

# Unite - PruSection News



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## Unite Rules Conference

Unite held its 4-yearly Rules conference a couple of weeks ago. This gives members the opportunity to debate and amend the rules of the Union.

The biggest rule change on the agenda was whether Unite should continue its current political strategy which includes affiliation to the Labour party and to try and get more union members active and standing as Labour candidates in local and parliamentary elections. The counter argument put was that the Labour Party no longer represents the interests of UK workers and Trade Unions and the union should support parties that do.

Following the debate conference voted overwhelmingly to support the current strategy and continue the affiliation.

Your Senior Rep attended the conference and spoke in a number of debates including one which sought to remove the right of Workplaces to nominate candidates in internal Unite elections so that only Union Branches would have the right to nominate.

Your reps felt it was important that every Prudential workplace should have the right to nominate candidates. This increases members involvement in the Union and makes members more engaged in the wider Union. Fortunately, Conference agreed and the proposal to remove the right of workplaces to nominate candidates was defeated.

## Risk Transformation

Unite have been in discussions with the business relating to the Risk Transformation. We are only at the beginning of the programme and consultations will continue throughout the transformation programme and we will keep members updated on any developments.

If members have any questions or issues relating to this then please contact your Unite Risk rep, Paula Rodacan.

## Senior Rep Elected

Unite Prudential Section internal elections were held last month and Steve O'Donnell was re-elected as Senior Rep.

Steve's term of office runs until June 2018. After the result Steve said "I'm delighted and proud to have been re-elected to represent Prudential members."

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