

Royal Air Forces Association

RESOLUTIONS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007 & Results

SECTION: Royal Charter, Rules, Byelaws and Regulations

Number	Branch	Resolution	Carried	Lost
1	Central Council	This Conference receives a report from Council (Paper CC 1/07) on the review of membership as called for by Seminar at Conference 2006.		
2*	Central Council	This Conference resolves that the Rules, Byelaws and Area, Branch and Branch Club Regulations be amended to allow Full Associates to be elected to the various levels of the Association as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. If Special Resolution 2 is carried Resolutions 3 to 15 fall.		
3*	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Rule 19 (3) be amended to allow no more than one Full Associate to be an Elected Member of Central Council as proposed in Paper CC 1/07, provided that the candidate polls sufficient votes to be amongst the eight successful candidates. Provided that the Reserve Member shall be an Ordinary or Life Member of the Association. Note: Rule 19 (3) currently reads as follows: Every Member of the Council, other than the Service Representatives and the Co-opted Members, shall be an Ordinary or Life Member of the Association and shall hold office for such term and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Byelaws.		
4*	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Rule 29 (1a) and Byelaw 26 (1) be amended to allow no more than one Full Associate to be an Elected Member of the Annual Conference Committee as proposed in Paper CC 1/07, provided that the candidate polls sufficient votes to be amongst the three successful candidates. Provided that the Reserve Member shall be an Ordinary or Life Member of the Association. Note 1: Rule 29 (1) currently reads as follows: An Annual Conference Committee shall be appointed annually. It shall consist of: (a) the number prescribed by the Byelaws of Ordinary or Life Members of the Association who are not members of, or standing for election to, the Council, elected at the Annual Conference Note 2: Byelaw 26 (1) currently reads as follows: The prescribed number of Ordinary or Life Members of the Association to be elected to the Annual Conference Committee by postal ballot by Branches as defined in Byelaw 25 prior to Annual Conference shall be three and the number of members to be nominated by the Council shall be two. The Annual Conference Organiser shall be an Ex-Officio non-voting member.		
5	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Rule 13 be amended to allow no more than two Full Associates to be Elected Members of Area Councils as proposed in Paper CC 1/07, provided that the candidates poll sufficient votes to be amongst the successful candidates. Note: There is currently no provision in Rule 13 allowing Associate Members to be Elected Members of Area Councils.		
6	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Branch Regulation 11 (2) be amended to allow Full Associates to fill either or both posts of Secretary and Treasurer as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Branch Regulation 11 (2) currently reads as follows: The Secretary and the Treasurer shall normally be Ordinary or Life Members of the Branch. Exceptionally, where the Branch is unable to nominate such a member, an Associate Member of the Branch who is considered to have the necessary qualifications and experience may be elected to one of these positions.		
7	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Branch Regulation 11 (1) be amended to allow Full Associates to fill the posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Branch Regulation 11 (1) currently reads as follows: The President, Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be Ordinary or Life Members of the Branch. If Resolution 7 is carried then Resolutions 8 and 9 fall.		
8	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Branch Regulation 11 (1) be amended to allow Full Associates to fill the post of Chairman as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Branch Regulation 11 (1) currently reads as follows:		

		The President , Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be Ordinary or Life Members of the Branch. If Resolution 8 is carried then Resolution 9 falls.		
9	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Branch Regulation 11 (1) be amended to allow Full Associates to fill the post of Vice-Chairman as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Branch Regulation 11 (1) currently reads as follows: The President , Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be Ordinary or Life Members of the Branch.		
10	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Branch Regulations 14 (1)(c) and (d) be amended to allow Full Associates to be elected to Branch Committees as Additional Members, subject to a balance in favour of Life and Ordinary Members as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Branch Regulation 14 (1)(c) currently reads as follows: not more than the number determined by the Branch in General Meeting of Ordinary and Life Members of the Branch elected by Ordinary, Life and Associate Members of the Branch at an Annual General Meeting who shall be known as the Additional Members. Note: Branch Regulation 14 (1)(d) currently reads as follows: not more than two Associate Members of the Branch elected by the Associate Members of the Branch at an Annual General Meeting who shall be know as the Associate Members.		
11	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Standard Club Rule SCR 14 (2) be amended to allow Full Associates to fill either or both posts of Secretary and Treasurer as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Standard Club Rule SCR 14 (2) currently reads as follows: The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall be Ordinary Members of the Club. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be filled by either Ordinary or Associate Members of the Club. Provided that an Associate Member standing for election is considered to have the necessary qualifications and experience and that only one of the Secretary and Treasurer positions shall be filled by an Associate Member.		
12	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Standard Club Rule SCR 14 (2) be amended to allow Full Associates to fill the posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Standard Club Rule SCR 14 (2) currently reads as follows: The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall be Ordinary Members of the Club. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be filled by either Ordinary or Associate Members of the Club. Provided that an Associate Member standing for election is considered to have the necessary qualifications and experience and that only one of the Secretary and Treasurer positions shall be filled by an Associate Member. If Resolution 12 is carried then Resolutions 13 and 14 fall.		
13	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Standard Club Rule SCR 14 (2) be amended to allow Full Associates to fill the post of Chairman as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Standard Club Rule SCR 14 (2) currently reads as follows: The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall be Ordinary Members of the Club. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be filled by either Ordinary or Associate Members of the Club. Provided that an Associate Member standing for election is considered to have the necessary qualifications and experience and that only one of the Secretary and Treasurer positions shall be filled by an Associate Member. If Resolution 13 is carried then Resolution 14 falls.		
14	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Standard Club Rule SCR 14 (2) be amended to allow Full Associates to fill the post of Vice-Chairman as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Standard Club Rule SCR 14 (2) currently reads as follows: The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall be Ordinary Members of the Club. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be filled by either Ordinary or Associate Members of the Club. Provided that an Associate Member standing for election is considered to have the necessary qualifications and experience and that only one of the Secretary and Treasurer positions shall be filled by an Associate Member.		
15	Central Council	This Conference resolves that Standard Club Rules SCR 15 (1) (b) and (c) be amended to allow Full Associates to be elected to Branch Club Committees as Additional Members, subject to a balance in favour of Life and Ordinary Members as proposed in Paper CC 1/07. Note: Standard Club Rule SCR 15 (1)(b) currently reads as follows:		

		not more than the number determined by the Club in General Meeting of Ordinary Members elected by the Ordinary Members at an Annual General Meeting who shall be known as the Additional Members. Note: Standard Club Rule SCR 15 (1)(c) currently reads as follows: not more than two Associate Members elected by the Associate Members at an Annual General Meeting who shall be known as the Associate Members.		
16*	Central Council	This Conference, recognizing the great support given to the Association over many years by the spouses and partners of Members, and the comradeship enjoyed by them, resolves that Associate Member spouses and partners of Ordinary or Life Members of the Association be offered the choice of taking up Ordinary Membership if they so wish, and that Rule 8 be amended to include a clause to that effect. If Resolution 16 is carried then Resolution 17 falls		
17*	Central Council	This Conference, recognizing the great support given to the Association over many years by the spouses and partners of Members, and the comradeship enjoyed by them, resolves that Associate Member spouses and partners of deceased Ordinary or Life Members of the Association be offered the choice of taking up Ordinary Membership if they so wish, and that Rule 8 be amended to include a clause to that effect.		
18*	Bognor Regis (Littlehampton presents)	This Conference, recognizing the worth of all Air Cadets, resolves to amend Article 7 of the Royal Charter and Rule 8 to allow former members of those organizations over the age of 18, who have satisfactorily served for two years or more, to be admitted to Ordinary Membership of the Association.		

SECTION: Organisation

19	Corsham & Chippenham	This Conference resolves that the first sentence of the Official Dedication of the RAF Association be amended to read: "In friendship and in service one to another, we are pledged to keep alive the memory of those of all Nations who <i>have</i> died in the Royal Air Force and in the Air Forces of the Commonwealth"		
20	Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield	This Conference resolves that any major change to the design and usage of the Association's badges, logos or emblems shall have Conference approval before implementation.		
21	Winchester	This Conference reminds the Executive that this is a membership organisation run in a business-like manner and that the views of the membership are required before any major changes are introduced.		
22	Littlehampton	This Conference strongly recommends that ALL RAFA Areas should consider forming 'Self-Supporting' Regions within their Areas, based on county boundaries, with the option of more than one Region for large geographical 'footprints'.		
23	Cannock Chase Wales, Midland & South West Area	This Conference requires Central Council to study the feasibility of devolving limited powers to Regions and to report back its findings to Annual Conference 2008.		
24	Sunderland Northern Area	This Conference resolves that Central Council be requested to investigate the possibility of greater use of the Internet by the Association.		

SECTION: Welfare & Pensions

25	Andover Basingstoke	That this Conference requests Central Council to liaise with other ex-Service Associations and request HM Government to re-open a Military Service Hospital for the benefit of all serving members of the Armed Forces.		
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SECTION: Membership

26	Lewes Heathfield and Uckfield	This Conference requests that a National recruiting campaign be instigated to ensure the future of our Association		
27	North Costa Blanca Costa Blanca	This Conference resolves that the Branch Associate category of membership be discontinued and that the Byelaws and Branch Regulations be amended accordingly.		
28	York Ryedale	This Conference resolves that all serving personnel of the Royal Air Force be encouraged to join the Association by means of a 1 year's free subscription on joining the Royal Air Force, with the Rules and Byelaws being amended accordingly.		
29	Huntingdon & District	This Conference recognizes the work of our RAFALOs in their support of the RAF Association and, in particular, in recruiting new members during 2006 from those entitled personnel already serving at operational RAF Stations.		
30	Worthing	This Conference resolves that all membership matters will, from 2008, be handled at Branch level as was done in the past.		

		If Resolution 30 falls Resolution 31 also falls.		
31	Worthing	This Conference resolves that Branch membership cards will be issued by Branch, in a similar manner to that of the Royal British Legion.		

SECTION: Appeals & Fundraising

32	Aylesford & Malling	This Conference resolves that all Branches shall submit in full all monies collected for Wings Appeal in the year in which it was acquired and not hold over to a subsequent year's contribution.		
	Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield			

SECTION: Miscellaneous

33	Hythe & Romney Marsh	This Conference accepts the wearing of a Royal Air Force blue beret with a RAF badge as an alternative headgear to the forage cap, provided that the forage cap remains as headgear for RAFA Standard Bearers.		
	Folkestone			
34	Harlow	This Conference resolves that a lapel badge be created and made available, at cost, to holders of National Presidential Certificates		
	Chelmsford			
35	Cannock Chase	This Conference tasks Central Council to submit to Annual Conference 2008 proposals for a further symbolic addition to Branch Standards on achievement of their 60 th anniversary.		

*** indicates Special Resolutions which will require the amendment of the Royal Charter or Rules under the provisions of Article 24 of the Royal Charter. The Resolution will need the support of two-thirds of the delegates present and voting to be carried. A card vote may not be called for on a Special Resolution**