award to five, and increase the number of signatures on a nomination for Life Membership to ten.