



25 January 2016

Sheriff's Officers information bulletin

Sheriff's Officers' Vocational Branch Advisory Group (SOVBAG)

SOVBAG held its first meeting for 2016 on Wednesday 13 January 2016 at PSA House. Brian Jackson was welcomed as your newly elected delegate.

Delegates discussed a number of critical outstanding issues. A plan has been devised for prioritising consultation and resolution of issues with management. Delegates have been allocated tasks and may seek members' assistance in gathering information – please make every effort to assist your delegates if asked. Regular updates on the progress of the consultation process will be provided to members through the Sheriff's Officers Periodical.

It is timely to remind members that delegates are elected through a democratic process and are **your** voice within the Department.

As previously advised, an election for the seven (7) positions on SOVBAG will be held in July 2016. All financial members of the PSA are eligible for delegate positions when nominations are called. If you have the aptitude to represent members and would like to contribute to SOVBAG, please consider nominating at the appropriate time.

It is preferable that nominees for the vacancies on SOVBAG have completed, or are enrolled in, the Role of the Delegate Course provided by the PSA.

A Role of the Delegate Course is scheduled for Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 April 2016 in Sydney. However, the PSA will provide a Role of the Delegate course specifically for all members elected to SOVBAG within 3 months of election.

Nominations for training can be submitted on line **HERE**

(<http://psa.asn.au/training/>)

Under your award, you are entitled to Trade Union Training Leave and members can access twelve (12) union training days within a two year period.

Other PSA training courses, which may be of interest to members are scheduled as follows for the first half of 2016:

Sydney Metro

Women in the Union – Tuesday 8 March

Dealing with Member Issues – Tuesday 22 March

Dealing with Restructures – Friday 29 April

Public Speaking – Tuesday 3 May

Dealing with Member Issues – Tuesday 31 May

Dealing with Restructures – Wednesday 15 June

Dealing with Workplace Bullying – Tuesday 21 June

Member Support Centre

Members are reminded that the PSA offers support through a number of avenues. It is always desirable to resolve workplace and individual issues at the local level. In many instances delegates can provide advice and support in workplace matters.

However, if you have followed all the Departmental guidelines for resolving workplace

issues without success, you should register the issue with the **Member Support Centre (MSC) on 1300 772 679**. Member Advocates will provide advice and assistance, as required. Registering your issue with the MSC is the first step in the process of attempting to satisfactorily and fairly resolve your issue if all other attempts have failed.

What can you do?

- Give a copy of this bulletin to your colleagues.
- Print out this bulletin and put it up on your notice board.
- Ask a colleague to join the PSA.
- Get involved as your Area Contact.
- Set up work place members' committees with regular scheduled meetings.

Update Your Details

If you have moved, have a new work email, work phone, or work location, please update your membership details **HERE**

(<http://psa.asn.au/update-your-details/>)

Delegates on the Sheriff's Officers' Vocational Branch Advisory Group:

- Ronald Bak (Chair) - Blacktown
- Lynette Bak (Secretary) - Penrith
- Brian Jackson – East Sydney
- Jason Kildey - Fairfield
- Laurence Haggerty – Downing Centre

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