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**TO: ALL BRANCHES**

Dear Colleague,

## REVISED BRANCH MODEL CONSTITUTION

During the course of the year we have received a number of queries from branches on the issue of the eligibility of a retired member to vote in local branch elections.

This issue was brought to the attention of the President, Vice President and subsequently discussed by the NEC. Following their consideration, the NEC approved a revised Branch Model Constitution (BMC). The changes made reflect the national rules of the union and should now be incorporated into every branch constitution.

The paragraph to be inserted into the Branch Model Constitution is national rule 6.4.8. This will become new paragraph 4.4.6 of the Branch Model Constitution and reads:-

*Branches shall, when applicable, establish Retired Members' sections which shall be entitled to elect a Section Committee to deal with retired members' problems. The Branch shall appoint an Officer or Committee member of the Branch to service the retired members' section.*

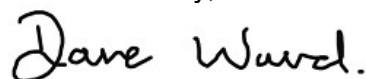
There will also be an additional note inserted at the foot of Branch Model Constitution paragraph 4.4. This states that '*Retired Members are not entitled or eligible to stand for election or be able to vote in the above elections (a) to (i).*

These changes are now contained within the attached Branch Model Constitution and for ease are highlighted in red italics.

We now ask Branch Secretaries to make these changes and forward an electronic version of their revised branch constitution to the General Secretary's Office [gsoffice@cwu.org](mailto:gsoffice@cwu.org) by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016**.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the General Secretary's Office at [gsoffice@cwu.org](mailto:gsoffice@cwu.org) quoting reference GS18.9.1/LTB 664/16

Yours sincerely,



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