

**DECISION OF THE CERTIFICATION OFFICER ON AN APPLICATION  
MADE UNDER SECTION 55(1) OF THE TRADE UNION AND LABOUR  
RELATIONS (CONSOLIDATION) ACT 1992**

**Dr Peter Groves**

**v**

**Society of Authors**

**Date of Decision**

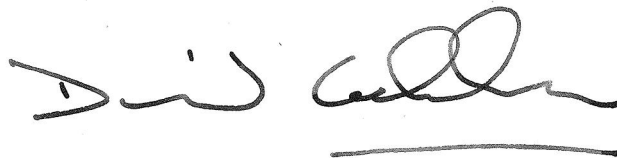
**16 July 2014**

**DECISION**

Upon application dated 8 May 2014, Dr Groves (“the claimant”) alleged that the Society of Authors breached section 48(5) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Dr Groves formulated his complaint as follows:

**On or around 18 March 2014, in breach of section 48(5) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, the Union published on its website a biographical statement, which served the purpose of an election address for four of the seven candidates for election to the Management Committee. In so doing the Union failed to secure that the same method of producing copies was applied in the same way to every election candidate.**

The claimant’s complaint is dismissed upon withdrawal by him.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Cockburn', written over a horizontal line.

**David Cockburn  
The Certification Officer**