

Resolutions Passed

26th – 28th October 2012, Karaez, Breizh/Brittany

General Secretary and Convenor

All Motions 1 to 16 below proposed by Rhisiart Tal-e-bot, General Secretary and Cathal Ó Luain, Convenor

Motion 1.

This AGM:

Agrees that each Branch is directed to send a list of branch members to the general secretary on an annual basis at least one month before the Celtic League annual general meeting, so that a central list of all members can be maintained.

Motion 2.

This AGM:

Requests that branches keep an upper limit of £500 in their accounts and any excess over that amount is forwarded to central funds.

Motion 3.

This AGM:

Taking account of the time needed to develop an Ezine format, the obligation to inform members and supply issues paid for and the need to try to retain membership despite changes, this AGM recommends that the print version of Carn be maintained until the end of 2013.

Motion 4.

This AGM:

Agrees that an electronic version of Carn, eCarn, designed to replace the print version of Carn, will be available for delegates to discuss and vote on at the 2013 AGM with the intention that it will be produced three times a year.

Constitutional Amendments needed, amend Clauses 3 and 6 to read as below. (These must be voted on before the above proposal)

Motion 5.

This AGM amends the Constitution as follows:

Clause 3. Membership and Eligibility

Last paragraph in a. amend to:

Organisations or individuals may subscribe to League publications, such as CARN or eCARN without becoming members.....

Clause 6. The work of the League is assisted:

- a. at a general level by the publication of a printed periodical CARN or by an on line accessed periodical eCARN through which its policies and activities are published. The frequency of its publication to be decided at AGMs
- b. by such other publications, be they annual or occasional, that AGMs may decide upon
- c. The present Clause 6 b will now become 6c.

Motion 6.

This AGM amends the Constitution as follows:

Clause 16 The Branch Secretary

Replace all references to CARN with CARN /eCARN

Motion 7

This AGM amends the Constitution as follows:

a Clause 3. Membership and Eligibility

Add new paragraph before last paragraph of 3.a

Members of the Celtic League are entitled to receive Carn or have access to eCarn

Motion 8.

This AGM:

Recommends that, if feasible with regard to finances, a Celtic League publication is produced once a year in hard copy format, to complement eCarn, in the fourth quarter of the year.

Motion 10.

This AGM amends the Constitution as follows:

"Clause 11. makes the necessary arrangements for the supply of material for CARN/eCARN in due time for its regular and punctual distribution and takes due cognisance of Celtic League Press releases."

Motion 12.

This AGM reiterates and agrees to uphold the good practise of resolution proposals at all AGM's and the follow up of resolutions as a result of the same:

- a. that proposers of resolutions follow them up and have responsibility for progressing them and to copy GS on all correspondence
- b. if proposing branches/officers want GS to assist in follow up of resolutions, details need to be provided to GS which should include the supply of written drafts of correspondence for the GS to issue
- c. for Standing Orders to be strictly upheld at AGMs, with particular regard to the timely submission of resolutions. Setting Standing Orders aside to be kept for exceptional circumstances/motions and not used for resolutions to be put on agenda en bloc.

Motion 13.

This AGM reiterates the importance of gaining the United Nations consultative status for the Celtic League and that the League must ensure that it maximises this status and be active in submitting comments to the UN on issues, extending to attending sessions in Geneva, if feasible.

Motion 14.

This AGM agrees that a web based payment method, such as Paypal, be introduced to allow payments on line and the website made secure https:

Motion 15.

This AGM confirms that the present worldwide membership in the International Branch be maintained under this title subject to the following.

- a. Bank account of IB to be closed and monies transferred to central funds when time for subs are renewed
- b. All membership fees from IB to be channelled to central funds
- c. IB to be kept but GS to take over administration of it
- d. Future enquirers for joining the League from outside of Celtic countries who do not wish to join a national branch to be referred to IB
- e. IB membership fees to be paid through Paypal if using website
- f. GS to monitor IB membership through bank account

Motion 16.

This AGM amends the Constitution as follows:

8 Annual General Meeting

Add new Clause 8.e

8e. AGMs and meetings of the General Council will be organised and chaired in accordance with the Standing Orders of the General Council

Convenor

Motion 17.

This AGM condemns the Irish Government for its indecent haste in pushing through the flawed Gaeltacht Bill 2012 earlier this year and ignoring the many amendments sought by Gaeltacht community groups and Irish language voluntary organisations. We call on the Irish Government to take cognisance of these and to provide proper language planning support for the real Irish speaking areas within the present Gaeltacht boundaries.

Motion 18.

This AGM calls on the North –South Ministerial Council and Foras na Gaeilge to ensure that discussions now under way for an alternative funding scheme for the Irish Language voluntary sector leads to a scheme which is acceptable to them and provides the necessary continuum in funding frothier very necessary activities based on their strategic and action plans.

Director of Information

1. This AGM:

Aware of United Nations standards aimed at protecting young people from being militarised calls on the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child to investigate the operation by the United Kingdom of military cadet forces.

2. This AGM:

a) Recalling the recent controversy surrounding the policing of the London G20 conference and also the controversy surrounding the use of police agent provocateur infiltration of UK environmental groups,

b) Mindful of the adoption by the Council of Europe of - Recommendation 2001 (10) - and correspondence between the League and the (COE) Secretary General of the Directorate General of Human Rights in 2004,

Calls on the Council of Europe and its relevant human rights bodies to take steps to regulate and make publicly accountable ‘Special Police’ units with particular reference to nations under current control of member states of Council of Europe, to wit Ireland, Cornwall, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Brittany and the Basque regions of Spain and France.

3. This AGM:

Mindful of statements by the United Kingdom, Manx and Irish governments about the need to adopt austerity measures expresses its determination to campaign against any suggested austerity measure which could be injurious to the languages and culture of the Celtic countries

4. This AGM

Aware that via a 'friendly agreement' both Radiological Protection Institute of Ireland and An Garda Síochána are allowed access to the Sellafield site expresses its concern that neither body has pressed the UK about the discovery of almost 400 radioactive particles on beaches (monitored by the UK) in the north west Irish sea or indeed the possible spread of such contaminated material beyond the zone currently monitored.

5. This AGM:

Mindful of the volume of domestic air traffic between Britain, Ireland and the Isle of Man views with concern the decision of the United Kingdom government to allocate areas off the Welsh coast and the Irish Sea for the testing of experimental pilot less drone aircraft.

Alba

This AGM strongly advises the Westminster Government to release the executed body of Mary Queen of Scots for a proper state burial in her native land. Since she had strong support in Glasgow during her reign, the city should also have the honour of laying her to rest in Glasgow Cathedral.

The Celtic League AGM also condemns the BBC for trying to stir up sectarianism and bigotry by announcing Mary Queen of Scots as 'their' Catholic Queen.

This AGM calls on the Westminster Government to apologise to the Republic of South Africa for the war crimes carried out during the Anglo-Boer war and to acknowledge and accept the responsibility for the Anglo-Brit invention of the concentration camp. Mostly women and children and their Bantu farm workers died a miserable death in these camps.

Irish Branch

- 1. Eilíonn an Chruinniu Chinn Bhliana seo den Conradh Ceilteach ar Rialtas Westminster go scaoilfear saor láithreach na príosúnaigh nach bhfuil cúisithe sna Sé Contae.**

This AGM of the Celtic League calls on the Westminster Government to release immediately the political prisoners who have not been charged in the Six Counties.