

To all Branches

July 26th 2004

Dear Colleague

NEC Vacancy – Women’s Representative

You will have read of the recent sad death of Vi Huddart – Women’s representative on the NEC. Vi Huddart was a tireless campaigner for equal pay and equal rights for women and had a long and distinguished lay activist career at the Vauxhall car plant in Luton, through the AEU Women’s Conference to the AEEU Executive and Amicus NEC and GPFC.

In accordance with Amicus Rule 25 Clause 11, the National Executive Council, at their meeting on July 14, have now called the election for a replacement with the following timetable:

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| September | Nominations at branch meetings and by workplace representatives following workplace meetings |
| Monday 4 th October | Last date for receipt of nominations by independent scrutineer |
| Friday 15 th October | Last date for receipt of acceptance of nominations and election address by Returning Officer |
| Week commencing 15 th November | Voting forms received by members who are members of the industrial, occupational and professional sectors in accordance with Rule 25 Clause 2(b) |
| Friday 3 rd December | Last date for receipt of voting forms by the independent scrutineer |
| Monday 6 th December | Count |

The NEC have further decided that

- (a) under Rule 28 Clause 5, that I shall be the Returning Officer

- (b) under Rule 28 Clause 2, that Electoral Reform Services Limited of 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 0NW be appointed independent scrutineer
- (c) that under Rule 28 Clause 3, Professor William Brown be appointed Election Commissioner
- (d) that the distribution of voting papers will be co-ordinated with the distribution of new Amicus membership cards.

Therefore, please find attached

- (i) nomination form for your branch which should be returned in the envelope provided to meet the closing date listed above. As there is one vacancy your branch is entitled to make one nomination.

Please note your branch nomination must be made at a meeting quorate in September. Please supply sufficient detail on the nominee to allow her to be identified. To be a candidate members must receive 5 nominations which should come from more than one region, plus 5 workplace representative nominations from 3 different workplaces.

Please also note that nominations will, following the closing date, appear on the Union's website. For this reason branches should not circulate details of the nomination to branch members nor will the Union's administration write to members of branches who make a nomination.

Please note that forms for nominations from workplace representatives can be obtained from Union offices.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Derek Simpson
General Secretary and Returning Officer