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TO ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleagues,

POLICY FORUMS CLARIFICATION

During our recent Restructuring Briefings, we have had a number of Branches questioning the mechanism for how Industrial Policy Forums can be called.

There is already a current rule, 8.1.7, which states that a Policy Forum can be called by the NEC or “at the request of Branches representing not less than 40% of the membership”.

In the interest of ensuring there is no confusion and reassuring Branches of their rights to call Policy Forums as we move to biennial Conferences, the NEC has clarified and agreed that in subsequent guidelines to be published on Policy Forums, we will apply this rule to the Industrial Policy Forums. Therefore, Branches constituting 40% of the membership of either constituency can call an Industrial Policy Forum.

The subsequent guidelines will also denote how different collective bargaining units/businesses can call Policy Forums related to their collective bargaining unit/business. The principle that only those branches within the collective bargaining units/businesses can call a policy forum related to that collective bargaining units/business shall be upheld. This was agreed by the NEC at yesterday’s meeting, before the Conference.

Now that we have clarified this, Branches will have all the necessary information for making decisions at this Conference. The full guidelines for all Policy Forums will be published no later than the end of September 2025.

If you have any further questions or need any further information, please contact the General Secretary’s department at dlynch@cwu.org.

Yours Sincerely,



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