

Dear Members,

Formal Notice: Special General Meeting (By-Election)

Scarlet Alliance will be holding an online by-election to fill three roles on the executive committee that currently have vacancies: Vice President, Secretary and Secretary Double. As some of you know- these are roles that were unfilled at the last AGM in November 2015.

Nominations open 4th February and close Wednesday 24th February 3pm AEDT (Sydney time).

Voting will open for the election on Thursday February 25 at 3pm AEDT

Voting will close on Friday 26th at 3pm AEDT.

3pm AEDT for your state or territory:

WA: 12pm midday

NT: 1:30pm

QLD: 2pm

SA: 2:30pm

VIC; NSW; TAS: 3pm

The elections for all three positions will be held simultaneously:

1. Vice President *10 hours a week* of self motivated work on the e-list, plus research, teleconferences and meetings. Co-ordinating doubles stepping up and down from executive; being contact point/liaison between spokesperson and representatives and the Executive Committee.

2. Secretary *10 hours a week* of self motivated work on the e-list, plus research, teleconferences and meetings. Taking minutes at meetings; with the President and committee-co-ordinating agendas, meeting dates and notices to the membership.

3. Secretary Double *10 hours minimum per month* and approximately 10 hours per week when stepping up as Secretary or other Executive Committee positions.

Being in an elected position carrying out the governance work at your national peak sex worker organisation can be an extremely rewarding experience! It is a chance to both learn lots of new things and to share your knowledge and expertise with other sex workers and the wider community.

You can nominate if:

- You meet the key criteria for the role(s).
- You are a current or former sex worker.
- You are a current individual member of Scarlet Alliance (either voting or non-voting).
- You are able to regularly access the internet and to send emails and edit electronic documents.
- You can commit to the number of hours per week (or month) required of the role you are nominating for.

Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to get involved in your national sex worker organisation. There are several documents attached to this email to give you more information about each of the different roles including time commitments, the work involved and relevant criteria.

Note: Orientation sessions will be provided at the March face to face meeting (16-18th March) so please consider these dates if nominating. The position descriptions and other attachments to this notice are designed to give a background understanding of what each of the roles entails as well as what being on the Executive Committee involves. If you have any further questions about nominating for any of these positions please contact current Executive Committee members:

Ryan Cole (President)- president@scarletalliance.org.au and/or
Tarkwin Coles (Acting Vice President/ Elected Vice President Double) tarkwin.sin@live.com.au

How to Nominate

1. Complete your nomination form (which is attached to this email) by having it signed by any two current Scarlet Alliance members (voting or non-voting)
2. Write a couple of sentences (**150 words maximum**) about why you would like to be in the role(s) you are nominating for.
3. Send both your nomination form and your 150 words (please ensure it's no more than 150 so it's fair, anything after 150 words will not be shown) to 'The Secretary to be received by Wednesday 24th February 3pm AEDT.

Either by:

*scan and email to members@scarletalliance.org.au
fax to (02) 9517 2488, or
post to P O Box 854, Newtown, NSW 2042*

Note: ***If posting your nomination*** please send an email to members@scarletalliance.org.au or call the office on 02 9517 2577 to let us know if it's in the mail.

Election/ Voting process

As per Scarlet Alliance's Constitutional requirements, no less than 21 days notice of this Special Resolution Meeting has been given to the voting membership -via means of this email as well as notices on the Scarlet Alliance notice board and website. Similar to by-elections in previous years, a 'virtual' election via an online election system will be held. Voting delegates and Voting Individual Members will be contacted prior to the election with a reminder and then with a link where ***they will be able to vote between 3pm AEDT February 25th and 3pm AEDT February 26th.***

Note: Each individual can only cast one vote, so if you are both an individual voting member and a delegate for a member organisation your vote will be as a delegate for that organisation and not in your individual capacity.

Those who are elected will hold office until the conclusion of the first general meeting of Scarlet Alliance following the date of the committee members' election (i.e. until the November 2016 AGM election)

For more information about the vacant positions or the election process, please contact President Ryan Cole - president@scarletalliance.org.au and/or Vice President Tarkwin Coles - tarkwin.sin@live.com.au

Kind Regards,
Rebecca Davies
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Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association