

2023

Resolution Booklet

Annual Conference 2023

Motions Carried

Responses by the Board of Trustees

Registered charity number: 219279



The Board of Trustees wishes to inform the Royal British Legion formations and its members of the action taken on the Motions carried at Annual Conference held on Saturday 20th of May 2023.

Special Notes

1. To have been eligible for representation at the 2023 Annual Conference Branches must have complied with the following:
 - a. Have been formed prior to 30 Sep 2022.
 - b. Have submitted their complete year end accounts (for Field Financial Year 2021 - 2022) by 30 September 2022 unless they are a County Supported Branch.
 - c. Have submitted their signed MSI Form by 31 Dec 2022.
2. Only Branch delegates were eligible to vote at the Conference.
3. Voting was via an online system for those who joined online and on voting pads for those in the auditorium.
4. Delegates were requested to be polite and to treat with respect everyone in attendance at Conference or interacting on related forums.
5. The following has been extracted from the booklet entitled “Standing Orders for the Conduct of Annual Conference - *“The decision of the Chairman of Conference shall be final upon any point of interpretation of the Standing Orders and upon whether a Motion has been carried or rejected.”*”

Motions

Motion 2	
Proposer	Lytchett United
Motion	The Conference requests the Board of Trustees to lobby Central Government to extend the responsibilities and civic duties of Local Authorities and Councils arranging Remembrance Events, to include the organisation, running and funding of a Remembrance parade where it is requested by a local Branch or established by historical precedent.
Vote Result	For: 202 Against: 149
Vote Outcome	Carried
Response from the Board of Trustees	<p>This Motion will be further considered by the Board of Trustees:</p> <p>The Campaigns, Policy and Research team will work with the Membership and Remembrance teams to explore the rationale for this motion and examine the legislative, financial and practical challenges and solutions it would require. We will make a further recommendation to the Board of Trustees as a result.</p>

Motion 3	
Proposer	Oxted WS Branch
Motion	This Annual Meeting proposes that Women's Section Standard Bearers be given the option to wear the Women's Section Membership Badge when in uniform
Vote Result	Agreed already – no vote
Response from the Board of Trustees	<p>This Motion is supported by the Board of Trustees:</p>

	This motion has already been agreed by the Ceremonial Working Group and a statement provided in the final agenda prior to conference. No further statement or action required.
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Motion 5	
Proposer	Paderborn
Motion	This Conference recommends that the Board of Trustees makes representation to the MOD that school children's visits (SCVs) of divorced service personnel be equal to that of married service personnel.
Vote Result	For: 345 Against: 5
Vote Outcome	Carried
Response from the Board of Trustees	This Motion is supported by the Board of Trustees: The Campaigns, Policy and Research team will further analyse and research MOD policy on school children visits and approach MOD officials responsible for service family's policy with a view to the MOD adopting the proposed change.

Motion 6	
Proposer	Bisley, Knaphill & West End
Motion	This Conference requests that the Board of Trustees undertake a review of Poppy Appeal memorabilia available to PAO's, including the size and contents of 'Kids' Boxes'.
Vote Result	For: 315 Against: 8
Vote Outcome	Carried

Response from the Board of Trustees	<p>This Motion will be further considered by the Board of Trustees:</p> <p>Given that the Poppy Appeal team have just established a new Poppy Appeal Organiser Insight panel, as we heard at Conference, we are happy to encourage this work to move ahead. This will help to ensure that our members have a voice and influence on the range as well as the effectiveness of the existing and future merchandise.</p>
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Motion 7	
Proposer	Berkshire County
Motion	That there needs to be more timely and rigorous tracking and reporting, to the Membership, of motions submitted to National Conference, discussed, passed, and approved by the Board of Trustees, detailing how they are taken forward or not, and that this should also be covered in “Matters Arising” at the next National Conference.
Vote Result	For: 346 Against: 0
Vote Outcome	Carried
Response from the Board of Trustees	<p>This Motion is supported by the Board of Trustees:</p> <p>The membership team are reviewing the best way to achieve this as we should share progress updates on previous Motions.</p> <p>A document is being prepared which covers previous Motions taken forward at AC from 2019 to 2022. This will form part of this year’s October Special Circular and will become a regular update item each year in October.</p>

Motion 8	
Proposer	Rickmansworth & West Hyde Branch
Motion	This Branch requests the Royal British Legion encourages all Branches to seek new members by promoting “best practice” initiatives for encouraging membership.

Vote Result	For: 288 Against: 53
Vote Outcome	Carried
Response from the Board of Trustees	<p>This Motion is supported by the Board of Trustees:</p> <p>The best way to recruit new joiners is member get member via the branches and we would support any initiatives to promote best practice. We are starting to share good news stories in Central News as well as our e-newsletter. We are currently developing recruitment materials to support out branches and will update our membership when we get closer to implementation.</p>

Motion 9	
Proposer	Staple Hill Branch via Gloucestershire County
Motion	This Branch calls upon the Board of Trustees to ensure that the on-line Membership application process supports new Members joining Branches more effectively.
Vote Result	For: 270 Against: 76
Vote Outcome	Carried
Response from the Board of Trustees	<p>This Motion is supported by the Board of Trustees:</p> <p>We are reviewing the application form and online service portal to help make it easier for those interested in joining and address some historic pain points. Specifically, we continue to work with our third-party service provider, to fix some issues in the joining process. In the meantime, we continue to develop the future thinking of membership where we plan to introduce a new digital experience including a more streamlined online joining process.</p> <p>We will keep members updated as these initiatives are taken forward and implemented.</p>

Motion 10	
Proposer	Devon – Plympton
Motion	This Branch requests that the Board of Trustees mandates the use of Office 365 for all Royal British Legion business at County and Branch Officer levels. All must use these credentials when carrying out their duties on behalf of the RBL and that it is written into the Membership Management Handbook as an essential requirement for the role.
Vote Result	For: 209 Against: 138
Vote Outcome	Carried
Response from the Board of Trustees	<p>This Motion is supported by the Board of Trustees:</p> <p>Membership Council approved this as a way forwards in May 2023. All RBL volunteers holding Committee positions will be required to utilise their RBL assigned email addresses and relevant systems when undertaking activities on behalf of the Charity. This is in accordance with GDPR as well as good practice guidelines and will be accompanied by a refreshed training offer which is in development. Communications will be offered which more fully explains the process and associated timeframes and members will be fully supported throughout the implementation.</p>

Motion 11	
Proposer	Hampshire County
Motion	This conference views with great concern the ongoing lack of a cohesive strategy setting out the aims to deliver a comprehensive package of training courses for all areas of Membership in a timely manner and urges the Board of Trustees to ensure a clear and defined training policy is created and implemented.
Vote Result	For: 334 Against: 11
Vote Outcome	Carried

**Response
from the
Board of
Trustees**

This Motion is supported by the Board of Trustees:

To secure the right technical expertise, membership training transferred to the RBL Learning & Development team in March 2023. Working with the Training Working Group a new Training Strategy and revised Training Policy was approved by MC in June 2023. We now begin implementation which will take approximately 6 months and includes a Training Needs Analysis that will be sent to Counties and Branches to help understand the current and future training requirements for 2024. This will enable us to develop a training plan that we will communicate with members.