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Call for nominations for National Work Health & Safety Coordinator

TO ALL UFUA MEMBERS,

Branch Secretaries have been asked by the National Executive to provide nominations to fill the position of National WHS Coordinator (WHSC). The position will be elected at the UFUA National Committee of Management (NCOM) Meeting on 26-27 November 2024.

All nominations must include:

- Name;
- Branch, of which you are a member;
- Contact email address; and
- A brief 'Candidate Statement' describing your suitability for the role.

Please note that your nomination must be sent through to your Branch Secretaries by COB 6 November 2024.

About the Role

The WHSC has an important role within the National Union as the key representative on firefighter WHS matters. The role is responsible for:

- Coordination and chairing of the meetings of the WHSSC.
- Coordination and chairing of the National WHS meeting held annually in conjunction with NCOM.
- Coordination of WHS activities and campaigns common to Branches including through involvement in WHS Committees and Working Groups.

- Maintaining information flow between the National Executive (NEX), NCOM, WHSSC, Branches and Members.
- Involvement in setting of Australian and International Standards through attendance, where resources are available, at:
 - Australian Standards, and International Standards Organisation meetings¹; and
 - National and International WHS conferences.
- Assistance to Branch WHS Representatives in resolving WHS issues.
- Preparation of National WHS Bulletins.

In acknowledgement of the importance of the role to the National Union, assistance is available from the National Industrial Officer and National Administration Officer. The position is supported by an honorarium of \$12,222 per annum, as of the 2024/25 financial year.

Election Process

Once nominations have been received by Branch Secretaries, each Branch will forward the nominations to the WHSSC. The WHSSC will vote to endorse a candidate, which will then be moved at NCOM for final endorsement. Once ratified, the WHSC will serve a three-year term.

If you are interested in nominating for the position and have further questions about the role, please contact the National Office at admin@ufua.asn.au. You can also contact Neil Mangelsdorf, the current WHSC, at neil.mangelsdorf@ufunat.asn.au.

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Authorised by Greg McConville, National Secretary, United Firefighters Union of Australia, Canberra.

¹ In the short term, the current WHSC, Neil Mangelsdorf, will remain the UFU Representative on ISO and Australian Standards. This will allow a handover to take place with the incoming WHSC.