

Report on Progress of Resolutions - October 2009

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SEPTEMBER'S RESOLUTIONS

National Young Members Advisory Committee – Formation as per Rule Book

The General Secretary refused to accept this resolution for the agenda of the Council of Executives, as it attempted to “instruct” them to ensure that the union’s rules are carried out and a Young Members’ Advisory Committee properly established. Recommendation: we resubmit this resolution with the phrase “This branch instructs” replaced by “This Regional Council requests”.

Future of the Jobs/Pay/Justice Dispute

The General Grades Committee has agreed to ballot LUL members over pay, in line with this resolution.

Other resolutions and appeals

The following resolutions / appeals from our Regional Council were discussed by the Council of Executives on 23 October and referred to its Organisational Sub-Committee, which will make recommendations to a future Executive meeting.

- Second Regional Organiser
- Young Members’ Organisation Material
- BNP Youth Groups
- Appeal re Charging of Goods from Head Office
- Request to increase limit on numbers of LGBT delegates

OLDER RESOLUTIONS

Affiliation of Branches with London Overground members (August)

I have written to the Regional Organiser proposing that he convene a meeting of London Overground reps and branch officials, so we can discuss organising in this company and involving them in the Region. Note: A further ten stations have now transferred into London Overground.

Swine Flu (August)

Despite several requests, the General Secretary has still not provided me with responses from employers in our Region to the union’s letter regarding their policies about swine flu. This is especially urgent given that DLR has sacked RMT member Clare Daniel for swine flu sickness absence.

Caseworker / Support Worker (April)

The General Secretary reports that “I hope to have this on the next Council of Executives agenda; however I have not exhausted the internal staff machinery over this issue yet.”

Equality Conference Delegates Refund

We proposed that the system where head office refunds branches £35 for delegates’ expenses to equality conferences should be extended to cover Regional Councils too. I am awaiting a reply from the General Secretary as to progress with this.

Employment Act 2008 (March)

The Council of Executives decided in May that the union would organise a one-day school in each Region, a fact sheet and a feature in RMT News. This has not yet happened, and I have continued to pursue the General Secretary about it. The latest update is that Thompson’s solicitors are organising the training schools: they have nearly completed the syllabus and once completed, the union will start arranging dates for the schools.

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