

20 May 2020

## **Returning Officer Summary Report**

It was my pleasure to conduct the 2020 API Board Elections (**the Elections**) and I can report that from the commencement of the “election process” in April 2020 where I was appointed Returning Officer, the entire process of the election went smoothly. This Election, API engaged a third party system, BigPulse, which allowed the API to self-manage the Elections online, securely.

### **Vacancies**

There were four (4) vacancies in this years Elections. Mr Mark Kay from South Australia, Mr Bart Mead from Queensland, Mr Christopher Knight from Victoria and Mr Michael Leech from Victoria.

Mr Mark Kay could not be re-elected as he had reached maximum term of office. However, Mr Bart Mead, Mr Christopher Knight and Mr Michael Leech could nominate for re-election for another term of office.

### **Nominations**

For this Election, twelve (12) nominees put forth their nomination to run for office. Only eleven (11) nominees progressed as successful candidates. Mr John Delorenzo did not progress as a successful candidate.

The successful candidates included:

- Bart Mead, Queensland
- Christopher Knight, Victoria
- Colin Robertson, Victoria
- David Heung, Victoria
- Joseph Stansfield, Tasmania
- Katherine Bartolo, South Australia
- Michael Leech, Victoria
- Robert van Raay, Victoria
- Simon Altschwager, Victoria
- Steven Boyd, Queensland
- Teri Dee Roberts, Queensland

### **Polls**

The polls opened on 11 May 2020 at 00:01 AEST and closed on 20 May 2020 at 23:59 AEST.

There were a total of five thousand, two hundred and seventy-four (5,274) electorates. Of those, one thousand, three hundred and twenty-four (1,324) casted votes, being twenty-five point one percent (25.1%) of the total number of electorates.

The table below outlines the number of votes daily whilst polls were open:

Date	Total votes
11 May 2020	616
12 May 2020	69
13 May 2020	45
14 May 2020	16
15 May 2020	214
16 May 2020	13
17 May 2020	14
18 May 2020	39
19 May 2020	213
20 May 2020	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,324</b>

### Feedback

During the Elections, positive and negative feedback was received.

On 11 May 2020, negative feedback was received from Mr S with respect to no API branding in communications with electorates. Upon receipt of this feedback, I engaged BigPulse to ensure that API branding was used in all future communications.

Overall, positive feedback was received which outlined that electorates were happy with the voting system as it provided a user friendly process to cast a vote.

All feedback received has been tabled below:

Member Name	Feedback	Comment	Communication platform
B.S.	Negative	Hi – may I suggest that you improve the presentation of this email. It has no API logo, the return email address looks dodgy and (given I’ve just had to do about 3 ‘security courses’ !!!) the instruction not to forward it to anyone looks concerning. We have had several queries and to be honest, it could be better.	Comms Email
I.Mc.	Positive	Congratulations to the Institute on the design, content & lay-out of the voting paper. Excellent; easy to read, informative and precis. Well done. Ian McDonald	BigPulse
Anonymous	Positive	This is much easier to complete and cuts out all the extra time in submitting our votes. well done.	BigPulse

Anonymous	Negative	More effort needs to be made in regard to equity and diversity on the board and the potential committee members	BigPulse
I.H.	Positive	Great process. Very user friendly.	BigPulse
R. L.	Negative	I'm disappointed every candidate has a focus on valuation, as opposed to any real mention or focus on land economy.	BigPulse
Anonymous	Positive	User friendly voting system.	BigPulse

## Results

As at 20 May 2020 at 23:59 AEST, the successful candidates for this Election include:

- Katherine Bartolo, South Australia
- Christopher Knight, Victoria
- Bart Mead, Queensland
- Michael Leech, Victoria

Tabled below are the successful candidates ranked by votes:

Rank	Candidate	Votes	%
1	Katherine Bartolo	586	44.26
2	Christopher Knight	495	37.39
3	Bart Mead	480	36.25
4	Michael Leech	428	32.33
5	Joseph Stansfield	397	29.98
6	Steven Boyd	394	29.76
7	Robert van Raay	377	28.47
8	Simon Altschwager	360	27.19
9	Teri Roberts	327	24.70
10	Colin Robertson	225	16.99
11	David Heung	179	13.52

**Amelia Hodge**  
Returning Officer