

Association of Local Council Clerks

Notes of the National Committee discussions

Held by exchange of emails during July 2016

Taking part: Katherine Owen (Chairman), Paula Heath (Vice Chairman), Bob Gillis, Michael King, Michael Lennon, Tracey Broughton, Edward Humphreys, Linda Hedley, Richard Bishop, Alan Blakeley, Carol Smy and Steven Trice with Richard Walden (Interim General Secretary).

1. Recruitment and Elections

Richard reported that 1,202 members had joined the union in its first three weeks of operation and members agreed that it we should now start preparing for the first elections for the national Committee and the General Secretary. SLCC's National Legal Officer had supplied a draft elections timetable which suggested the period for submitting nominations be one month.

During the discussion it was suggested that the names of "National Executive Council" for SLCC and "National Committee" for ALCC were confusing and a more distinct name should be selected. It was though noted that the President's Commission might be recommending changes to the SLCC governance which would make this point unnecessary. It was also suggested that the current two member region each should be subdivided into two with a single representative. This would necessitate a change in the current Rules of the Association which provide for a four year term of office but that in the first elections one representative will serve for two years in order to provide for continuity in the committee with elections of half the representatives every two years.

The following points were then agreed:

1. That elections for the National Committee and General Secretary be held at the same time
2. That SLCC's National Legal Advisor be appointed the Union's Elections Officer and be authorised to appoint an elections agent to conduct any contested election
3. That the term of office of the General Secretary be for an initial period of two years
4. That ALCC adopts SLCC's policy for reimbursing travelling and out of pocket expenses
5. That the Committee rules that candidates for regional representative positions may only stand in one region
6. That the timetable calculation for all elections be as set out in the circulated draft Notice be approved
7. That the first elections be timed so that the closing date for nominations falls immediately prior to the Inaugural Meeting
8. That the Association's Inaugural Meeting be held at Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire on Saturday 15th October 2016 at 12 noon
9. That all nominated candidates for the position of General Secretary (but not regional representatives) be invited to take part in a "hustings" at the Inaugural Meeting, this being in addition to the submission of their usual election address

10. The initial term of office for General Secretary be determined as two years but that the position be reviewed once the new union has been operating for a time
11. That for the first regional representative elections, in contested elections the candidate with the highest vote serves for four years and in uncontested elections the Interim General Secretary and the Interim Vice Chairman be authorised to draw lots to decide which nominee serves for four years
12. That the Committee rules that, whilst there is no restriction on a member being nominated for more than one position, a member cannot be general secretary and a regional representative at the same time.