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Minutes of the East Midlands GPM Regional Sector Committee held on Monday 28th June 2010 12.30pm at the Unite Office - Leicester

Attendees: R Batchelor, P Curtis, A Dent, J Leivers, R Moosa (Chair), D Panter, A Pilkington, T Porter, B Woodcock, R Mooney (Regional Officer)

Apologies: None Received

Minutes of the last meetings: - Agreed

Matters Arising: D Jeffries has been appointed as the Midlands Education Officer and will be reviewing the number of courses within the East Midland Region. A discussion had taken place at the National Sector Committee in regard to branches within the GPM Sector, it had been proposed to investigate sub regional composite branches, it was hoped that this would be resolved by the end of the year along with GPM Sector branch allowances.

Regional Industrial Reports. The Regional Officer reported on the current BPIF/Unite National Agreement, a large number of workplaces within the sector had secured pay increases for 2010, this included companies where the employer was on the BPIF Negotiating Panel. A number of workplaces had entered into 2 year pay deals, pay increases were between 1% and 2%. RO reported on two latest closures: Bemrose Booth and Cavendish, both had gone into receivership and legal advice was being sought.

CSK Leicester finalising the details of the claim prior to balloting members on the offer. Nottingham had accepted a 2 year deal with a monetary increase for 2010 and a 1.5% increase for 2011. Bourne currently balloting on the offer of 1.5% and the option of a further 1.5% for 2011.

Qualvis Litho – Members had accepted a deferment until later in the year.

Polestar Chromoworks – Pay negotiations are covered by a Group Agreement. The company had proposed to put a press on three shifts, local negotiations were taking place on the possible transfer of individuals to other Polestar sites.

Howitts – Members had accepted a 2% increase and agreed for a working party to be set up to review the Sick Scheme.

Antalis – Pay offer of 3% in two stages along with the consolidation of £300 bonus into basic pay had been accepted by the members.

Norprint – Had not received a pay increase for 2010, currently undergoing further cost cutting.

Artisan – Work had picked up, due to hold a further review meeting with the Company in regard to the changes implemented in January 2010.

National Policy Conference

T Porter gave a report on the Policy Conference, he commented how well organised the Region had been at conference, and that all delegates had fully participated in the Conference. The Regional delegates had ensured that any motion from the Region was supported and delegates had spoken to the motions. A number of motions had been composited; the Sector had proposed the first two emergency motions.

As the first Unite Policy Conference it was a great success and had brought united the delegates.

Rules conference

R Moosa reported that the motion to reduce the Executive Council to 60 had been accepted although there had been a number of points raised as to the allocation of seats especially in regard to some equality issues.

Regional Committee Report - R Moosa was due to attend a meeting at the beginning of July 2010 and would circulate a report of the meeting. Members were advised that minutes from all Regional Committees were now available from the Regional Website to members registered on the site.

Unite Young Members' Committee

Delegates were asked to identify any young members within their workplace or the Sector that would be interested in attending a Young Member's Conference and to form part of the Young Member's Committee, nominations needed to be in by the 1st July 2010.

National Sector Committee Report – M Flavin and R Moosa were to attend a meeting in July and would circulate an up to date report.

General Election Campaign –A brief discussion took place on the Election result and the current coalition government.

Organising & Recruitment within the GPM Sector – A discussion took place on the loss of members within sector, through redundancies and natural wastage. The number of small chapels had reduced it as surmised that this could be attributed to the lack of the National Agreement. A discussion took place on the 100% Campaign and circulated information on the campaign, encouraging all members to become involved in ensuring that their workplaces were 100% and not just in the traditional areas but to extend the membership to all parts of their companies. As part of the Sector's mapping exercise a list of recognised workplaces in the Region was issued and members were asked to identify any other workplaces in the sector where we either had members or contacts that would help in a recruitment/organising campaign.

Affiliations & Donations

Trade Union Friends of Searchlight
Cuba solidarity Campaign
Kidmah
BA Dispute

RISC Vacant Seats

Due to the resignation of the following delegates:

- S Barker
- C Barber
- R Swain

There are three vacant seats from the following constituencies:

Print – 2

Distribution – 1

Date of Next Meeting Friday 10th September to be held in the Leicester Branch at 12.30pm

Any Other business

It was reported that Ellie Browne had now left the Union, and has asked to thank the Committee for the dinner and for their support over the years. The Committee asked for their thanks and best wishes to be relayed to Ellie.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 2.45pm.