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SCOA FEDERAL PRESIDENT – VACANCY

Are you our next Federal President?

Dr Annette Barbetti has completed the maximum number of terms under our rules as SCOA Federal President and will stand down in March 2012. Annette has represented SCOA in a professional, energetic and measured manner. She continues to work hard to progress the issues facing retired Commonwealth and Territory public servants.

Over the term of the next Federal President SCOA faces some key challenges. SCOA will need to appeal to younger members to offset an ageing and declining membership. The broader Public Service environment has also changed. There are now more PSS members than CSS members, and since 2005 new public sector employees will not receive a defined benefit pension. This challenges SCOA to re-assess its focus and relevance if it is to survive. In August 2011, SCOA's Federal Council agreed that SCOA needed to become a national body to ensure its future. Our new President will also be required to navigate SCOA's activities through a most challenging political and financial period due to the present economic circumstances and the Government's strong desire to return the budget to surplus.

The position of Federal President attracts a small honorarium to offset costs such as phone, local travel to attend meetings and to recognise the importance of the position.

We are looking for a responsible and committed person who is a strategic thinker and articulate with an appreciation of the issues SCOA faces as an organisation as well as retirement issues such as superannuation, tax, health and aged care. Ideally, the person will have had experience in leading organisational change at a reasonably senior level.

As the national leader of SCOA, our President should be able to represent our issues cogently to politicians and government representatives as well as to other like-minded organisations and the media. The President regularly attends a number of meetings in Canberra with government officials and with other key organisations.

The President chairs the Federal Executive and Federal Council meetings and is supported by three Vice Presidents and two part-time staff in Federal Office Canberra. The President also provides general guidance to the management of Federal Office. Some interstate travel at SCOA expense may be desirable from time to time for branch visits and other relevant matters.

If you consider that you have the attributes required to take on the challenges and rewards of this important position, please contact the Returning Officer, Mr Tom Dent at Federal Office on 02 6286 7977 for a nomination form. For further information about what would be involved,

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