

## **Three New Faces Win PBB Vice-president Posts**

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KUCHING, Feb 10 (Bernama) -- Sarawak Coastal Road Assistant Minister Datuk Julaihi Narawi obtained the highest number of votes at 770, in the fight for four vice-president posts in the Bumiputera wing of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) here today.

Three others who won the posts for the 2018-2020 term were Education and Technological Research Assistant Minister Dr Annuar Rapaee at 764 votes; Rural Electricity Assistant Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Junaidi (719); and Sarawak Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah (698).

The trio are new faces to the posts.

Other leaders who had also contested were Agriculture Assistant Minister Abdul Rahman Ismail (585 votes), Urban Planning, Land Administration and Environment Assistant Minister Datuk Len Talif Salleh (481) and Minister in the Chief Minister's Office (Integrity and Ombudsman) Datuk Talip Zulpilip (320).

PBB Permanent Chairman Datuk Amar Mohamad Asfia Awang Nasar announced the election results late this afternoon.

As for the Pesaka wing of the party, Datuk Seri Dr Stephen Rundi Utom, Datuk Roland Sagah Wee Inn and Datuk Gerawat Gala won the vice-president posts uncontested.

Only the vice-president posts for the Bumiputera wing were contested in the nomination held in conjunction with the party's three-day 14th General Assembly ending tomorrow.

Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abang Johari Tun Openg, who was PBB deputy

president, was elected unopposed and announced party president.

Meanwhile, Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas was also elected unopposed as Pesaka wing president, while Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan is president of the Bumiputera wing. Both are deputy chief ministers.

Elected unopposed for the senior vice-president posts were Works Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof for the Bumiputera wing, and Education, Science and Technology Research Minister Datuk Seri Michael Manyin Anak Jawong (Pesaka).

The appointments for secretary-general, treasurer and information chief posts are expected to be made during the first exco meeting.

Sarawak Welfare, Community Well-Being, Women, Family and Childhood Development Minister Datuk Seri Fatimah Abdullah is the new Women's chief, replacing Tan Sri Empiang Jabu.

Meanwhile, Gerald Rentap Jabu, who won uncontested, takes over Fadillah's post as Youth chief.

The assembly will resume tomorrow with the presentation of three resolutions, namely education, the 1963 Malaysia Agreement and digital economy.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak officiated the assembly today, while Abang Johari will officiate the closing ceremony tomorrow.

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