

Proportional Motion to 2018 NAGM

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 practicality of this democratic ethos.

For example: One area may have a hundred members and these hundred members would have one vote to represent their views around the NEC table. Another area may only have a dozen members and they too would have the one vote.

In an organisation that is funded at a national level per member, it seems only reasonable that the influence be similarly distributed. Not to do so would surely be taxation without representation.

It is proposed to add the following clauses to the constitution to resolve this inequality:

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.

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 Purposes sub-committee, National sub-committees or the Federation shall be incorporated into National Standing Orders.

The existing 13.2.1 will be removed and replaced with the above version.

Proposed: Stevenage

Seconded: Didcot