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## Interest high in RPEQ election

Sixty one registered professional engineers (RPEQ) will stand for election to the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland (BPEQ) in 2016.

BPEQ Registrar Kylie Mercer said there was unprecedented interest in the 2016 election and a strong field of candidates vying for the position of RPEQ representative.

“We have not seen this level of interest in the election of an RPEQ since voting was first introduced”, said Ms Mercer.

“In 2007 there was just one candidate, who was elected unopposed; in 2010, two candidates stood for election, and in 2013, 58 candidates nominated.

“There is high quality and experienced engineers amongst the nominees and pleasingly around 10 per cent of candidates are women.

“There is also great diversity in terms of the areas of engineering represented amongst the candidates, such as chemical, mining and mechanical engineers, and even aerospace engineers”, she said.

Outgoing RPEQ representative Julie Mitchell, who is not standing for re-election, spoke of her appreciation at being given the chance to represent her peers.

“I was very humbled at being elected by my peers to represent them on the Board and my work has been both challenging and fulfilling”, said Ms Mitchell.

“In representing RPEQs for the past three years, I have tried to bring a balanced and pragmatic advocacy of engineers to decisions made by the Board.

“I encourage all RPEQs to contribute to the selection of their next representative.”

This year the RPEQ election is being conducted through an online ballot, with BPEQ engaging a third party to provide the election service.

All current RPEQs are eligible to vote in the election which is open until 4:30pm 14 March 2016. To vote RPEQs will receive an email from the Australian Election Company and be required to enter their RPEQ number and a unique pin assigned by the Australian Election Company.

For the full list of candidates visit <http://www.austelect.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/BPEQ-Statements.pdf>.

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