

Report on Internal elections for Left Unity National Conference

Work around the internal elections was delegated by me as the acting nominating officer to a number of the other acting officers; Kate H, Guy H and Terry C and to the new administrative assistance Tyler C. The process of setting up the elections has involved a huge amount of work by these acting officers and I would like to thank them all for their hard work.

Nominations will need to be reopened after the Manchester conference in the following parts of the elections as there were not sufficient candidates: Appeals, Standing Orders, Eastern, London, North East, North West, Scotland, South East, and South West. They could need to be reopened in West Midlands and Yorkshire and Humberside depending on the outcome of the DES section (i.e. if any of those standing in both are elected to and take up seat(s) in DES section this will leave a vacancy at Regional level.

The election for the Disputes committee will also be rerun on the basis of the existing nominations plus the one other nomination which the last meeting of the TNC agreed should be included. This election will take place at the same time as those referred to above. In the meanwhile the interim Disputes Committee is continuing to function.

All these elections have taken place under the version of the constitution sent to the acting officers after the founding conference by Richard Murgatroyd and Sean Thompson who moved the constitution at that conference. The founding conference left the Standing Orders Committee (SOC) with a number of anomalies. One is the issue of the number of people needed to put forward a nomination. The (SOC) have submitted the following explanation:

On 1 December, Ray Goodspeed, on behalf of the SOC, asked Richard and Sean if they would tidy up the constitution for publication, tying up any loose ends as required by the various amendments that had been passed at the founding conference. A revised version was drafted by Sean and sent to Ray on 5 December that included a number of minor corrections and one or two changes consequential to the passing of some of the amendments. One of these was the removal of the requirement for 20 signatories for nominations. However, this was not as a consequence of the passing of the Rugby amendment (8.5.2) removing the requirement for 20 signatories for motions to conferences, but as a consequence of an amendment from Tower Hamlets. In his email to Ray, Sean wrote: "I noticed a reference to 20 members being able to nominate candidates for the NC in 14c). I have assumed that is covered by the Tower Hamlets amendment that has deleted reference to 20 members elsewhere so have deleted it, but of course can replace it if your judgement is that it isn't covered consequentially by that amendment." In discussions, Sean and Ray agreed that the extension of all the rights to individual members, rather than 20 members, was the broad principle that Rugby was suggesting, especially since, if this were not the case, the conference should have taken all the other Tower Hamlets motions one by one. They felt that the

spirit of the amendment was to extend the right of individual members to all things that the draft constitution gave to 20 members, and so they amended each section of the constitution accordingly.

The SOC was obviously happy with the suggested changes as they were included in the final version when it was published.

I therefore recommend that conference accepts this report.

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