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Union Advocate Policy – Redraft

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Presented by the President

Approved by Union Council 14th December 2009

1. The post of Union Advocate is established.
2. The Union Advocate may not simultaneously be a Union Officer or member of the ICU Executive Committee. The Union Advocate may simultaneously hold any other Union post.
3. The Union Advocate shall be elected by the ICU Council from the Full Members^{ship} of the Union Council.
4. The Union Advocate's job description is:
 - i. Represent the interests of the Full Union Members to the Union Court,
 - ii. Act with independence and impartiality,
 - iii. Refer any Union rule or rules to the Union Court where the rule may be unclear and there is a reasonable prospect of it causing practical difficulties in the future,
 - iv. Refer any matter which may be unconstitutional and there is an interest in the issue being referred to the Union Court,
 - v. Assist members of the Union in clarifying relevant Union Court decisions where necessary,
 - vi. Assist the Court under its standing orders in dealing with individual cases by bringing to its attention any relevant Union rules, previously decided cases and views of Union Officers, and
 - vii. Carry out such duties and responsibilities as may, from time to time, be laid down by the Union Court or the Council.
5. This policy does not restrict the right of any member of the Union to petition the Union Court directly as before.
6. This policy comes into force once it is also approved by the Union Court.