

Motion to LWN AGM – membership fees

Submitted by LWN Management Committee

AGM Notes

1. The LWN Constitution allows the Management Committee to determine the annual membership subscription. “The Annual Subscription shall be such sums as the Management Committee may from time to time decide.”
2. That currently the membership subscription is £15 a year, and the unwaged rate is £10.
3. That men are eligible to become registered supporters of LWN, on payment of an annual subscription of £10.
4. That these rates have not been increased for a number of years.
5. That in a recent members’ survey, 54% of members said they would like the option to pay their membership subscription in monthly instalments.
6. That the Management Committee have voted to set the standard membership subscription at £24 a year, payable in monthly instalments, and the unwaged rate at £12 a year, also payable monthly.

AGM Believes

1. That in order to put LWN on a stable financial footing, we should increase the standard membership subscription to a similar level to other socialist societies.
2. That Registered Supporters should pay the same membership subscription as full members.
3. That members should be able to pay their subscriptions in monthly instalments.

AGM Resolves

1. To amend the constitution to allow members and registered supporters to pay their subscriptions in monthly instalments.
2. To add the words “**Subscriptions may also be paid in monthly instalments, as decided by the Management Committee.**” to the end of paragraph 8 of the constitution.
3. To amend the constitution so that registered supporters pay the same subscription as full members.
4. To remove the words “such subscription to be at a lower rate than that paid by members as from time to time determined by the Management Committee.” from paragraph 10.i of the Constitution, and replace them with “**Subscriptions may also be paid in monthly instalments, as decided by the Management Committee.**”
5. To endorse the new membership subscriptions determined by the Management Committee - £24 a year for members and registered supporters, payable in twelve monthly instalments of £2, and £12 a year for unwaged members, payable in twelve monthly instalments of £1.