

International Finn Association of Australia



Notice of AGM and Call for Nominations & Submissions

1. Notice of AGM

The AGM of the International Finn Association of Australia (“the Association”) for 2006 is hereby called.

The AGM will be held remotely by email in 2006. This has been made necessary as more than 12 months have elapsed since the previous AGM, and there is no prospect for holding the AGM in person until the next season of 2006/07.

The business to be conducted during the AGM is as follows:

- (a) Acceptance of 2005 AGM minutes
- (b) Presentation & ratification of 2005 accounts
- (c) President’s report
- (d) Secretary’s report
- (e) Presentation of register of financial members
- (f) Election of Office Bearers
- (g) All other business

2. AGM Process & Timeline

The AGM will be held remotely by email. The returning officer for the AGM will be the Association Secretary, Josh Beaver. All correspondence will be to the email address josh@joshbeaver.com.

The timeline for the AGM will be as follows:

- (a) Notice of AGM (1st March 2006)
- (b) Deadline for receipt of financial membership fees for 2006 (22nd March 2006)
- (c) Deadline for submissions & nominations (22nd March 2006)
- (d) AGM documents emailed to financial members (29th March 2006)
- (e) AGM voting deadline (5th April 2006)
- (f) AGM results emailed to financial members (12th April 2006)

3. Procedure for Submissions

Submissions may be on any matter of business for the Association requiring voting on by the members. All submissions must be prepared in the form of a submission to be voted on being less than 25 words (the “voting submission”), and a description of the submission for the information of voting members of the Association being less than 200 words (the “submission description”).

Only financial members of the Association at time of AGM may:

- (a) Provide a submission (or submissions) to be voted on at the AGM; and/or
- (b) Vote on submissions at the AGM.

Presentation of a submission at the AGM for voting is at the discretion of the returning officer, and may be excluded if considered not to be in the best interests of the Association or the promotion of racing of Finns in Australia.

4. Procedure for Nominations

Nominations will be accepted for the following Office Bearers of the Association:

- (a) **President**
The role of the President is to represent the Association in all formal business, including the Association’s affiliation with the International Finn Association, Yachting Australia, and other organisations.
- (b) **Secretary**
The role of the Secretary is manage all non-financial aspects of the Association, including all correspondence of the Association, voting at the International Finn AGM, the Association AGM, and the register of financial members.
- (c) **Treasurer**
The role of the Treasurer is to manage all financial aspects of the Association, including management of Association accounts, all appropriate disbursements, and presentation of annual Association accounts.
- (d) **Measurer (non-Executive position)**
The role of the Measurer is to conduct all appropriate class measurements as deemed appropriate and required by the Association. The Measurer must be appropriately accredited by the International Finn Association to take up the role.

The Office Bearers collectively form the Association Executive. The Association Executive holds the executive power to make decisions and take action on behalf of Association members for the benefit of the Finn class in Australia. All key policy decisions of the Association are required to be put to members at an Association meeting (normally the Association AGM). All

day-to-day decisions (and all decisions requiring immediate action) are decided by the Association Executive. The Association Executive is constituted by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Where the Association Executive cannot reach a unanimous decision, majority vote prevails. It is expected that the Association Executive will draft an appropriate new constitution for the Association to be voted on at the 2007 Association AGM.

5. Financial Membership Fee for 2006

The financial membership fee for the Association for 2006 is \$80 per member. The financial membership fee covers the calendar year of 2006. Financial membership of the Association entitles the member:

- (a) To race in Association events;
- (b) To receive one Official Finn Sticker (entitling the boat to which applied to race in International Finn Association events);
- (c) To vote in Association meetings;
- (d) To stand for election as an Office Bearer of the Association; and
- (e) To receive all copies of Finnfare published during the year.

The financial membership fee must be paid by the time specified in the AGM timetable. The financial membership fee must be paid by cheque made out to the "International Finn Association of Australia", sent by mail to:

Josh Beaver
Secretary, International Finn Class of Australia
5 Loftus Road
Darling Point NSW 2027

By notice on 1st March 2006:

Josh Beaver
Secretary
International Finn Association of Australia