

JOINT GENERAL SECRETARIES' OFFICE

To: All Unite Branches and Chapels

October 2010

ELECTION OF UNITE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2011 – 2014

At its recent meeting the Executive Council agreed the timetable for the ballot to elect the next Unite Executive Council which will hold office from 1st May 2011 to 30th April 2014. The ballot is being called in accordance with Rule 16 and will commence with an invitation to branches and workplaces to submit nominations. The timetable for nominations will be:

Despatch of Nomination Forms	4th January 2010
Nominations Period	10th January – 7th February 2011
Last date for Receipt of nominations	14th February 2011
Last date for Acceptance and Receipt of Election Address	21st February 2011
Voting Period	25th March – 15th April 2011
Count	16-17 April 2011

You will note that the nominations timetable gives your branch one opportunity to make a nomination. If your branch wishes to make a nomination you should ensure that your meeting is held within the nomination period 10th January to 7th February 2011.

Details of certain branches' meeting dates, venues and times are registered with the Union centrally and will be posted on the election page of the Unite website. Please inform us if any details posted are incorrect by emailing elections@unitetheunion.org or in writing to either John Gibbins at Hayes Court, tel: 020 8315 8207, john.gibbins@unitetheunion.org; or Irene Dykes at Holborn, tel: 020 7611 2647, irene.dykes@unitetheunion.org. If such branches need to hold a special urgent meeting they must obtain the approval of their Regional Committee and follow the procedure in accordance with Rule 17(9).

In accordance with Rule 16(2) the Executive Council has appointed Electoral Reform Services (ERS), The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 ONW (020 8365 8909) (enquiries@electoralreform.co.uk) as the Independent Scrutineer.

In accordance with Rule 16(3) the Executive Council has appointed Keith Ewing to act as Election Commissioner. (Keith Ewing can be contacted via the Returning Officer.)

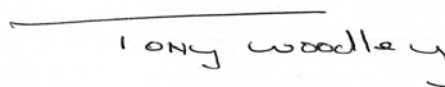
In accordance with Rule 16(4) the Executive Council has appointed the Joint General Secretary, Tony Woodley as Returning Officer (address on this letterhead).

Further details of this election including the timetable for voting and the constituencies your branch is eligible to make a nomination for will be sent to you in due course. This information is also posted on the Union's Website.

Yours fraternally



DEREK SIMPSON
Joint General Secretary



TONY WOODLEY
Joint General Secretary