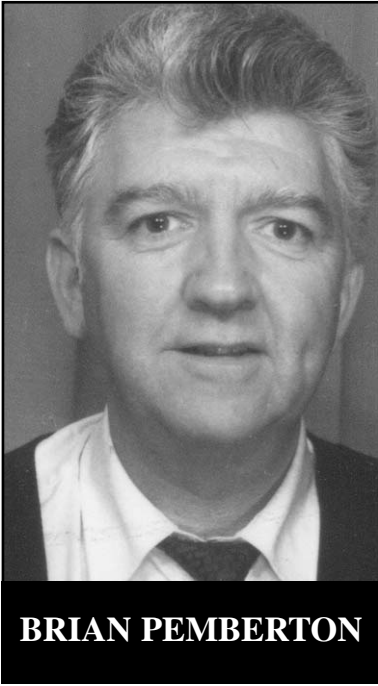


AMICUS EC ELECTIONS 2003 - NORTH WEST



BRIAN PEMBERTON

I welcome the opportunity to stand and hopefully represent our members in this the first election for the AMICUS National Executive Committee.

Central to my aims is to assist in developing the democracy within the union by putting the members first and by giving more autonomy and support to Branches and Regions, in particular our representatives. I am particularly proud to have received over twice the number of branch nominations than other candidates.

If we are to succeed in the democratic development of the union it is imperative that the membership elect a new executive that is united in carrying out a program of returning the union to the members. This should include all new Full Time Officers being subject to election by the members they represent.

The new executive will need experienced lay members who understand the needs of all the membership and sectors. As Convenor at British Aerospace on the Preston/Samlesbury sites and as Senior Negotiator for the Warton unit, representing approximately 14,000 workers, I was involved in many complex negotiations. These included wages & conditions and the CSEU shorter working week campaign. Our victory helped to establish shorter working hours for workers across the UK.

I was also the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the British Aerospace Pension Fund, during which time, along with others, I campaigned to secure over £600,000,000 on behalf of members. This benefit, deferred wages, will be in sharp focus in the future as more and more employers try to save money by attacking pension schemes. We must never forget the thousands of retired members who played their part in building our great union.

I am a member of the Labour Party and a local councillor for many years. The Unions created the Party and I welcome the investment in the NHS and Education. However AMICUS has a responsibility to its members first and foremost. We must campaign for legislation to protect our pensions, restoring the link between pensions and earnings, to establish workers rights and support for the manufacturing sector.

If elected I will represent the views of all our members irrespective of sector and without bias. I will remain accountable to the membership and will consult and report back regularly to the region and branches. I will campaign for a strong democratic and campaigning union based on lay member participation that puts the members first.

USE YOUR VOTE, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

STATEMENT OF HISTORY

- Member 35 years
- Branch President 25 years
- Shop Steward 27 years
- Current NEC member
- National Craft Committee
- Regional Craft Committee Delegate
- Regional Craft Committee President 5 years
- CSEU Delegate 15 years
- Trade Council Delegate 20 years
- Labour Party Councillor 7 years
- Chair of British Aerospace Combine Committee
- British Aerospace Pension Trustee (Vice Chair)
- Union National Conference Delegate.

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We are standing for election as part of a group of candidates committed to returning the union to its members. We are supported by Amicus Unity Gazette, the grouping that was central to Derek Simpson's election campaign, bringing together activists from both AEEU and MSF.

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