

Resolutions

1. To create the post of Secretary of the Branches Forum

That sections 9.2, 9.3, 9.8 and 14.12-14.16 of the Constitution shall be amended as follows (new text underlined, deleted text ~~struck through~~):

- 9.2 The Branches Forum shall consist of the chairmen of each affiliated branch of the Movement (with full power to each of such chairmen to appoint a replacement in the event of his absence), a Chairman and Secretary together with one representative appointed by each of the three Councils of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, according to the rules of each of those Councils as they apply from time to time. The officers of the European Movement shall have the right to attend and participate as non-voting members. The Forum may at its discretion allow others to attend and speak.
- 9.3 The Branches Forum shall elect a Chairman ~~from amongst its number~~ and a Secretary. Any member of the European Movement who has held office as Chairman of a Branch within the three years ending with his election shall be eligible for election as Chairman or Secretary of the Branches Forum. The Chairman of the Branches Forum shall, for so long as he holds that office, be a member of the National Executive.
- 9.8 The Branches Forum will be chaired by the Chairman of the Branches Forum, failing whom by a member elected by the meeting. The first item of business at the Annual Meeting will be the elections of the new Branches Forum Chairman and Secretary, who shall assume office upon their election. ~~The remainder of the meeting shall be chaired by him, failing whom by a member elected by the meeting.~~ The Chairman shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.
- 14.12 The Branches Forum shall elect the Branches Forum Chairman and Secretary by means of the alternative vote system at the Annual Meeting held upon the expiry of the previous term of office of Branches Forum Chairman.
- 14.13 Nominations for the offices of Branches Forum Chairman and Secretary may be made at the meeting at which the election is to be held.
- 14.14 The terms of office of the Branches Forum Chairman and Secretary shall commence immediately on their election and shall extend to the second Annual Meeting of the Branches Forum occurring thereafter (said term expiring upon the declaration of the said result);
- 14.15 In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of Branches Forum Chairman or Secretary, the nine branch representatives on the National Council Branches Forum shall elect a replacement to serve until the next meeting of the Branches Forum.
- 14.16 Nominations for the office of Branches Forum Chairman and Secretary may be made at the meeting at which the election is to be held.

Proposed by Richard Laming (Secretary)

Seconded by Brendan Donnelly (Treasurer)

2. Membership

The European Movement in the UK is in crisis. Without substantially more members to provide it with a stable and secure income, it will cease to exist in a few years' time. This meeting calls upon the National Executive to devote all efforts to increase membership. To achieve this it must be seen to be providing some identifiable benefits to members. It should review expenditure, making use of active volunteers if appropriate for administrative roles, in order to be able to devote most membership income to direct membership benefits, including (but not limited to) a regular printed magazine or newsletter and branch activities.

Proposed by: Peter Valentine (East Midlands Branch)

Seconded by: Philip Rowett (West Midlands Branch)

3. European Movement projects group

Pursuant to the deliberations of the National Council meeting of 26th June this year, I propose that the projects group thereat resolved to be formed should act in conjunction with the Branches Forum to initiate, co-ordinate and sustain the actions of branches for some particular pro-EU project.

Thereby the European Movement will be truly acting as a single, purposive movement of potential political consequence.

Proposed by Kevin Hannon (Chairman West Midlands branch).

Seconded by Collis Gretton, (Communications officer East Midlands branch).

4. Increasing the 'own resources' of the EU Commission budget

As part of a scheme to increase the 'own resources' foundations of the EU Commission budget, this Movement calls upon the Commission to investigate the possibility of imposing taxes of a few parts in ten thousand on spot and forward foreign exchange transactions undertaken between each EU member state and non-members, to investigate any balance of payments effects and examine the possibility of their imposition in EU overseas territories.

Proposed by: Cyril Pohl (Essex branch)

Seconded by: David Cronyn (Essex Branch)

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