

Nomination for Local Government Association President

Tuesday, 13 August 2024
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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Public

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) has issued a call for nominations for the position of LGA President to commence from the conclusion of the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 22 November 2024.

The position of LGA President is for a two year term and will conclude at the conclusion of the 2026 AGM.

The LGA Constitution specifies that the office of President must be occupied on a rotational basis between a Council Member from a council in the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) and a Council Member from a council in the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC).

For this election, nominations are for Council Members within GAROC. To be eligible for nomination, a person must be a Council Member and be a current member of the GAROC Committee and have been in that role for at least one year. An eligible candidate needs to be nominated by a member council but does not need to be nominated by their own council.

Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith is currently a member of GAROC and has been for over a year and is therefore eligible for nomination for the LGA President.

Nominations must be received by the LGA Chief Executive Officer no later than 5pm on Friday 16 August 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the nomination of Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith for the position of Local Government Association of SA President.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

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| City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan | Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation Participating in the election process to appoint the LGA President supports the objective of bold leadership and partnerships to meet challenges and take up new opportunities. |
| Policy | Not as a result of this report |
| Consultation | Not as a result of this report |
| Resource | Not as a result of this report |
| Risk / Legal / Legislative | Not as a result of this report |
| Opportunities | Participating in the election of LGA President provides an opportunity for Council to contribute to decision making on matters relevant to the Local Government sector. |
| 24/25 Budget Allocation | Not as a result of this report |
| Proposed 25/26 Budget Allocation | Not as a result of this report |
| Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset | Not as a result of this report |
| 24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable) | Not as a result of this report |
| Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost) | Not as a result of this report |
| Other Funding Sources | Not as a result of this report |

DISCUSSION

1. Correspondence has been received from the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) ([Link 1](#)) calling for nominations for the position of LGA President to commence from the conclusion of the 2024 Annual General Meeting for a period of two years.
2. Clause 28 of the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) Constitution ([Link 2](#)) specifies that the office of the President must be occupied on a rotational basis between a Council Member from a council in the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) and a Council Member from a council in the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC).
3. The role of the LGA President is to:
 - 3.1. Preside at all General Meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors, but in his or her absence a member of the Board of Directors chosen by the Board of Directors shall preside at the meeting.
 - 3.2. Act as the principal spokesperson of the LGA.
 - 3.3. Exercise other functions of the LGA as the LGA Board of Directors determines.
 - 3.4. Represent the LGA to government, stakeholders and events.
4. Further information is outlined in the LGA President Fact Sheet and the LGA President Position Description included in the correspondence ([Link 1](#)).
5. To be eligible for nomination a person must be a Council member and a current member of the Greater Adelaide Regional Organisation of Councils (GAROC) who has been in that role for at least one year.
6. The Lord Mayor is a standing member of GAROC and is eligible for nomination.
7. Nominations may only be made by resolution of Council.
8. The LGA President Nomination Form must be signed by both the candidate indicating their willingness to stand for election and by the Chief Executive Officer.
9. It should be noted that three Councils (Burnside, Playford and Salisbury) have considered the LGA's nomination process and have already resolved to nominate the Lord Mayor for the position.
10. The Lord Mayor has indicated that she would seek the nomination of Council at this meeting.
11. The position is remunerated in accordance with the resolution of the LGA Ordinary General Meeting held on 24 May 2024 – LGA Board and Committee Member Allowances and Expenses ([Link 2](#)).
12. Nominations must be received by the LGA CEO no later than 5pm on Friday 16 August 2024.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Correspondence from LGA SA calling for nominations

Link 2 – Draft Minutes of LGA Ordinary General Meeting – 24 May 2024 [Search | LGA South Australia](#)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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