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18th November 2020

Dear Colleague,

Royal Mail Area Representative & Royal Mail Area Representative Substitute Elections - 2020

Branches will be aware that the Senior Deputy General Secretary is required to publish a standard election timetable for the RM Area Rep/Substitute positions. The timetable applies to positions that cover more than one branch area, i.e. those RM Area Rep elections, which are currently organised by the Regional Secretary. Accordingly the timetable for the 2020 RM Area Rep elections is as follows:

Nominations Open: 18th November 2020
Nominations Close: 9th December 2020 (3 week nomination period)

In line with the above policy I have asked Regional Secretaries to co-ordinate these elections and to contact branches and advise them of the arrangements for the positions which are subject to election within their respective areas.

Branches are reminded that candidates must have received the nomination of their own branch and if ballots are required we will advise the respective branches of the ballot timetable in due course.

Branches should also note that any ballots will be conducted on an individual member basis of those members eligible to vote and that the costs incurred for the ballots would have to be met from the relevant Branch(s) funds. The Regional Secretary will discuss the detail of this with the Branches.

Due to the current unprecedented circumstances we find ourselves in, branches should note that ballots for any elections that occur will be deferred into the New Year.

Also please note that it has been agreed that any candidates taking part in a ballot will be entitled to submit the following biographical and election information:

1. Biographical Details up to a maximum of 100 words.
2. An Election Statement of no more than 300 words.

Please note that the biographical details and election address will need to be provided to the respective Regional Secretary by the close of nominations on 9th December 2020. Any information received after this date will not be included with the ballot information.

In addition, any elections will be conducted in line with the attached Guidelines and I would also take this opportunity to remind branches and candidates that they have a responsibility to treat fellow candidates with respect and they must ensure that no election material is published that could be deemed as either offensive or abusive.

Please note that elections for Area Representatives that fall wholly within one Branch boundary are the responsibility of the Branch, however if required, assistance can be sought from the Regional Secretary regarding these elections.

Any enquiries regarding this LTB should be addressed to the Senior Deputy General Secretary's Department on telephone number 020 8971 7237 or email address sdgs@cwu.org.

Yours sincerely,



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