



**Motions for debate**  
**Academic Related, Professional Services Staff**  
**National Annual Meeting**

**Thursday 16 March 2023**

**Two Motions have been received.**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>ARPS Committee</b>	<b>Motion to include ARPS Officer in guidance on Branch Committee roles.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>ARPS Committee</b>	<b>A year of ARPS</b>

**Extract from Standing Orders relating to motions.**

Standing order 2.6 states that:

Resolutions passed at the annual meeting will be advisory. They will be submitted to the National Executive Committee, together with any advice and recommendations from the Academic-Related Staff Committee, and a copy of the draft minutes of the annual meeting.

**Motion 1                      Motion to include ARPS Officer in guidance on Branch Committee roles.**  
**Proposer                      ARPS Committee**  
**Word count                    103**

Meeting notes:

- ARPS Officer role is currently not included in the suggested officer roles in the Branch Officer roles guidance on the UCU website.
- While some branches have an ARPS officer, many do not.

Meeting believes that:

- ARPS members can feel isolated and/or excluded from UCU, particularly in branches where committees are dominated by Academic members.

- Increasing the number of ARPS Officers on Branch Committees would support ARPS members as members of UCU.

Meeting resolves to:

- Add ARPS Officer and a definition of the role to the list of Committee members that every branch should have to encourage branches to include this role.

<b>Motion 2</b>	<b>A year of ARPS</b>
<b>Proposer</b>	<b>ARPS Committee</b>
<b>Word count</b>	<b>103</b>

Meeting notes:

- There is one formal meeting for ARPS members each year.
- Local branches have an increased focus on ARPS participation.
- The success of the initial ARPS open meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Meeting believes that:

- The ARPS committee should support the development of ARPS focused activity and ARPS activists.
- Many members are not aware of the work of the ARPS committee.
- ARPS members benefit from sharing ideas and best practice.

Meeting resolves to:

- The ARPS committee to create and publish a workplan for the year that will be reported on at the next general meeting.
- Hold regular open meetings for ARPS members.