

**The Boys' Brigade**  
**Motions / Amendments for Brigade Council 2019**

**Motion Regarding the Size and Composition of The Brigade Executive**

Clauses 70 and 72 of the Brigade Regulations will be deleted, and the following provisions will be substituted: -

Clause 70.

70.1. The Brigade Executive will comprise the following: -

- (a) The Brigade President, if he so chooses;
- (b) The Brigade Chaplain, if he so chooses;
- (c) The Brigade Treasurer;
- (d) A Brigade Vice President;
- (e) Representatives of the Regional Committees as follows: -
  - ii) Three from Scotland, at least one of whom shall be a young person as defined in clause 60.1 above;
  - ii) Three from England, at least one of whom shall be a young person as defined in clause 60.1 above;
  - iii) Three from Northern Ireland, at least one of whom shall be a young person as defined in clause 60.1 above;
  - iv) One from Wales;
  - v) One from the Republic of Ireland.

70.2. Each Regional Committee will be responsible for appointing those members of the relevant Committee who will sit on the Brigade Executive in accordance with the provisions of clause 70.1. above.

70.3. The Brigade Executive will have the power in any one session to co-opt up to two members for particular purposes, who will serve until the end of the session in which they are co-opted.

70.4. The Brigade Office Bearers will elect annually one of the Brigade Vice Presidents to be a member of the Brigade Executive.

70.5. The Brigade Executive will elect annually one of its members to be its Chairman.

Schedule B will be amended to read: -

## SCHEDULE B

### TERMS OF SERVICE FOR MEMBERS OF NATIONAL BODIES

Clauses B2, B7, and B16 will be deleted and the following substituted: -

#### REGIONAL COMMITTEES

##### Representative Members

- B 2 a. Representative Members shall be elected for three years at a time and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office, retiring for at least one year before becoming eligible for re-election. The period of service shall start on 1<sup>st</sup> September following election.
- b. Where a person who is a Representative Member has undertaken any combination of Representative Member, Young Person, Co-opted Member and/or Brigade Office Bearer roles in succession, his or her maximum aggregate term of office as a member in any of those roles or a combination hereof shall be six years from the date of his or her first appointment as a member as notified to Brigade Headquarters. Where the six-year period is exceeded part way through a Brigade Session, he or she shall retire on 31 August thereafter.

#### BRIGADE EXECUTIVE

##### Representative Members

- B 7 Representative Members shall normally serve for a period of three years and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office, retiring for at least one year before becoming eligible for re-election. The period of service shall start on 1<sup>st</sup> September following election.

##### **Trustee time limit**

B 16 Where a person who is a Trustee has undertaken any combination of Representative Member, Young Person, Co-opted Trustee and/or Brigade Office Bearer roles in succession, his or her maximum aggregate term of office as a Trustee shall be six years from the date of his or her first appointment as a Trustee as registered at Companies House. Where the six-year period is exceeded part way through a Brigade Session, he or she shall retire on 31 August thereafter.

##### **Amendment in the name of Mr D Blevins, Mrs I Lowry, Mr M Murdock, Mr J Thornberry BEM & Mr D Doggart:-**

The following amendment is proposed regarding the proposed clause 70.1(b)

Omit the words "if he so chooses".

## **Amendments in the name of London District:-**

### **1. In proposed new clause 70:**

#### **a. Omit the existing words of proposed sub-clauses 70.1(d) and 70.1(e) and insert the following**

“(d) Representatives of the Regional Committees as follows: -

- i. One from Scotland;
- ii. One from England;
- iii. One from Northern Ireland;
- iv. One from Wales;
- v. One from the Republic of Ireland.”

(e) Up to six members (“**Directly Elected Members**”) who shall be adult members defined by Clause 6 above and elected in accordance with 70.4.”

#### **b. Delete the existing words of proposed sub-clause 70.4 and insert the following:**

“70.4. The Brigade Executive shall be responsible for devising a process for the election of the Directly Elected Members in accordance with Best Practice.

In this sub-clause, “Best Practice” means:

- (i) establishing a Nominations Committee to perform a regular skills audit of the Brigade Executive with a view to identifying potential new members of the Brigade Executive and to encourage (where appropriate) applications from such persons to stand as Directly Elected Members;
- (ii) seeking to ensure that the composition of the Brigade Executive reflects the diversity of the young people which the organisation serves and the adult members defined by Clause 6 above;
- (iii) seeking to ensure that Members of the Brigade Executive understand their duty to act in the best interests of the organisation as a whole (irrespective of how or by whom they were appointed), including by means of a Question and Answer session at each meeting of Brigade Council at which all members of the Brigade Executive are available to answer questions raised by those in attendance;
- (iv) ensuring that no more than two Directly Elected Members are resident in the same region;
- (v) seeking to ensure that two of the Directly Elected Members are “young people” within the meaning of clause 60.1 above;
- (vi) seeking to increase participation in the process to elect members of the Brigade Executive, using electronic means where possible; and
- (vii) ensuring the process to elect Directly Elected Members allows all members of Brigade Council an equal vote.”

#### **c. Insert the following words at the end of proposed sub-clause 70.5: “The Brigade Executive shall have power to amend the provisions as to quoracy contained in Regulation 71 provided that any such change is ratified at the subsequent meeting of Brigade Council.**

### **Motion Regarding correspondence with Heads of State / Governments**

A new Clause 89 will be inserted, as follows: -

#### Clause 89

Correspondence relating to Boys' Brigade matters should not be addressed to members of the Royal Family, to members of the Government, or to the President of the Republic of Ireland except through the Brigade Secretary or the appropriate Regional Director.

### **Motion regarding Districts / Regions with coterminous boundaries.**

After Clause 62, the following provisions will be added: -

#### "Clause 62 (A)

62 (A) Where the borders of a District and a Region are coterminous, the District Executive may, with the consent of the Brigade Executive, discharge the functions of the Regional Committee and, in such circumstances, will be responsible for the matters which would normally be the responsibility of the Regional Committee, as set out in Clause 61, together with such other functions that are otherwise delegated to the Regional Committee by the Brigade Executive, and, for the purposes of these Regulations, references to the Regional Committee will, in those circumstances, will be taken to refer to the District Executive.

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