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Role and Responsibilities of National Executive Committee Members

This section indicates some of the roles and responsibilities of members of the N.E.C. which is designed to have two purposes. The first is to help Branch Officials, particularly Secretaries, be aware of the areas in which they can turn to and expect assistance from those elected into office, and secondly it will be helpful to those who may be considering standing for this office.

The National Executive Committee comprises 16 members and, for the purpose of representation, the country is divided into eight regions, North West, North East, Midlands, Eastern, South West, South East, Wales and London which coincide with the regions of the Police Federation of England and Wales.

To ensure continuity two NEC representatives represent each region.

Every year regions elect one member from among their number to serve on the National Executive Committee for the next 2 years. A reserve member to the NEC is also elected on a similar 2 year period. The reserve plays no part in NEC meetings but is intended to be a replacement for the regional NEC member should that member fail to complete their term of office on the NEC.

The election is by card vote with members of branches present casting 1 vote per hundred members or part thereof of the branch they represent.

Regions are required to hold these elections before the 30th of April each year as laid down in Rule 33 and per branch circular 01/06.

The NEC Committee meets at least four times each year, together with an Annual Conference, in various parts of the country, and the elected N. E. C. representatives are expected to attend these meetings.

At the meeting held the day before Conference the new Committee elects a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman will be the Ex Officio President and the Vice President of the Association respectively.

In addition the Committee appoints a number of Sub Committees and also sets up Working Parties, as and when required. Members also represent the Association in meetings with other bodies such as the Public Service Pensioners Council, the Police Care UK, the National Police Fund, AGE Platform Europe and Age UK. Representatives for these posts are selected from the Committee members. This may also involve work and research to prepare papers for discussion by a committee or for consideration by outside bodies.

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The role, therefore, involves an amount of travelling and, since the meetings are of two to three days in duration, this requires the member to be away from home on those occasions. Expenses incurred by the members whilst conducting business on behalf of the National Executive Committee are met from central funds. Spouses or Partners are permitted to accompany members at their own expense.

Elected members make every effort to promote the objects of the Association, and are prepared to offer assistance to members seeking advice and guidance in respect of several matters affecting the member or the Association. They may also be able to refer the member to an appropriate resource for further advice.

The members are expected to support the policies of the N.E.C., which have been agreed in committee and they are also by virtue of their N.E.C. membership additional delegates to Annual Conference where they are not entitled to vote.



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