

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PLUS AREAS

11TH Annual General Meeting (76th Annual National Conference)

AGENDA

Saturday 25th February 2017

Held at the Jacobean Hotel, Coventry

Assemble for a prompt 10.00 am start

Item	Description	Introduced by	Time Allocated
1	Chairman's Welcome to Delegates	NC	10.00 – 10.05
2	The Presidential Address by Vice Presidents	VP	10.05 – 10.15
3	Elections of Tellers	HGS	10.15 – 10.20
3.1	Determining Voting Strength		
4	Election of Ballot Counters	HGS	10.20 – 10.25
4.1	Nominations of 2 Volunteers from the Observers		
5	Apologies of Absence	HGS	10.25 – 10.30
6	Acceptance of the Minutes of the 10 th Annual General Meeting at the Jacobean Hotel, Coventry on 27 th Feb 16		10.30 – 10.45
6.1	Points of Accuracy	HGS	10.45 – 10.55
7	Matters Arising thereon		10.55 – 11.00
8	Presentation and Acceptance of the Federation Reports for the Year 2016	NC	11.00 – 11.15
9	Presentation and Acceptance of the Federation Accounts for the Year 2016	NFO	11.15 – 11.30
	BREAK		11.30 – 11.45
10	Election of National Chairman to serve from 1 st March 2017	DNC	11.45 – 12.00
11	Election of National Officers to serve from 1 st March 2017	NC	12.00 – 12.45
11.1	Honorary General Secretary		
11.2	National Finance Officer		
11.3	National Training Officer		
11.4	National Activities Officer		
11.5	National Public Relations Officer		
11.6	National Internet Officer		
11.7	National Publications Officer/Plus News Editor		
11.8	NEC Administrator		
	LUNCH		13.00 – 14.00

12.	Motions for Debate		
12.1	<p><u>National Life Motion to 2017 NAGM</u></p> <p>This conference instructs the National body to restructure the organisation as follows :-</p> <p>National should consist of a figurehead and deputy.</p> <p>Their duties are to ensure that the National website(s) and insurance are paid for the organisation as one body. They are to ensure membership cards are issued centrally to Areas annually (or as required if higher frequency required).</p> <p>They are to ensure a directory is collated centrally for distribution to Areas and thence down annually.</p> <p>They are a contact point for the National Organisation.</p> <p>They ensure an annual meeting for election of the new National body, facilitating the meeting of Groups from across the Organisation.</p> <p>They will present audited accounts for the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>This will be funded as justified at the Annual Meeting equally by the member Areas, National funds, bar a contingency of a years running costs , will be divided equally among the Areas.</p> <p>Areas are relieved of quarterly national meeting representation at National.</p> <p>Groups see no charge.</p> <p>This requires that the National Constitution be amended thus :-</p> <p>Article 3.2.2 to be deleted Article 3.3.7 to be deleted Article 3.3.8 to be deleted Article 4.2 to be deleted Article 4.3.3 to be deleted Article 4.3.4 to be deleted Article 4.3.5 to be deleted Article 4.3.10 to be deleted Article 5.1.3 to be deleted Article 5.6 to be deleted Article 6.1 to be amended to read:</p> <p>6.1 In furtherance of the Purpose but not otherwise the National Executive Committee may exercise the following powers.</p>		14.00 – 14.20

- i. to ensure that the National website(s) and insurance are paid for the organisation as one body.
- ii. to ensure membership cards are issued centrally to Areas annually (or as required if higher frequency required)
- iii. to ensure a directory is collated centrally for distribution to Areas and thence down annually.

Article 6.2 to 6.4 to be deleted
Article 8.1 to 8.7 to be deleted

Article 8.8.3 to be amended to read "The running of the Extraordinary General NEC Meeting will be the same as the Annual General Meetings and will follow all necessary procedures".

Article 9 to be deleted
Article 10 to be deleted
Article 11 to be deleted

Article 12.1 to be amended to read "There shall be an appeals panel of the Federation , which shall consist of the National Co-ordinator and the Area Chairman and that it requires that the Model Area Constitution be amended thus:

Article 4.4 to read: Meeting of the Area Committee shall be held at least once every quarter and at such additional times as the Area Chairman in their discretion may direct.

Proposed by Stevenage
Seconded by Didcot

<p>12.2</p>	<p><u>Seconding Motion to 2017 NAGM</u></p> <p>Conference agrees that , until amended, the existing clause 7.2.2 of the constitution be seen as sufficient proof that a motion proposed by one member group must have another member group seconding that motion.</p> <p>7.2.2 Groups that are members of the Areas federated to the National Federation of Plus Areas are permitted to submit motions for debate and items for discussion to the National Annual General Meeting providing that they are able to submit a fully formed motion which has a seconded which must be another member group with the National Federation.</p> <p>This motion is not proposing any change to the existing constitution.</p> <p>Proposed: Stevenage Seconded: Didcot</p>		<p>14.20 – 14.40</p>
<p>12.3</p>	<p><u>Proportional Motion to 2017 NAGM</u></p> <p>Democracy has always been at the heart of the way that Plus has been run. Sadly the decline in the scale of the organisation has had a negative impact on the practically of this democratic ethos.</p> <p>For example: One group may have a hundred members and these hundred members would have two votes to represent their views. A dozen groups may each have one member and these twelve members would have twelve votes representing their views.</p> <p>Beyond the democratic deficit, the real effect of the current arrangement is that decisions on the future of the Federation are disproportionately made by members who do not know how to run a successful group in today's market.</p> <p>It is proposed to add the following clauses to the constitution to resolve this inequality:</p> <p>7.2.1.4 Each delegation will be empowered to cast one vote for each member of the group that they represent, with the votes evenly split between the delegates. The membership headcount will be definitively defined as the number of members at the end of the previous calendar year , as reported to the National Annual General Meeting by the Group's Area Membership Officer.</p> <p>7.2.1.5. An individual Group Delegate's vote allocation may not be split between outcomes of any one decision.</p>		<p>14.40 – 15.00</p>

	<p>13.2.1 Each Area Chairman (or their representative) will be empowered to cast one vote for each member of the area that they represent. The membership headcount will be definitively defined as the number of members at the end of the previous calendar year, as reported by the Group's Area Membership Officer to the last National Annual General Meeting before the NEC meeting.</p> <p>13.2.2 Any resolution passed by a simple majority valid votes (as empowered in 13.2.1) concerning the running of the NEC, General Purpose sub-committee, National sub-committee or the Federation shall be incorporated into National Standing Orders.</p> <p>The existing 13.2.1 will be removed and replaced with the above version.</p> <p>Proposed: Stevenage</p> <p>Seconded: Didcot</p>		
	<u>BREAK</u>		15.00 – 15.20
13	Facility for National Debate - Diversity		
13.1	Speaker – Wendy – Inspire at AGM		
14	Announcement of Election Results of National Chairman to serve from 1 st March 17.		HGS
15	Announcement of Election Results of National Officers to service from 1 st March 17		NC
	Honorary General Secretary		
	National Finance Officer		
	National Activities Officer		
	National Public Relations Officer		
	National Internet Co-ordinator		
	National Publications Officer/Plus News Editor		
	NEC Administrator		
16	National Chairman's Address		
17	Election of Honorary Officers		
17.1	Independent Examiner of the 2017 Accounts		
17.2	Vice Presidents		
18	Any Other Urgent Business (not Promotion of Events)		
19	Announcement of the Date of the Annual General Meeting 2018		
20	Presidential Closing Address by Vice President		
21	Closure of the meeting by the National Chairman		

