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AELODAETH

(1) Aelod o Blaid Cymru yw aelod o Gangen, neu, lle na bo Cangen, un a ymaeloda trwy dderbyn a bod yn barod i hyrwyddo'r egwyddorion a ddatgenir isod yn Erthygl 3, a thalu o leiaf 5/- (ond 2/6 i hen bensiynwyr; ac i rai o 18 i 21 nad ydynt yn ennill; 1/6 i rai nad ydynt yn ennill y sy dan 18, nad ydynt yn gyflawn aelodau o'r Blaid) y flwyddyn i Drysorydd Pwyllgor Rhanbarth, neu i Drysorydd Pwyllgor Gwaith Plaid Cymru.

(2) Ffurfir Cangen yn gangen swyddogol o Blaid Cymru trwy ganiatâd y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth, neu lle na byddo Pwyllgor Rhanbarth, trwy ganiatâd y Pwyllgor Gwaith (Ystyr "Cangen" yn y cyfansoddiad hwn, bellach, yw Cangen Swyddogol). Rhaid i Gangen fod ag 20 aelod, wedi talu am eu haelodaeth am y flwyddyn; rhaid iddi fod wedi cyfrannu bob blwyddyn y lleiafswm o £20 i Gronfa Ganol y Blaid, ond lle bo iddi ymladd etholiad leol yn enw'r Blaid yn ystod y flwyddyn y lleiafswm fydd £10; rhaid iddi gyfarfod o leiaf unwaith yn y flwyddyn.

(3) Ni all neb fod yn aelod o Gangen heb dderbyn a bod yn barod i hyrwyddo yr egwyddorion a ddatgenir isod, a thalu ei danysgrifiad blynnyddol.

EGWYDDORION

- Sicrhau hunan-lywodraeth i Gymru o fewn y Gymanwlad;
- Diogelu diwylliant ac iaith a thraddodiadau a bywyd economaidd Cymru;
- Sicrhau i Gymru yr hawl i ymaelodi yn y Cenhedoedd Unedig.

CANGEN

(4) Rhaid i aelod danysgrifio o leiaf 5/- (ond 2/6 i hen bensiynwyr; ac i rai o 18 i 21 nad ydynt yn ennill; 1/6 i rai nad ydynt yn ennill y sy dan 18, nad ydynt yn gyflawn aelodau o'r Blaid) y flwyddyn i Drysorydd y Gangen.

(5) Swyddogion y Gangen fydd: Llywydd, Ysgrifennydd a Thrysorydd ynghyd ag unrhyw swyddogion eraill angenrheidiol, i'w hethol yn flynyddol ym mis Tachwedd, ac i ddechrau ar eu gwaith yn Ionawr ac anfon eu henwau a'u cyfeiriadau i'r Swyddfa Ganol.

(6) Rhaid i'r Gangen dalu tâl aelodaeth pob aelod i'r Pwyllgor Rhanbarth ac anfon eu henwau a'u cyfeiriadau i'r Swyddfa Ganol.

(7) Rhaid i'r Gangen dalu'n fisol o leiaf hanner ei holl derbyniadau eraill (sef elw cyfarfodydd unigol a thanysgrifiadau dros ben y 5/- aelodaeth) i'r Pwyllgor Rhanbarth.

(8) Y Gangen i drefnu i archwilio ei llyfrau bob blwyddyn ac i anfon mantolen wedi ei harchwilio i Drysorydd y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth.

(9) Bydd gan y Gangen gynrychiolaeth fel a ganlyn ar y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth—

2 gynrychiolydd os yw nifer yr aelodau o 20 hyd at 39

3 cynrychiolydd os yw nifer yr aelodau o 40 hyd at 49

- 4 cynrychiolydd os yw nifer yr aelodau o 60 hyd at 69
- 5 cynrychiolydd os yw nifer yr aelodau o 100 hyd at 199
- 6 cynrychiolydd os yw'r aelodaeth dros 200

Y cynrychiolwyr i'w dewis ym mis Tachwedd ac i ddechrau ar eu gwaith ym mis Ionawr.

(10) Bydd gan y Gangen hawl i ddewis un dirprwyd y gynrychiolydd pan na allo'r cynrychiolydd neu gynrychiolwyr fod yn bresennol yn y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth.

(11) Bydd gan Gangen o 50 aelod neu lai hawl i ddau gynrychiolydd yng Nghynhadledd y Blaid, ac un cynrychiolydd ychwanegol am bob 50 aelod neu ran o 50 dros ben hynny, i'w hethol o leiaf fis cyn y Gynhadledd.

ADRAN

(12) Ffurfir Adran yn Adran Swyddogol trwy ganiatâd Cangen neu Bwyllgor Rhanbarth neu'r Pwyllgor Gwaith. Gall fod yn Adran i'r Ifainc, i'r Merched neu i bentre neu ward neu gylch, pa un bynnag a fo'r aelodau yn aelodau o Gangen ai peidio.

(13) Rhaid i Adran fod a 6 neu fwy o aelodau.

(14) Y Swyddogion fydd—Llywydd, Trysorydd ac Ysgrifennydd; a bydd ganddi un cynrychiolydd ar y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth.

PWYLLGOR RHANBARTH

(15) Ffurfir Pwyllgor Rhanbarth yn bwyllgor swyddogol ym Mhlaid Cymru trwy ganiatâd y Pwyllgor Gwaith, lle bo o leiaf dair Cangen.

(16) Ffurfir Pwyllgor Rhanbarth o gynrychiolwyr y Canghennau a'r Adrannau gyda hawl i gyfethol, am flwyddyn o'r mis y'u hetholir, hyd at ugain atynt.

(17) Y Swyddogion fydd—Llywydd, Is-Llywydd, Ysgrifennydd a Thrysorydd ynghyd ag unrhyw swyddogion eraill angenrheidiol, i'w dewis yn flynyddol yng nghyfarfod mis Ionawr, ac i aros yn eu swydd hyd ddiwedd cyfarfod y'r Ionawr dilynol.

(18) Bydd gan y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth ddau gynrychiolydd ar y Cyngor Cenedlaethol, ynghyd ag un cynrychiolydd ychwanegol am bob tair cangen tros ben y chwech cyntaf, y cynrychiolwyr i'w dewis yn Ionawr, ac un cynrychiolydd i'r Gynhadledd i'w ddewis o leiaf fis cyn y Gynhadledd.

(19) Cyferfydd y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth o leiaf chwe gwaith yn y flwyddyn.

(20) Gellir galw cyfarfod arbennig o'r Pwyllgor ar gais y Pwyllgor Gwaith, neu trwy alwad traean yr aelodau, neu trwy benderfyniad y Pwyllgor mewn eisteddiad.

(21) Y corwm fydd traean yr aelodau.

(22) Bydd holl Ganghennau Rhanbarth dan lywodraeth y Pwyllgor hwn.

(23) Bydd y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth yn gyfrifol am holl drefniadau'r Blaid yn y rhanbarth, gan gynnwys etholiadau lleol a seneddol.

(24) Gan y Pwyllgor Rhanbarth y mae'r hawl i gyflwyno enw ymgeisydd am sedd seneddol yn y rhanbarth, i'w ystyried gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith.

(25) Rhaid i'r Pwyllgor Rhanbarth drefnu archwilio ei lyfrau ar ddiwedd pob blwyddyn, ac anfon mantolen wedi ei harchwilio i Drysorydd y Pwyllgor Gwaith.

(26) (a) Rhaid i'r Pwyllgor Rhanbarth dalu hanner y tâl aelodaeth 5/- a'r cyfan o'r tâl aelodaeth 2/6 a 1/6 i Drysorydd y Pwyllgor Gwaith, ynghyd â chyfran o'r holl

dderbyniadau eraill (sef cyfraniadau ac elw cyfarfodydd etc.)—cyfartaledd y cyfraniad i'w benderfynu gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith.

(b) Rhaid i bob Cangen dalu i'r Pwyllgor Rhanbarth y "lefi gynrychiolaeth" a osodir arni.

PWYLLGOR GWAITH

(27) Yng ngofal y Pwyllgor Gwaith y bydd holl drefniadau'r Blaid a'i phwyllgorau, a gweithredu ar benderfyniadau'r Gynhadledd a'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol, oddieithr yn ystod eisteddiadau'r Gynhadledd a'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol. Ond os yw 4 o'r aelodau tros daleithiau (28 ch) yn erbyn unrhyw benderfyniad, rhaid cyflwyno'r mater i'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol i'w benderfynu.

(28) Aelodau'r Pwyllgor Gwaith fydd:

- Y Llywydd a'r Is-Llywydd a etholir gan y Gynhadledd bob dwy flynedd, Cadeirydd y Blaid a fydd hefyd yn Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Gwaith a'r Is-Gadeirydd a fydd yn Is-Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Gwaith.
- Y Trysorydd a etholir gan y Gynhadledd yn flynyddol.
- Llywydd Adran yr Ifainc a Llywydd Adran y Merched a etholir gan y ddwy adran hynny yn flynyddol.
- Wyth cynrychiolydd taleithiol a etholir gan y Pwyllgorau Rhanbarth ym mhob talaith yn flynyddol yn y modd a benderfynir gan y Pwyllgorau Rhanbarth ym mhob talaith. Os digwydd i dalaith fethu ag ethol cynrychiolydd, bydd hawl gan y Cyngor Cenedlaethol i ethol cynrychiolydd. Y Rhanbarthau fydd Gwent, Gorllewin Morgannwg (etholaethau Dwyrain Abertawe, Gorllewin Abertawe, Castell Nedd, Aberafan, a Gŵyr), Canol Morgannwg (etholaethau Merthyr Tudful, Aberdâr, Y Rhondda Fach, Y Rhondda Fawr, Ogwr a Phontypridd), Dwyrain Morgannwg (etholaethau Gogledd Caerdydd, Ddwyrain Caerdydd, Gorllewin Caerdydd, Y Barri a Chaerffili), Dyfed, Canolbarth, Gwynedd, Clwyd.
- Yr Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol, Golygydd **Y Ddraig Goch** a Golygydd y **Welsh Nation** a apwyntir gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith.
- Dim mwy na 7 Cyfarwyddwr, a apwyntir gan aelodau etholedig y Pwyllgor Gwaith am gyfnod o ddwy flynedd; rhaid i'r rhai hyn gynnwys Cyfarwyddwyr Cyllid, Trefniadaeth, Etholiadau, Polisi, Ymchwil a Chyhoeddiadau.

(29) Cyferfydd y Pwyllgor Gwaith o leiaf bob deufis. Corwm fydd chwarter yr aelodau. Swyddogion Plaid Cymru fydd Swyddogion y Pwyllgor.

(30) Gelwir cyfarfod arbennig o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ar gais y Llywydd.

Y CYNGOR CENEDLAETHOL

(31) Yng ngofal y Cyngor Cenedlaethol y bydd holl lywodraeth y Blaid, a llywio ei gweithradiadau yn unol â'i hamcanion a phenderfyniadau'r Gynhadledd, oddieithr yn ystod eisteddiad o'r Gynhadledd.

(32) Aelodau'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol fydd—

- Cynrychiolwyr y Pwyllgorau Rhanbarth, dau o bob Pwyllgor ynghyd ag un ychwanegol am bob tair Cangen tros ben y chwech cyntaf.

- (b) Swyddogion y Blaid, Y Llywydd, Yr Is-Llywydd, Y Trysorydd, Yr Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol, Cadeirydd y Blaid, a fydd hefyd yn Gadeirydd y Cyngor Cenedlaethol, a'r Is-Gadeirydd a fydd hefyd yn Is-Gadeirydd y Cyngor Cenedlaethol.
- (c) Pedwar a etholir gan y Gynhadledd, dau bob blwyddyn am ddwy flynedd.
- (ch) Cyn-Lwywyddion Plaid Cymru.
- (d) Golygydd y **Ddraig Goch**, Golygydd y **Welsh Nation**, Golygydd **Triban**, a Golygydd Pamffledi a Llyfrau, a ddewisir yn flynyddol gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith.
- (dd) Cadeirydd ac Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Cenedlaethol Adran y Merched a Chadeirydd ac Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Cenedlaethol Adran yr Ifainc.
- (e) Rhai a gyd-ddewisir yn flynyddol gan y Cyngor Cenedlaethol ei hun, byd at draean yr aelodau dan (a).
- (f) Unrhyw rai sy'n aelodau o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith nad ydynt eisoes yn aelodau o'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol.
- (33) Gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith y bydd y gallu i ddewis Ysgrifennydd Plaid Cymru.
- (34) Bydd Swyddogion Plaid Cymru yn Swyddogion y Cyngor Cenedlaethol.
- (35) Cyferfydd y Cyngor Cenedlaethol o leiaf ddwy waith y flwyddyn.
- (36) Gelwir cyfarfod arbennig o'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol ar gais ysgrifenedig chwarter yr aelodaeth neu ar gais y Llywydd.
- (37) Y corwm fydd chwarter yr aelodau.

Y GYNHADLEDD

- (38) Y Gynhadledd yw gallu llywodraethol a deddfol uchaf y Blaid.
- (39) Ni ellir newid na chyfansoddiad na pholisi Plaid Cymru ond gyda phleidlais dwy ran o dair o'r aelodau a fo'n bresennol mewn Cynhadledd y byddo rhybudd o gynnig wedi ei anfon iddi trwy Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol y Blaid yn gyfansoddiadol: ond ynglŷn â phob mater arall bydd pleidlais y mwyafri yn ddigon i basio penderfyniad.
- (40) Ffurfir y Gynhadledd o—
- (a) Gynrychiolwyr pob Cangen o'r Blaid, — dau gynrychiolydd i bob Cangen a 50 aelod neu lai, ac un cynrychiolydd ychwanegol am bob 50 aelod neu ran o 50 dros ben hynny.
- (b) Un cynrychiolydd o bob Pwyllgor Rhanbarth, heb law'r rhai sydd ar y Cyngor Cenedlaethol.
- (c) Aelodau'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol.
- (ch) Unrhyw un a fo'n Aelod Seneddol, dros y Blaid.
- (41) Bydd caniatâd i aelodau unigol o'r Blaid ddyfod i'r Gynhadledd, a llefaru yno er nad ydynt gynrychiolwyr, ond na bydd ganddynt bleidlais.
- (42) Bydd swyddogion Plaid Cymru yn swyddogion y Gynhadledd.

(43) Gelwir y Gynhadledd yn flynyddol gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith a bydd ei holl drefniadau yng ngofal Pwyllgor Llywio'r Gynhadledd y bydd iddo'r dyletswyddau a ganlyn—

- (a) Adolygu'r holl gynhigion a anfonir i mewn i'r Gynhadledd.
- (b) Llunio Cynhigion Cyfansawdd fel y gwelir angen allan o gynhigion a anfonir i mewn i'r Gynhadledd, pan fo'r cyfryw yn debyg o ran pwnc a deunydd.
- (c) Penderfynu ar y drefn y mae cynhigion i ddod bron y Gynhadledd.
- (ch) Pennu'r amser a roddir i drafod pob cynnig.
- (d) Cyflwyno i'r Gynhadledd restr o gynhigion (as bydd rhai) y gomeddir eu trafod oherwydd diffyg amser. O'r cynhigion hynny bydd i'r Gynhadledd trwy bleidlais ddirlas ddewis tri chynnig a chaiff y rheini eu trafod ar amserau a neilltuir i'r pwrrpas.

Aelodau'r Pwyllgor Llywio fydd—

- (a) Cadeirydd i'w ethol gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith am un flwyddyn.
- (b) Dau aelod i'w henwebu gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith am un flwyddyn.
- (c) Dau aelod heb fod yn aelodau o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith i'w hethol gan y Cyngor Cenedlaethol am un flwyddyn.
- (ch) Dau aelod i'w hethol gan y Gynhadledd Flynyddol fel y gosodir allan ym Mharagraff 47.

(44) Gellir galw Cynhadledd arbennig gan y Cyngor Cenedlaethol.

(45) Etholir Is-Lwydd Plaid Cymru bob dwy flynedd gan y Gynhadledd, a'r Trysorydd bob blwyddyn.

(46) Etholir Llywydd y Blaid a Chadeirydd ac Is-Gadeirydd y Blaid bob dwy flynedd gan y Gynhadledd.

(47) Etholir pedwar aelod arall, dau bob blwyddyn am ddwy flynedd, ar y Cyngor Cenedlaethol, na fyddant yn aelodau o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith, gan y Gynhadledd, ar wahân i'r Swyddogion; fe etholir yr ymgeisydd a gaiff y nifer mwyafrif o bleidleisiau yn aelod y Gynhadledd ar Bwyllgor Llywio'r Gynhadledd am ddwy flynedd.

(48) (a) Yr holl gynigiadau ar gyfer y Gynhadledd i fod yn nwyo'r Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol erbyn Mehefin 30ain, ac yntau i'w hanfon i Bwyllgor Llywio'r Gynhadledd.

(b) Mewn achos o unrhyw anghytundeb ynglŷn â hawl unrhyw grwp a sefydlwyd yn gyfansoddiadol, i ddwyr unrhyw gynigiad ger bron, argreffir y cyniad hwnnw gyda'r lleill, ac yna ei ddwyr gerbron y Gynhadledd mewn Sesiwn.

Yna bydd y Gynhadledd yn penderfynu drwy fwyafrif sym! a heb ddadl a ddylid dadlau'n ffurfiol neu ddim ar y fath gynigiadau.

(c) Ni ddylid cyflwyno unrhyw gynnig brys i'r Gynhadledd Flynyddol ani bo a wnelo â rhyw fater o bwysigrwydd gwleidyddol a fo wedi codi yn ystod y ddeufis cyn agor y Gynhadledd.

(49) Pan na byddo'r Gynhadledd na'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol na'r Pwyllgor Gwaith yn eistedd, Llywydd y Blaid sy'n gyfrifol am lywodraeth a threfniadau Plaid Cymru.

RHEOLAU SEFYDLOG Y GYNHADLEDD

- (1) Caniateir i rai nad ydynt aelodau o Blaid Cymru ddyfod i'r Gynhadledd fel gwrandawyr, oni phenderfynir yn wahanol gan y Gynhadledd.
- (2) Trefn y gwaith fydd—
 - (a) Derbyn Cofnodion y Gynhadledd ddiwethaf.
 - (b) Cyhoeddi enwau Swyddogion y Gynhadledd.
 - (c) Y gwaith a ofyn y Cyfansoddiad (sef etholiadau, etc.).
 - (ch) Cyflwyno Adroddiad y Flwyddyn a Chwestiynau arno.
 - (d) Cynigion Brys o'r Cyngor Cenedlaethol neu o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith.
 - (dd) Cynigion eraill yn y drefn ac yn ôl yr amser a nodir gan Bwyllgor Llywio'r Gynhadledd. Bydd pob cynnig wedi ei anfon fis cyn y Gynhadledd i Ysgrifennydd a Chyrrychiolwyr pob Cangen a Phwyllgor Rhanbarth.

CYNHIGION

(3) Rhaid cyflwyno pob cynnig neu welliant, oddiethr cynnig i ohirio'r Gynhadledd neu i ohirio'r ddadl, neu fod rhoddi'r mater i bleidlais neu fod gadael y mater ar y bwrdd neu fod ymffurfio'n bwyllog, mewn ysgrifen i Gadeirydd neu Ysgrifennydd y Gynhadledd.

(4) Oni cheir aelod i gyflwyno cynnig y derbyniwyd rhybudd ohono pan gyfyd yn ei drefn, fe'i gadewir, ac ni ellir ei gynnig wedyn heb rhybudd o gynnig.

(5) Ar ôl cynnig ac eilio penderfyniad, ni ellir ei dynnu'n ôl heb ganiatad y Gynhadledd.

TRAFOADAETH

(6) Ni bydd cynnig neu welliant yn agored i drafodaeth — na chan y cynigyd na chan arall — hyd onis eilir; geill eilydd ohirio'i sylwadau hyd yn ddiweddarach yn y drafodaeth.

(7) Rhaid i siaradwr ei gyfyngu ei hun i'r cynnig a fod dan sylw, neu i gynnig neu welliant a gyflwynir ganddo ef neu i bwynt o drefn.

(8) Ni eill cynigyd siarad yn hwy na phum munud, eilydd yn hwy na thri munud, a'r gweddill yn hwy na thri munud, oni cheir caniatâd arbennig y Gynhadledd.

(9) Ni eill aelod annerch y Gynhadledd fwy nag unwaith ar unrhyw gynnig neu welliant; ond yn union cyn dod i cynnig neu welliant i bleidlais, geill cynigyd cynnig gwreiddiol ateb siaradwyr blaenorol, ond heb ddwyn deunydd newydd i'r drafodaeth, na llefaru yn hwy na phum munud. Er hynny, geill aelod bob amser siarad ar bwynt o drefn neu ar bwynt o eglurhad.

(10) Gellir cynnig bod y Gynhadledd yn ymffurfio'n Bwyllgor ac os derbynir, ni chyfyngir aelodau i un arraith. Wedi trafodaeth ar fater mewn Pwyllgor gellir cynnig fod i'r Pwyllgor gyflwyno adroddiad i'r Gynhadledd, yr Adroddiad i'w wneuthur gan yr Ysgrifennydd neu i'w gymryd fel pe bai wedi ei ddarllen.

GWEILLIANAU

(11) Rhaid i welliant ddal perthynas â'r cynnig gwreiddiol a rhaid iddo—

(a) adael allan eiriau; neu (b) adael allan eiriau a

chynnwys geiriau newydd; neu (c) gynnwys geiriau newydd.

(12) Wedi cynnig ac eilio gwelliant ar gynnig gwreiddiol, ni ellir cynnig gwelliant arall hyd oni cheir ymwared â'r gwelliant cyntaf; ond gellir rhoddi rhybudd o unrhyw nifer o welliannau. Os gwrthodir gwelliant, gellir cynnig gwelliant arall ar y cynnig gwreiddiol. Ond os cytunir ar welliant, daw hwnnw yn gynnig gwreiddiol, a gellir cynnig gwelliant arno.

CYNHIGION FFURFIOL

(13) Ar ddiwedd unrhyw arraith, geill unrhyw aelod gynnig bod rhoddi'r mater i bleidlais; ac os eilir hynny a'i basio rhoddir y cynnig gwreiddiol i bleidlais heb fwy o drafodaeth.

(14) Pan fo aelod yn cynnig bod gohirio'r Gynhadledd, geill siarad am bum munud yn unig, ac os eilir hynny rhaid ei eilio heb arraith, a rhoddi y cynnig i bleidlais heb drafodaeth.

(15) Wrth gynnig fod gadael y mater ar y bwrdd neu fod gohirio'r drafodaeth neu fod ymffurfio'n bwylgor, ni all aelod siarad am dros bum munud, ac os eilir hynny fe'i heilir heb arraith. Yna fe eilw y Cadeirydd ar ryw aelod (cynigyd y cynnig gwreiddiol i gael y flaenoriaeth) i siarad ar y cynnig hwn, ac yna fe'i rhoddir i bleidlais ar unwaith.

(16) Ni ellir ail-gynnig bod gohirio'r Gynhadledd o fewn yr awr oddieithr gan y Cadeirydd, ac ni ellir ail-gynnig fod gadael unrhyw fater ar y bwrdd, neu fod gohirio'r unrhyw drafodaeth, neu fod ymffurfio'n bwylgor i drafod unrhyw fater, o fewn yr hanner awr oddieithr gan y Cadeirydd.

Y CADEIRYDD

(17) Cadeirydd ac Is-Gadeirydd y Blaid fydd Cadeirydd ac Is-Gadeirydd y Gynhadledd. Yn absenoldeb y Cadeirydd a'r Is-Gadeirydd bydd i'r Gynhadledd ethol Cadeirydd Gweithredol. Bydd dyfarniad y Cadeirydd yn derfynol ar unrhyw bwnc yn codi o'r Rheolau hyn neu o'u dehongliad, neu ar bwnc o drefn, ac ni ellir ei drafod.

(18) Geill y Cadeirydd ohirio'r Gynhadledd.

(19) Bydd i aelod, pan fo'n siarad, sefyll a chyfarch y gadair; pan fo'r Cadeirydd ar ei draed, bydd i bawb arall eistedd.

(20) Pan gyfyd dau aelod neu ychwaneg ar unwaith, y cadeirydd biau penderfynu pa un ohonynt sydd i siarad.

(21) Bydd gan y Cadeirydd bleidlais gyffredin a phleidlais fwrw.

(22) Geill y Cadeirydd annerch y Gynhadledd i ddehongli neu i weinyddu'r Rheolau hyn, neu ynteu i ateb unrhyw gwestiwn ar bwynt o ffaith; os dymuna annerch y Gynhadledd ar unrhyw gynnig a fo gerbron, yna, gyda chaniatâd y Gynhadledd, gaill adael y gadair ar fe'i cymerir gan y Llwydd neu'r Is-Llywydd.

PLEIDLEISIO

(23) Pleidleisir trwy godi dwylo, oni ddymuna'r Gynhadledd yn wahanol; gyda dewis swyddogion, ac aelodau i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith, pleidleisir yn gudd, oni ddymuna'r Gynhadledd yn wahanol.

(24) Gellir rhoddi'r Rheolau Sefydlog hyn o'r neilltu ar benderfyniad y Gynhadledd, trwy bleidlais dwy ran o dair o'r rhai a fo'n bresennol, a phery'r penderfyniad yna mewn grym hyd oni phenderfynir y mater dan sylw ac y symudir ymlaen i fusnes arall.

The Constitution of Plaid Cymru

MEMBERSHIP

(1) A member of Plaid Cymru is he or she who is a member of a Branch, or where there is no Branch, he or she who joins by accepting and by being willing to further the aims given below in Article 3, and by paying a minimum membership fee of at least 5/- (but 2/6 for pensioners and for those from 18-21 not earning, and 1/6 for non-wage earners under 18 who are not full members of Plaid Cymru) per annum to the Treasurer of a District Committee (Pwyllgor Rhanbarth) or to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee (Pwyllgor Gwaith) of Plaid Cymru.

(2) A Branch (Cangen) is established as an official branch of the Blaid by the sanction of a District Committee, or, where there is no District Committee, by the sanction of the Executive Committee. (A Branch in this Constitution henceforth means an official Branch). Every Branch must have 20 members, who have paid their annual membership fee. It must have contributed yearly a minimum of £20 to the Central Fund of the Party, but where it has fought a local election in the name of the Party during the year, its minimum (for that year) shall be £10. It must meet at least once a year.

(3) No person may be a member of a Branch unless he accepts and is willing to further the principles enunciated below, and pays his annual subscription:

PRINCIPLES

- (a) To secure self government for Wales within the Commonwealth of Nations;
- (b) To safeguard the culture, language, traditions, and the economic life of Wales;
- (c) To secure for Wales the right to become a member of the United Nations' Organization.

BRANCH

(4) A member must subscribe a minimum of five shillings a year to the Branch Treasurer (but 2/6 for pensioners and for those from 18-21 not earning, and 1/6 for non-wage earners under 18 who are not full members of Plaid Cymru).

(5) The officials of a Branch are: President, Secretary, Treasurer as well as any other necessary officials, elected annually in November, their term of office commencing in January, and their names and addresses are to be sent to the Central Office.

(6) The Branch must pay every member's membership fee to the District Committee, and send the name and address to the Central Office.

(7) The Branch is to pay over monthly to the District Committee at least half its other receipts (profits on meetings, subscriptions over and above the 5/- membership fees).

(8) The Branch is to arrange for its books to be audited annually and to forward the audited balance sheet to the treasurer of the District Committee.

(9) The Branch shall have the following representation on the District Committee:

- 2 representatives if membership is from 20 to 39
- 3 representatives if membership is from 40 to 59
- 4 representatives if membership is from 60 to 99
- 5 representatives if membership is from 100 to 199
- 6 representatives if membership is over 200.

The representatives to be elected in November, their term of office commencing in January.

(10) A Branch may elect one deputy representative when its representative or representatives cannot attend the District Committee.

(11) A Branch with not more than 50 members has the right to elect two delegates to the Party Conference and a further delegate for each further 50 members or part of 50, to be elected at least one month before the Conference.

SECTION

(12) A Section is formed officially by the permission of a Branch or District Committee or the Executive Committee. The Section may be for Youth, for Women, or for a village or ward, or a district, whether the members are members of a Branch or not.

(13) A Section must have 6 or more members.

(14) The Officials will be: President, Treasurer and Secretary; it will have one representative on the Committee.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

(15) A District Committee is established as an official Committee of the Blaid, by sanction of the Executive Committee, where there are at least three Branches.

(16) A District Committee consists of representatives of the Branches and Sections to form a District Committee from representatives of Branches and Sections, who have the right to co-opt, for twelve months from the date of their co-option, not more than twenty other members.

(17) The District Committee officials are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other necessary officials, to be elected annually in the January meeting and to be in office until the end of the Committee meeting of the following January.

(18) The District Committee shall have two representatives on the National Council, with an additional member for every three Branches over and above the first six, to be elected every January; and one in the Conference to be elected at least one month before the Conference.

(19) The District Committee is to meet at least six times a year.

(20) A special meeting of the District Committee may be called on the request of the Executive Committee, or on the request of one-third of the members, or on a resolution of a constitutional meeting of the Committee.

(21) The quorum shall be one-third of the members.

(22) All the Branches within the District shall be under the direction of this Committee.

(23) The District Committee is responsible for all the arrangements of the Blaid in the District, including arrangements for local and parliamentary elections.

(24) The right to present to the Executive Committee for its consideration the name of a candidate for a parliamentary constituency within the Districts rests with the District Committee.

(25) The District Committee must have its books audited annually and must send its audited balance sheet to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

(26) (a) The District Committee must pay half the five shillings membership fee and the entire 2/6 and 1/6 membership fee to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, together with a proportion of all other receipts (namely contributions and the profits of meetings etc.)—the proportion to be decided by the Executive Committee.

(b) Every Branch is to pay over to the District Committee the "representation levy" placed on it by the District Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(27) The Executive Committee will be in charge of the whole organisation of the Party and its committees, and will act on the resolutions of the Conference and the National Council, except only when the Conference or National Council is in session. But if 4 of the members representing the regions (28 ch) are against any resolution, the matter must be brought before the National Council to decide.

(28) The members of the Executive Committee shall be:

(a) The President and Vice-President elected by the Conference every two years, Chairman of the Party who shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Vice-Chairman of the Party who shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.

(b) The Treasurer elected by the Conference every year.

(c) The President of the Youth Section and the President of the Women's Section elected by the appropriate Section every year.

(ch) Eight regional representatives elected by the District Committees of each region every year in a manner decided among the District Committees of each region. In the event of a region failing to elect a representative the National Council shall have the right of election. The regions shall be—Gwent, West Glamorgan (Swansea East, Swansea West, Neath, Aberfan, Gower); Mid Glamorgan (Merthyr Tydfil, Aberdare, Rhondda East, Rhondda West, Ogmore, Pontypridd); East Glamorgan (Cardiff North, Cardiff South East, Cardiff West, Barry, Caerffili; Dyfed; Canolbarth; Gwynedd; Clwyd).

(d) The General Secretary, the Editor of '**Y Ddraig Goch**' and the Editor of the '**Welsh Nation**' appointed by the Executive Committee.

(dd) Not more than seven Directors, appointed by the elected members of the Executive Committee for a period of two years; these should include Directors of Finance, Organisation, Elections, Policy, Research and Publications.

(29) The Executive shall meet at least bi-monthly. The quorum will be a quarter of its members. Plaid Cymru Officials shall be the Officials of the Committee.

(30) A special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called at the President's directive.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

(31) The National Council shall be in charge of the whole government of the Party and shall steer its activities in accordance with its aims and the resolutions of the Conference, except during a session of the Conference.

(32) The members of the National Council are :

- (a) Two representatives from each District Committee, with an extra representative for every three branches over the first six.
- (b) The Officers of the Blaid, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Chairman of the Party who shall be Chairman of the National Council and the Vice-Chairman of the Party who shall be Vice-Chairman of the National Council.
- (c) Four members elected by the Conference — two elected each year for two years.
- (ch) Past Presidents of the Blaid.
- (d) The Editor of '**Y Ddraig Goch**', the Editor of '**The Welsh Nation**', the Editor of '**Y Triban**' and the Editor of Pamphlets and Books, who are appointed annually by the Executive Committee.
- (dd) The Chairman and Secretary of the National Committee of the Women's Section, the Chairman and Secretary of the National Committee of the Youth Section.
- (e) Members who are co-opted annually by the National Council, not more in number than a third of the members under (a).
- (f) Any one who is a member of the Executive Committee not already a member of the National Council.

(33) The appointment of the General Secretary of the Blaid rests with the Executive Committee.

(34) The Officials of the Blaid shall be the Officials of the National Council.

(35) The National Council shall meet at least twice a year.

(36) A special meeting of the National Council will be called on the written request of one quarter of its members, or at the request of the President.

(37) The quorum shall be one quarter of the members.

CONFERENCE

(38) The Conference is the highest authority of the Blaid.

(39) The Constitution and Policy of the Blaid may not be changed except by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at a Conference, a notice of motion having been constitutionally given to the Conference through the General Secretary of the Party; but in all other matters, the vote of the majority will suffice to carry resolutions.

(40) The Conference shall be constituted as follows :

- (a) Of delegates from all Blaid branches—two from every Branch of not more than 50 members with one additional delegate for every additional 50 members or part of 50;

- (b) Of one delegate from each District Committee in addition to members who are already members of the National Council;
- (c) Of the members of the National Council;
- (ch) Of any one who is a Blaid member of Parliament.

(41) Members of the Blaid may attend the Conference and may speak even though they are not delegates, but may not vote.

(42) The Blaid Officials shall be the Conference Officials.

(43) The Conference shall be convened annually by the Executive Committee, and its arrangements shall be in the hands of the Steering Committee, whose functions shall be—

- (a) To review all motions submitted to the Conference;
- (b) To formulate composite motions from motions submitted to the Conference when such motions are of like subject matter, as considered necessary;
- (c) To arrange the sequence of motions to be debated by the Conference;
- (ch) To allocate the debating time to each motion;
- (d) To present to the Conference a list of any motions excluded from debate because of shortage of time. From all such motions the Conference shall ballot for three motions which will be discussed in specially allocated time periods.

The members of the Conference Steering Committee shall be—

- (a) Chairman to be elected by the Executive Committee for one year;
- (b) Two members to be nominated by the Executive Committee for one year;
- (c) Two members to be elected by the National Council for one year who shall not be members of the Executive Committee;
- (d) Two members to be elected by the Annual Conference as set out in paragraph 47.

(44) A special Conference may be called by the National Council.

(45) The Vice-President shall be elected by the Conference every two years and the Treasurer every year.

(46) The President, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Blaid shall be elected every two years by the Conference.

(47) The Conference shall appoint four members as members of the National Council, who shall not be members of the Executive Committee, in addition to the Officers, two to be appointed each year for a period of two years, the candidate receiving the highest vote in each year shall be elected as the Conference's member of the Conference Steering Committee.

- (48) (a) All motions for the Conference to be in the hands of the General Secretary by June 30th from whose hands they will pass to the Conference Steering Committee.

- (b) In the event of any dispute as to the right of any constitutionally endowed group to submit any motion, such a motion shall be printed with all others and thereafter put before the Conference in session.

The Conference will then decide by simple majority and without debate, whether or not to formally debate such motions.

- (c) No emergency motion may be presented to the Annual Conference unless it is concerned with an issue of political importance which has arisen within the two months before the opening of the Conference.

- (49) When the Conference and the National Council and the Executive Committee are not in session, the President of the Blaid is responsible for the government and organization of the Blaid.

STANDING ORDERS OF THE CONFERENCE

- (1) Persons who are not members of Plaid Cymru may attend and hear the proceedings of the Conference, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

- (2) The order of business is to be as follows—

- (i) Acceptance of the minutes of the previous Conference.
- (ii) Announcement of the names of the Conference Officials.
- (iii) Business required by the Constitution (elections, etc.).
- (iv) Presentation of Annual Report and questions on it.
- (v) Emergency motions from the National Council or the Executive Committee.
- (vi) Other motions in the order and according to the time allotted by the Conference Steering Committee. Every motion will have been sent, one month previous to the Conference, to the Secretary and Delegates of every Branch and District Committee.

MOTIONS

- (3) Every motion or amendment except a motion to adjourn the Conference or to adjourn the debate, or to put the vote or to leave the matter on the table, or that the Conference resolve into Committee must be submitted in writing to the Chairman or Secretary of the Conference.

- (4) If there is no member to propose a motion of which notice has been given, when its turn comes, it shall be passed over and cannot be moved afterwards without a notice of motion.

- (5) A motion, having been proposed and seconded, cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Conference.

DEBATE

(6) Neither a motion nor an amendment shall be open to discussion—not even by the proposer—until it is seconded; the seconder may postpone his remarks upon it until later in the debate.

(7) Every speaker must direct his speech to the motion which is under discussion, or to a motion or amendment which he is proposing or to a point of order.

(8) A proposer may not speak for more than five minutes, a seconder not more than three minutes, and others not more than three minutes, except with the consent of the Conference.

(9) No member may address the Conference more than once on any motion or amendment; but that immediately before the motion or amendment is put to the vote the proposer of the original motion may reply to previous speakers, but without introducing fresh matter into the debate or speaking for more than five minutes. Notwithstanding the above, a member may speak at any time on a point of order or a point of explanation.

(10) A motion may be proposed to the effect that the Conference should go into Committee, and, if it is passed, members are not confined to one speech. After a matter has been discussed in Committee, it may be moved that the Committee shall report to the Conference, the report to be made by the Secretary or to be taken as read.

AMENDMENTS

(11) An amendment must be relevant to the original motion and must—

- (a) omit certain words, or
- (b) omit certain words and insert or add others, or
- (c) add certain words.

(12) When an amendment to the original motion has been moved, no other amendment can be proposed until the first amendment has been disposed of; but notice may be given of any number of amendments. If an amendment is rejected, another amendment to the original motion may be moved. But if an amendment is carried, it takes the place of the original motion, and an amendment to it may be moved.

FORMAL MOTIONS

(13) At the end of any speech, a member may move that the question be now put to the vote, and if this is seconded and passed, the original question shall be put to the vote without further discussion.

(15) When moving that the matter be left on the table or that the debate be adjourned or that the Conference resolve into Committee, a member may not speak for more than five minutes, and if the motion is seconded it shall be seconded without a speech. The Chairman shall then call upon a member (preference being given to the proposer of the original motion) to speak on this motion, and it shall then be put to the vote forthwith.

(16) A motion to adjourn the Conference may not be moved a second time within an hour, unless by the Chairman; and a motion to proceed to the next business, or that the debate be adjourned, or that the Conference resolve into Committee to discuss any matter, may not be moved a second time within half-an-hour, unless by the Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN

(17) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Blaid shall be the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Conference. In the absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the Conference shall elect an acting Chairman. The Chairman's decision shall be final on any point arising from these Orders or on their interpretation, or on a point of order, and may not be debated.

(18) The Chairman has power to adjourn the Conference.

(19) When a member speaks, he must stand and address the chair; when the Chairman rises, all others must be seated.

(20) When two or more members rise at the same time, the Chairman shall decide to whom priority shall be given.

(21) The Chairman shall have an ordinary vote and a casting vote.

(22) The Chairman may address the Conference in order to interpret or to administer these Orders, or to reply to any question on a point of fact; if he wishes to address the Conference on any motion which is under discussion, he may, with the consent of the Conference, vacate the Chair, which is then to be taken by the President or Vice-President.

VOTING

(23) Voting is to be by show of hands, unless the Conference decides otherwise; in electing officers and members of the Executive Council, voting shall be by ballot, unless the Conference decides otherwise.

(24) These Standing Orders may be suspended by a two-thirds majority of those present at the Conference; and this resolution shall remain in force until the matter under discussion is decided and the Conference proceeds to other business.