



Friday 21 August

Vote for the SGM motions

Dear Peter,

The long awaited vote for the SGM motions are in the mail.

The SGM motion has been sent to all current financial HGFA members only.

Important notice - There was an error that states that the ballot closes on **August the 28th**. **The actual closing date of the ballot is Thursday 17th September** - Please pass this important information on.

There will be three A4 pages: these are: The case for a **YES** vote; The case for a **NO** vote and a **ballot paper** which will have a total of 5 motions stated on it, each with a corresponding **YES** and **NO** box. You should **mark with a tick or a cross the relevant YES or NO box** depending on your stance in regard to the specified motion.

When you have marked your votes on the motions you fill in the section on the reverse side for **your name, HGFA ID and signature**. That page then folds to an envelope that needs to be returned to the HGFA Office by the specified date of **Thursday 17th September**.

All votes are mailed directly to the HGFA offices and will be counted and verified by the office staff and a representative form each of the **YES** and **NO** motions.

This vote is crucial in order for the HGFA (your association) to be able to move forward and complete the tasks as outlined by CASA and other relevant parties.

All parties are bound by, and have agreed that whatever the members decide to vote will be carried out and gives a clear mandate to complete the policies that have been broadly debated in both *Soaring Australia* and on the many forums.

If ever there was a time your vote counted more it is now for this SGM motion and for the next sitting board from which all the willing nominations have been accepted.

Remember your votes count!

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In other news

The 2010 - 2012 board election is now on.

Nominations are *closed* as from **August 14**. A list of nominations has now been accepted through the office and all nominations will be published in the next *Soaring Australia* for you to vote on.

Historically there has been a very low percentage of voting for those nominating.

With the *SGM vote* happening at the same time this is now crucial that you vote for your next board to begin in April 2010 to begin the task of bringing all pilots together in order to preserve our right to fly.

Please remember this is **your opportunity** to have your member represent you. All votes count, whether you vote or not.

9 places are open to be filled with the highest votes getting on.

CASA public statement imminent

Once the CASA Contract is released we will post the criteria with full briefing to the HGFA web page as it will be important for all members to understand the requirements.

We have been asked to hold off doing that until CASA has made a public statement concerning the changes that will effect all Recreational Aviation Administration organizations.

Sorry, we realize that's a bit vague, but if you read the latest GM report you will have more understanding of the Risk Profile and work that CASA is doing regarding this move.

Your nominees for the next board

Nominations for the next board are now closed and we are pleased to announce that 21 members have placed their nomination for the 2010 - 2012 Board.

2010-2012 HGFA Board Nominees

Alexandre Grieve
Alex Jones
Benn Kovco
Bob Hayes
Brian Webb
Chris Drake
Greg Lowry
Hamish Baker
Javier Alvarez
John Towmey
Lee Patterson
Liesel Pisani
Mark Mitsos
Martin Halford
Paul Coffey
Peter Dower
Peter Wennersten
Raef Mackay
Rob Lithgow
Rob Woodward
Stephen Clark

All nominations will be in the next Soaring Australia with all the voting forms.

We highly recommend that given the very crucial year ahead with CASA that you view each of the bios in *this coming Soaring Australia edition* and **assemble a team that has the skill sets to manage the tasks ahead.**

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