



Southern Region Retired Members Association

Motions for consideration for RMA national conference 2023

Motion 1: Age limits on RMA benefits

Conference calls on the GMB to reconsider the ban on Retired Life Members under the age of 60 receiving Legal Assistance.

Conference believes that those who are made redundant and therefore have to retire and take a pension should be eligible as they had no choice but to take their pension.

Proposed by Caroline Watson – L32 LB Sutton

Motion 2: UK state pensions received overseas

Conference calls on GMB sponsored MPs to be made aware that retired members' British state pensions are frozen when living in certain overseas countries.

This is unfair and discriminatory as the pensions are not increased in Australia, for example, but are in the USA.

Could the MPs bring this inequality to the Government's attention and try to get some movement on this issue.

Proposed by Martin McIntyre – Z42 Southampton 1. 641

Motion 3: Wi-Fi radiation

Conference calls upon GMB to recognise the dangers to health of constant exposure to wifi radiation that can lead to the development of cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's in retirement and calls upon GMB H&S reps to demand that employers provide workers with PPE such as Blushield, Floww or Waveguard or similar devices to mitigate if not eliminate such hazards in the workplace.

Proposed by Kevin Hogarth – R26 Reading & Berkshire

Motion 4: Pension Credit unfair on those with small private pensions

Conference notes that many pensioners are much poorer than those receiving Pension Credit.

Pension Credit entitles you to many other benefits such as no Council Tax, no charge for dental appointments or spectacles, travel costs to hospital, Warm Home discount and so on.

The addition of a private pension of as little as £39 a week can remove entitlement to Pension Credit and all the other State benefits that come with it.

Conference calls for this matter to be looked at with a view to achieving greater fairness.

Proposed by Parvin Sethi – B40 Bournemouth