



Bulletin Board

Don't forget!

It is timely to remember that members resigning from the Union must submit their resignation in writing. Letters to PO Box 3042, Manuka 2603, fax 6273-1828 or email priority1@aeuact.asn.au

COMING UP

Nominations close for ALL Sub-Branch Executive, Council, TAFE Council and Women's Contact Officer positions throughout the schools and TAFE sectors on **Friday 20 February 2009 at 4:30pm**. Go to www.aeuact.asn.au/index for copies of the forms and the notice outlining 2009 Branch Council entitlements.

Contact Us

If you've changed your workplace let us know! Ring Michelle or Sue on 6272-7900.

REFUND OF FEES

Council at its meeting on 29 November 2008 endorsed a Rule Change in relation to the Reimbursement of Membership Fees. This Rule change has now been ratified by the Australian Industrial Registry so has become part of the Australian Education Union - ACT Branch Rules [Rule 34C]. Please find below this Rule reproduced for your information.

1. Members are required to notify the Branch in writing of changes to their membership within 28 days of the change occurring.
2. Where a member fails to notify of a change in circumstance in writing and fees continue to be received by the Branch, upon written request from the member the Branch Secretary will authorise a refund to the member of the overpaid fees for a maximum of 3 months, or the period of the overpayment, whichever is the lesser. Circumstances in which this provision may apply include, but are not limited to: [a] resignation [in accordance with Federal Rule 17 resignations must be submitted in writing]; [b] LWOP; [c] reduced workload; [d] half pay leave.
3. A member affected by this clause who believes they have exceptional circumstances in respect of failure to notify the Branch of any change to their membership status may submit a written case for consideration by the Branch Executive.
4. A member dissatisfied with the decision of Branch Executive may request that the matter be referred to Branch Council for final determination and may elect to address the Branch Council when the matter is listed for consideration.
5. In exercising responsibility under Federal Rule 92A, regarding informing applicants for membership of their financial obligations arising from membership, the Branch Secretary will ensure that correspondence to new members of the Branch will include specific reference to these provisions of the Branch Rules.

This Rule means that members have an explicit responsibility to advise the AEU of changes in circumstances that result in a change of AEU fees payable. Where such notice is not received within 28 days of the change, members will have to seek specific authorisation from Branch Executive for refunds of fees overpaid for more than 3 months. This measure is necessary to ensure that the AEU-ACT Branch's cash flow is not subject to significant variations caused by members seeking large refunds of fees. It is each member's responsibility to notify the AEU directly of changes in their own situation.

PENNY GILMOUR - BRANCH SECRETARY

