

# AUT Newsletter

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## Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 29 June at 1.05 p.m. in 212 Peter Froggatt**  
**Agenda**

- 1. Report on Local Pay and Grading Negotiations.**
2. Minutes and Matters Arising.
3. Election of Officers and General Members.
4. Changes to Local Rules (details overleaf)
5. Reports from the Outgoing Officers.
6. Setting of the Local Subscription and the Appointment of Auditors.
7. Any Other Business.

## Committee Elections

As they were the only candidates nominated, the following will be duly elected at the AGM:

President	Dr Paul Hudson	Maths & Physics
Honorary Secretary	Mr George Dunn	Computing Services
Secretary for Local Issues	Dr John Lynch	History
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Julian Warner	Management & Economics
Membership Secretary	M/s Lynne Press	C/o AUT Office
Assistant Secretary	Dr Sharon Milner	Faculty of LSES

Dr Renee Prendergast remains *ex-officio* Vice-President.

The nominations for the General Member places have been received for:

Dr J Max Goldstrom	C/o AUT Office
Mr David Gray	Faculty of LSES
M/S Valerie Seabright	Institute of Lifelong Learning
Dr Ian Shuttleworth	Geography
Prof. James Anderson	Geography

As there are four places and there are five candidates, there may be an election. However, we have several other vacancies on the committee and we may be able to find an arrangement in which nobody is disappointed.

The constituency representatives are elected at Christmas. We have several vacancies on the Committee and anyone interested in serving should approach an AUT Officer. We are also in need of departmental representatives whose duties are limited to putting up the occasional poster, approaching new arrivals and notifying us of local problems.

# Proposed Rule Changes

## 1. To Change the Academic Constituency Representatives

In Rule 8 ii) replace “nine” with “seven” and in Rule 8 iv) replace “three” with “five”. In Rule 8(a) delete bullet points 1 to 5 and replace with “1. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2. The Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, 3. The Faculty of Medical and Life Sciences” and renumber the other bullet points. In rule 8(c) replace “three” by “five”.

## 2. Use of Local Funds to help other LA’s in industrial action

In Rule 6 add another subsection:

“(f) Donations not exceeding £1,000 to a fighting fund organised by AUT to support industrial action in a Local Association or group of Local Associations. Such a donation can be initiated only with the agreement of three Officers of Belfast AUT and after a report by the Honorary Treasurer. It can then be authorised by either a majority of members at a quorate General Meeting or by a two thirds majority of a quorate Committee meeting.”

## 3. Motions to Council

We have not sent many motions to AUT Council in recent years because of the practical difficulties of getting local approval. We wish to add approval by 2/3 of the Committee as an option for local approval. Any motion submitted would be published to the membership, usually by means of the *Newsletter*, and members could submit comments. Rule 19 would be replaced by:

“Any motion (other than an emergency motion) submitted by the Local Association to a meeting of the Council of the Association of University Teachers shall be circulated to all members of the Local Association and approved by a quorate General Meeting of the Local Association, or by a two thirds majority of a quorate meeting of the Committee, or by a ballot of the local membership. Emergency motions to Council, or motions to Council which have not been discussed by a properly called General Meeting and are also urgent and timely, must be agreed by a quorate Committee meeting, or in an emergency, including during the course of a Council meeting, by a majority of the Belfast AUT’s Council representatives present at that Council.”

# Local Pay and Grading Negotiations

Your local Officers, accompanied by the Regional Official, Brian Everett, met with QUB management on 15 June. In one and a half hours negotiation we agreed only one minor point — the setting of a minimum salary point for Lecturers. At this rate of progress local negotiations on the Framework Agreement (which first appeared in July 2003) will still be going on when I retire in a year’s time! There are major disagreements about the application of the Memorandum of Understanding. Until these are resolved to our satisfaction we cannot agree pay scales, and until those are settled we are not prepared to go ahead with job evaluation. Negotiations are on-going and I will give a frank report at the AGM.

Paul Hudson