

Annual General Meeting of the Labour Movement For Europe

Monday 2nd June 2008, 6.45pm, House of Commons

a) Chair's welcome and introductions

In attendance: Mary Creagh MP; David Schoibl; Virendra Sharma MP; Denis McShane MP; Luke Thorne; Pete Robbins; Martin Phillips; Lynda MacDermott; Derek Smyth; Jonathan Roberts; Maureen Tomison;

Apologies: Richard Corbett MEP; Rudi Vis MP; Ann McKechin MP; Glenys Kinnock MEP; Lord Foulkes; Phil Derry; Ken Collins; Tanweer Ali; Anita Pollack; Cath Ingham; Barry Jones; Anna Chester; Nina Fishman

b) Guest Speaker, Europe Minister Jim Murphy

Jim Murphy addressed the meeting, covering subjects including the Lisbon Treaty, forging a global Europe, and EU progress on climate change, social policy, and global poverty.

LME members asked questions on agency workers, the need for the EU to be more united, free markets, and the shape of a global Europe.

c) Discussion of future of LME and it's campaigning activities

A lively discussion was held on various topics, including: proposals to hold the EU and local elections, the need to convey what the EU does for people in concrete terms, the centre-left now being in opposition in the European Parliament, involving MEPs much more in LME campaigns and publicising the work they have done as individuals and a team.

The meeting formally agreed to setting up three working parties, to look at the work of LME:

- Media
- Party liaison and policy development
- Technical and website

d) Results of PLP election of members to National Executive

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| LME Chair – | Mary Creagh |
| LME Vice Chairs – | Kerry McCarthy, Baroness Royall |
| LME Secretary – | Wayne David |
| LME Treasurer – | Fabian Hamilton |

e) Results of PLP election of members to National Executive

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| Chair - | Richard Corbett |
| Vice Chairs - | Mary Honeyball, Glyn Ford |
| Treasurer - | Peter Skinner |
| Joint Secretaries - | Ben Fox, James Royston |

f) Results of non-parliamentary members to National Executive

Under 30

Jonathan Roberts, female position vacant due to lack of nomination

30 and over

Female - Lynda MacDermott and Maureen Tomison elected unopposed

Male – Terry Ashton, David Schoibl, Derek Smyth

g) Proposed reform of the LME Constitution and vote

Jonathan Roberts proposed the revised constitution drafted by the working group. The main points of the new constitution:

- Non-parliamentary members will have greater involvement, including the chance to stand for the main posts (this will also take pressure off the Parliamentary members)
- Election of officers will be by postal vote
- The Chair will be elected by members

The meeting agreed an amendment proposed by David Schoibl to give branches an annual capitation grant at a rate agreed by the Executive. The meeting then agreed the amended constitution unanimously.

It was suggested that a proposal to amend the constitution to limit the number of patrons to 3 should be proposed in 2009, along with clarification of the elections procedure for the National Executive.

h) Approval of financial and membership reports

Financial and membership reports were circulated and agreed unanimously.

i) Agreement of annual subscriptions

It was agreed that there would be no change to the level of annual subscriptions