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To: Members of the NEC
All Branch Secretaries

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Dear All

Administrative Rule Changes

Following the discussion at last year's Conference regarding motions and amendments to special resolutions, the lawyer advising on Incorporation has looked through the current Rules and made some amendments.

These amendments can be made as Administrative Rules changes under Rule 45.4, which is the purpose of this Branch Circular

The Circular has two documents, one showing the changes (redline) and the other a clean copy of the Rules

These changes were discussed and agreed by the NEC at its November meeting, and in order to allow changes to be made for next year's Conference,

The main changes are to terminology, replacing references to motions with resolutions. There are also additional Rules to explain what a resolution and a special resolution is.

There is an additional Rule to allow Branches to submit alternative special resolutions, which overcomes the current position where an amendment cannot be made to a special resolution. There will be further information on alternative special resolutions in due course

Following the legal advice and the discussion as the NEC, this is the most practical way to make these changes and to help Branches, both with the terminology, but also the use of alternative special resolutions.

Yours sincerely,

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