



Football Supporters' Federation
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AGENDA

Football Supporters' Federation, Annual General Meeting 2017

Delegates are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to ensure the AGM can start on time at 12.30 pm. Note that the times stated below are approximate and may be adjusted as necessary by the Chair.

- 1) Chair's welcome and introduction
 - 2) Adoption of Minutes for FSF Annual General Meeting 2016 and matters arising
 - 3) FSF AGM elections
 - Chair's explanation of format of elections
 - Election of FSF Chair (unopposed).
 - National Council election of directly elected representatives;
Introduction of nominees
 - BALLOT BOXES OPEN
 - 4) Adoption of accounts & financial report
 - 5) Consideration of Annual Review 2016-2017
- (13.00 pm BALLOT BOXES CLOSE)
- 6) Consideration of motions tabled by members
 - 7) National Council election of directly elected representatives;
Announcement of election results
 - 8) Any other business

15:30 pm Close

Neil D. Springate
Secretary
Football Supporters' Federation

Motions received for debate by the main assembly

The following motions and amendments to motions have been received for debate during the FSF Annual General Meeting 2017 and are listed in the order received.

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Motion 1

Club licensing system

This meeting recognises the problems created for football clubs by negligent, incompetent or irresponsible owners, such as those at Blackpool, Charlton, Leyton Orient and others.

Consequently, the meeting instructs the Board and National Council to press the FA and the EFL to introduce a licensing system for clubs. Such licences to require:

1. An enhanced Owners' and Directors' Test, to include, at least:
 - a) full details of all companies or holding companies involved in the club ownership, along with proof of their legal existence in the UK (this information to be publicly available),
 - b) the experience and qualifications of all directors and other relevant beneficial shareholders,
 - c) full details of the financing of the purchase of the club,
 - d) commitment, by the owners, to support for efforts by supporters' or other community groups to list the stadium as an Asset of Community Value.
2. The provision of a business plan for the management of the club
3. Proof of the availability of the resources necessary to implement the business plan.

Once the licence has been granted, and the club is participating in the league competition, reports detailing progress against the business plan, and other financial and management reporting as determined, shall be submitted by the club on a quarterly basis. In the event that the FA/EFL determine that the club is being run in an unsustainable manner, then they may impose penalties on the club consisting of fines, deducted points, transfer bans and the like. In the event that the owner continues to run the club in an irresponsible manner, then the FA/EFL may withdraw the licence and require the sale of the club.

Proposer: Tony Roome (National Council, on behalf of FSF Southern Division)

Composite motion proposed by the Agenda Committee

This meeting recognises the problems created for football clubs by negligent, incompetent or irresponsible owners, such as those at Blackburn Rovers, Blackpool, Charlton Athletic, Leyton Orient and others. The Owners' and Directors Test has clearly failed to prevent ongoing abuse of football clubs and the communities they serve.

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Motion 2

Boycott of The Sun newspaper

On 15th April 1989, a disaster at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield led, ultimately, to the deaths of 96 innocent fans who had left home that morning to watch a football match. Those fans, whose ages ranged from 10 to 67 years old, were unlawfully killed that day. Survivors who many as we know have also taken their own lives or had lives irrevocably changed since Hillsborough too.

Contrary to the facts, the Sun published a front page story with the banner headline "The Truth" which contained blatant lies.

Here are just a couple of the lies:

Some fans picked the pockets of victims.

Drunken Liverpool fans viciously attacked workers as they tried to rescue victims and police officers, firemen and ambulance crew were punched, kicked and urinated upon.

This was printed in a British national newspaper!

It is sobering to compare the behaviour of those who were in positions of responsibility and public trust with the dignity and courage displayed by the fans on the day and by the families of the 96 who have continued since 1989 to fight for justice whilst coping with the loss of their loved ones.

The FSF recognises and will not forget the hurt and distress caused to the people of Merseyside and to the wider football family by the lies and smears printed in The Sun, and, in particular, the distress caused to the families of the 96.

Neither will the FSF forget The Sun's refusal to apologise properly for the hurt it caused.

The FSF also recognises that Liverpool fans suffered in this instance but that it could have been any set of fans.

For these reasons the FSF and affiliated supporters groups and trusts call on all retailers and vendors of newspapers in [area name here] to stop selling The Sun.

We applaud the group called 'Total Eclipse of the Sun' for their endeavours to rid off the streets and in the football community's of this newspaper.

Proposer: Spirit of Shankly

Seconder: Everton Supporters Trust

Amended motion proposed by the National Council

The FSF requests its and affiliated supporters groups and trusts to call on all retailers and vendors of newspapers in their area to stop selling The Sun.

Motion 3

Football governance in England and Wales

This conference calls on Her Majesty's Government to launch an Independent Inquiry into football governance and the running of the Football Association.

Proposer: Blackburn Rovers Football Community Action Group

Amended motion proposed by the National Council

This conference notes that the Parliamentary Culture Media and Sport Select Committee produced two reports on the governance of football to which the FSF contributed evidence. It notes that, whilst there has been some welcome reform,

much remains to be done to implement the recommendations of the Select Committee and address the issues raised by them. It believes that what is needed is further reform, not further inquiries and reports, and commits itself to working to that end in co-operation with MPs who share this objective.

Motion 4

Football agents

This conference calls for a review of the role of agents within football.

Proposer: Blackburn Rovers Football Community Action Group

Amended motion proposed by the National Council

This conference recognises that there are extensive FA regulations to regulate the behaviour of 'intermediates' (agents) in football but resolves to consult our members and affiliates on whether further regulation is needed, and if so, what that should be.

Motion 5

Support for 'grass roots' football

This conference calls for more money to be spent on grass roots and lower league football rather than continued growth and wealth of Premier League clubs and its players.

Proposer: Blackburn Rovers Football Community Action Group

Comment by the National Council

Motion passed at AGM in 2016 calling for more financial support from the FA and the Premier League for grass roots football.

Motion 6

Governance of the Football Association

This conference believes that the FA is completely out of touch with supporter views and proposes changes to the way in which it is governed.

Proposer: Blackburn Rovers Football Community Action Group

Amended motion proposed by the National Council

This conference welcomes the recent changes in FA Governance, but believes that the reform process should continue. It supports the resolution to this end put forward to the next FA Council meeting by the supporter representative and others. Specifically conference supports greater supporter involvement in decision-making;

greater diversity in the FA and the reclaiming of the FA's historic role in acting as the effective governing body of all parts of the game.

Motion 7

Regulation of biennial meetings within the 'Structured Dialogue' process

This conference whilst applauding the launch of biennial meetings believes that these meetings must be strictly regulated to ensure that they are no longer a box-ticking exercise, and are fit for purpose.

Proposer: Blackburn Rovers Football Community Action Group

Amended motion proposed by the National Council

This conference welcomes the development of the structured dialogue meetings with the football authorities and commits itself to continuing to work to ensure that these meetings operate effectively as forums to address the major issues of concern to supporters.

Motion 8

Owners' and Directors' Test

This conference believes that the Owners' and Directors' test should be ripped up and started afresh with ongoing requirements and severe penalties for anybody abusing football clubs and the communities they serve.

Proposer: Blackburn Rovers Football Community Action Group

Amended motion proposed by the National Council

This conference notes that there are three different Owners' and Directors' tests and believes that there should be a unified test. It resolves to review the existing tests to see how they might be improved and strengthened, within the constraints of the law, to properly protect our clubs from those who may wish to exploit or abuse them for personal gain. Such a review should examine whether any transferable lessons can be learned from other regulatory regimes.

Comment by the National Council

Motion treated under composite for Motion 1.

Motion 9

Professional match officials in the EFL

The FSF proposes that sufficient budgets should be set aside for ALL EFL match officials to become fully-funded professional officials and that research into how match officials can be assisted through technological support should be accelerated

along with identifying an improved means of 'real time' communication with spectators, the media and other interested parties.

Explanation: The performance of match officials has been under constant scrutiny during the 2016/17 season and there is no doubt that in the professional game, the need for professional officials who are dedicated to their increasingly demanding role, has never been greater. It makes no sense that a professional sport should be controlled by amateur officials.

Proposer: Notts County FC Supporters' Association

Motion 10

Scheduling of fixtures

The FSF proposes that the EFL should take into account the convenience of visiting fans whenever possible during the scheduling of fixture lists, by capping the distance that has to be travelled to attend a mid-week evening game. No evening game should be more than two hours' travelling time away.

Explanation: Little, if any, consideration is presently given to the cost and inconvenience to fans of long-distance travel to mid-week league games. As a consequence, many fans cannot travel to such games due to work or educational commitments.

Proposer: Notts County FC Supporters' Association

Amended motion proposed by the National Council

The FSF proposes that the leagues should take into account the convenience of visiting fans whenever possible during the scheduling of fixture lists, particularly by striving to limit the distance that has to be travelled to attend a mid-week evening game to two hours travelling time wherever possible.

Emergency Motion

This AGM congratulates the England U20 squad and staff on their enormous achievement in winning the World Cup and proving that there is genuine, world-class talent in English youth football.

We, therefore, call on teams in the Premier League to give these players a genuine chance of first team football. We further acknowledge that if these teams do not utilise these players, then they are implicitly recognising that their coaches and managers, assembled at great expense from all over the world, are not as good as the England U20 coaching team.

Proposer: Tony Roome

Draft Minutes of the FSF Annual General Meeting 2016

The 2016 AGM of the FSF was held on Sunday 17th July at Wembley Stadium, London, as a part of the Supporters' Summit, jointly organised by the FSF and Supporters Direct.

The meeting opened at 10.45 am with an attendance of 58 delegates.

1. Chair's Welcome & Introduction

Malcolm Clarke, FSF Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed delegates. Following this, he noted with gratitude the long service record of Carroll Clark, whose role as Treasurer had been subsumed by the headquarters' office. A presentation made to Carroll, who gave a short address to the meeting.

It was reported that apologies for absence had been received from Vince Alm, Alan Bloore, Dave Tomlinson and Colin Whittle.

2. Adoption of Minutes from General Meeting of 2015

The minutes from the previous general meeting, held in 2015, were presented to the meeting. It was proposed by Ian Todd and seconded by Tim Hillyer that these be adopted, and this was carried *nem con*.

3. FSF AGM Elections

Election of Directly Elected National Council Members

Malcolm Clarke reported a modification to page 25 of the meeting's papers, with regard to the candidacy of Martin O'Hara, whom he proposed as Deputy Chair, his candidacy for the National Council having already been proposed and seconded by Alan Bloore and Rick Duniec respectively and this was carried *nem con*.

Further, he reported that 9 nominations had been received for 10 vacancies as Directly Elected National Council Members and he introduced the 9 candidates to the meeting individually, as below:

- **Tim Hillyer**, proposed by Wimbledon Independent Supporters Association and seconded by Pam Wilkins
- **Ally Simcock**, proposed by Port Vale Supporters' Club and seconded by Zoe Evans
- **Roy Bentham**, proposed by James McKenna and seconded by Dave Kelly
- **Vince Alm**, proposed by Peter Daykin and seconded by Paul Corkrey

- **Peter Daykin**, proposed by Cardiff City Supporters Club and seconded by Ian Todd
- **Ian Byrne**, proposed by Jay McKenna and seconded by Dave Kelly
- **Billy Grant**, proposed by Gemma Teale and seconded by Fiona McGee
- **Carroll Clark**, proposed by Malcolm Clarke and seconded by Ian Todd
- **Colin Whittle**, proposed by Newcastle United Supporters Trust and seconded by Thomas Concannon

Since only 9 nominations had been received for 10 vacancies as Directly Elected National Council Members, an election would not need to be held. Therefore, all 9 were declared individually as elected unopposed and would serve a two-year term.

4. Adoption of Accounts & Financial Report

The accounts and financial report of the FSF were presented to the meeting by the Treasurer.

With regard to the accounts, it was questioned whether the intention was to 'break even'. Kevin Miles replied that the intention was to spend within limits, but that a minor loss was affordable.

The adoption of accounts and financial report was proposed by Ian Todd and seconded by Steve Powell, and carried *nem con*.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Kevin Miles (KM) gave a brief overview of his annual review and commended it to delegates. Malcolm Clarke praised the headquarters' staff for their efforts over the year and asked for questions. Tim Hillyer asked for an assurance that any partnership/sponsorship deal for the FSF would not raise questions about its integrity. KM said that no potentially controversial arrangement would be considered. Any future sponsorship would be in line with FSF policy and that negotiations would be concluded before the start of the forthcoming season.

KM commented further on concerns that the monies for the Fans' Fund, coming from the Premier League, could lead to pressure being exerted on FSF policy, saying that there were no restrictions as such, but that funds were for specific areas and that key performance indicators had been established.

It was asked whether sponsorship would bring about the end of international efforts, such as the Fans' Embassies. KM replied that the funding direction was not yet specified, but that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would continue to support the Fans' Embassies.

Actions within the annual review with regard to the ongoing campaign of Fans for Diversity received favourable comment.

The annual review was proposed by Steve Powell and seconded by Tim Hillyer and passed *nem con*.

6. FSF Motions

Prior to the presentation of the motions for debate, Malcolm Clarke asked for approval of the establishment of an Agenda Committee to review motions received for future AGMs and this was agreed. He also praised Tony Roome's efforts to compile all motions passed at previous AGMs and FSF policies. The latter explained to the meeting the background to the Policy document and it was agreed *nem con*.

Motions received for debate by the main assembly

The following motions and amendments to motions have been received for debate during the Annual General Meeting 2016 and are listed in the order received.

Motion 1

Motion regarding the Independent Football Ombudsman

Proposed: Richard Knights
Seconded: Dave Kelly

This meeting believes the arbitration process should have the confidence and trust of fans.

We note the concerns raised by various supporter groups about the independent Football Ombudsman.

We call for the following-

- 1) A wider selection of Ombudsmen that reflect the diversity of fans.*
- 2) An Advisory Panel that is chosen by fans and the football authorities.*
- 3) A mediation process that meets with aggrieved fans, not just the club.*
- 4) The IFO to monitor adjudications and to report back on compliance by clubs.*

Amended motion:

We call on the Ombudsmen and the Advisory Panel to stand down and for the football authorities, in consultation with fan organisations, to appoint representatives that reflect fan diversity.

Proposed: National Council

Revised Amendment:

That the Ombudsmen and the Advisory Panel should stand down and the football authorities, in consultation with fans' organisations, appoint a wider selection of Ombudsmen that reflect the diversity of fans and an Advisory Panel is chosen that also reflects the diversity of fans.

Proposed: Richard Knights
Seconded: Dave Kelly

The revised amendment was moved by Richard Knights, re-iterating the general concerns about the performance of the IFO, and was carried and was carried *nem con*.

Motion 2

Motion regarding ATOS

Proposed: Dave Kelly
Seconded: Roy Bentham

This meeting notes that the Premier and the Football League fixtures are organised under contract by Atos Origin. This is the same company whose healthcare division was responsible, from 1998 - 2015, for Work Capability Assessment for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). In August 2015, statistics from the Department of Work and Pensions revealed that 2,380 people had died between 2011 – 2014, soon after being found fit for work through disability benefit assessments. We note that in 2014, the DWP negotiated an early exit from the existing contract with the Atos, after raising concerns about the quality of its work.

We therefore call on the FSF to organise a meeting with the relevant football authorities and request that the contract for fixtures is withdrawn from Atos.

Dave Kelly moved the motion, on which the National Council had no position.

Votes were 51 in favour and 113 against, the motion being defeated.

Motion 3

Motion regarding the Johnstone's Paint Trophy

Proposed: Ian Byrne
Seconded: Simon Magner

We note with concern the proposal to enter Premiership B teams into the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. We believe this is a trial run to prepare the ground for entering Premiership B teams into the Football League. This will destroy community involvement in football.

The motion was overwhelmingly carried, with only 3 votes against and 3 abstentions.

Motion 4

Motion regarding the FSF North West Region

Proposed: Simon Magner

Seconded: Roy Bentham

This meeting calls for the North West Region of the FSF to be re-established.

The National Council discussed the motion prior to the AGM and it was agreed that provision existed in the FSF's constitution for the formation or reformation of a regional division (as a decision to be taken by the National Council).

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion 5

Motion regarding investment into grassroots football

Proposed: Dave Kelly

Seconded: Ian Byrne

This meeting calls on all supporters' groups to back the campaign for more investment into grassroots football, the starting place for every football player. Grassroots football is going through very difficult times at the moment with many kids and adults walking away from the game, mainly due to the cost and poor facilities, this at a time when there has never been so much money at the top of the tree, especially with the Premier League's new £8.2Bn TV deal.

In 1999 there was a Task Force Agreement that the Premier League would contribute 5% of its TV rights to grassroots football, this has never been the case. It has only ever been 1% or less. Millions of pounds of investment didn't make it back to grassroots football. 5% of the New Premier league TV deal would see over £400m coming back into grassroots football, this would go a long way towards improving facilities and coaching.

We believe the failure, yet again, of our national team is due to lack of investment into grassroots football. Our FA would sooner spend £757M on a stadium we struggle to fill. The FA also spent £105m on St Georges Park. The Grassroots Football Campaign calls for more financial support from the FA and the Premier League to go back into the roots of our game.

Amended motion:

This meeting calls on all supporters' groups to back the campaign for more investment into grassroots football, the starting place for every football player.

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The FSF calls for more financial support from the FA and the Premier League to go back into the roots of our game.

Proposed: National Council

Dave Kelly moved the amended motion. Malcolm Clarke said that the FSF would be willing to meet with representatives of the grassroots football movement.

The motion was carried *nem con*.

Motion 6

Motion regarding "affordable football"

Proposed: Ian Byrne

Seconded: Dave Kelly

We note the excellent campaign organised by the FSF to make "affordable football" a reality, ultimately ensuring the beautiful game acknowledges the contribution made by travelling supporters.

We call on the FSF to campaign to ensure that all clubs have an away ticket allocation, if they require it that reflects their size and stature, irrespective of competition or stature of game.

Ian Byrne moved the motion. It was suggested by Malcolm Clarke that the motion be remitted to the National Council for further discussion. This was moved by Tim Hillyer and agreed by conference.

Motion 7

Motion regarding pyrotechnics and laser pens

Proposed: Crystal Palace Supporters' Trust

Seconded: Tony Roome

This meeting, whilst recognising the excitement created for some football supporters by the use of pyrotechnics and laser pens, calls on the National Council to develop a

prevention strategy in the interests of the health and well-being of all supporters, players and others attending football matches.

The motion was moved by Sue Maisey on behalf of the Crystal Palace Supporters' Trust and was carried *nem con*.

Motion 8

Motion regarding governance of the game in England

Proposed: Blackpool Supporters' Trust

Seconded: Tangerine Knights

Football supporters need to be able to directly influence the governance of the game in this country. Direct ownership of clubs and the recent recommendations of the Expert Working Group are all useful beginnings but until supporters have direct representation at the highest levels of governance, the impact we are able to have will always be limited.

Therefore, this AGM resolves:

1) To lobby the FA Premier League to add two independent directors to the FAPL board who represent the supporters, one to be elected by the FSF and one to be elected by SD.

2) To lobby the English Football League to add two independent directors to the EFL board who represent the supporters, one to be elected by FSF and one to be elected by SD.

3) To lobby the Football Association to add two independent directors to the FA board of directors to represent the supporters, one to be elected by FSF and the other to be elected by SD.

Amended motion:

Football supporters need to be able to directly influence the governance of the game in this country.

Direct ownership of clubs and the recent recommendations of the Expert Working Group (EWG) are all useful beginnings but until supporters have direct representation at the highest levels of governance, the impact we are able to have will always be limited.

This AGM endorses the submission made by FSF and SD to the FA governance review that supporters should be represented on the main FA board and senior committees of the FA.

It instructs the NC to keep under review the best way of increasing supporter participation and representation in the leagues at all levels of the game.

Amendment moved by Andy Higgins and carried *nem con*.

7. Any Other Business

Ian Todd spoke of the problems facing women's football in England and Wales following the decision of the FA to change the league season from summer to winter. This switch has resulted in very negative comment from the fans, since there had been no consultation with them and it had ensured a clash with the mens' fixtures, with possible reduction of attendances. This would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting of the National Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 13.30.

Neil D. Springate
Secretary
Football Supporters' Federation

Nominations for Directly Elected National Council Members

13 nominations received for 12 posts

Name of CANDIDATE : Tony Roome

Name of PROPOSER : Pam Wilkins

Name of SECONDER : Mark Ogbourne

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I am a long-time Leyton Orient supporter; a member of the management committee of the Supporters Club and a trustee of the Leyton Orient Fans' Trust. I was a member of the Leyton Orient Fans' Forum, which held regular meetings between the supporters and the club senior managers, dealing with a wide variety of non-playing issues, until the relationship with the owner broke down.

I am Vice Chair of the Southern Division of FSF (having recently stepped down after 3 years as Chair), regularly attend the Supporters' Summit and am a current member of the National Council.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

After a career in civil aviation, I retired from a senior management position which dealt with UK and overseas issues. I have extensive experience of training, non-financial auditing, finance and management. All of these skills are of relevance to the NC role and I seek to use them to the best advantage of the Federation. I am politically active and seek to promote the interests of football supporters, and grassroots football, through that route wherever possible. My recent experience with a destructive and incompetent FC owner has left me better able to appreciate the problems other clubs have faced, and sadly will continue to face in the future.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I believe that we need to provide additional support and finance to grassroots football and have been a regular attendee at non-league football matches throughout the south east of England – even before my team joined the non-league ranks.

One of the key areas of football growth in the near future will be women's football. FSF needs to facilitate the development of supporters groups at women's clubs, and ensure that the principles of supporter involvement which we promote in the men's game are duplicated in women's football.

I support the FSF campaign of Twenty's Plenty, at the same time acknowledging that we must take account of the fact that ticket and other matchday income is of infinitely more importance at lower and non-league levels than in the Premier League. I also support the Safe Standing campaign; attending lower and non-league games means I often have – and take – the option of standing.

Finally, in addition to women's football, increased diversity and grassroots football, I believe that the NC faces two particular challenges over the coming couple of years:

a) the need to develop, in co-operation with Supporters Direct, a single national supporters' representative organisation to better represent supporters in football's governance system; and

b) the need to increase the diversity of supporter representation, both within and outside the Federation.

I am keen to continue working on the NC towards achieving these goals.

Name of CANDIDATE : Simon Magner (Everton Supporters Trust)

Name of PROPOSER : Dave Kelly (Everton Blue Union)

Name of SECONDER : Everton Supporters Trust

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I am the Chair of Everton Supporters Trust. I have organised a number of public meetings, rallies and leafleting events. I organise regular committee meetings within the organisation and have represented the EST in meetings with national bodies, MP's and local councils.

In my time on the NC I have represented Evertonians in meetings with Premier League executives for the Twenty's Plenty campaign and have also been instrumental in meeting with various sponsors and executives to try and achieve this.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

i have in the past organised a number of well attended public meetings, public rallies and protest marches. To achieve this i have had to liaise on a number of occasions with Merseyside Police, Liverpool City Council and Everton Football Club to deliver a safe and friendly environment for supporters and bystander alike.

I am also an active Trade Union campaigner and Health and Safety Officer for my branch. In this capacity i raise members issues with senior management, hold

recruitment and awareness sessions for members and try to recruit more members to the union.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

Apart from the issues that i still believe blight my Club i am very passionate about football governance on a national level.

I am aware of a number of issues affecting Football fans, both at Everton and nationally. I believe that currently for football fans, or fans of any sport, there is no due process and a robust, fair and transparent appeals procedure needs to be established which i believe needs to incorporate the FSF as well as the Football Ombudsman, an organisation which i have first hand experience and which i found to be one of the most ill-organised and unprofessional.

I would also like to see UEFA guidelines around club SLO's and Fans Forums to be made compulsory to all Clubs in England.

As well as these two issues, campaigns that are already being ran such as 20's Plenty and Safe Standing are both issues that i feel very passionately about.

Name of **CANDIDATE** : **Roisin Wood**

Name of **PROPOSER** : **Anwar Uddin**

Name of **SECONDER** : **Fiona Mc Gee**

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

As the CEO of Kick It Out for the last six years I have been involved in all aspects of football. This has included working with all 92 clubs and all CFA's, players, managers, fans and grassroots organisations. I have been a member of the FSF National Council for the last two years. I have also helped deliver the Fans For Diversity programme in partnerships with the FSF.

I have supported work with PiF, research on women fans of the men's game and support to the WSL fans.

I have been a Liverpool fan since I was eight years old and continue to regularly attend games.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a FSF National Council member.

As a weekly attender of football games at all levels of the game from the Premier League to Non League I am aware of the different issues affecting fans. As a NC

member I have regularly reflected some of these issues both with the FA, the leagues and the IFO.

I have been able to support the promotion of diverse fans through KIO's media and social media outlets.

Through meeting the various football bodies I hope that I can represent some of the fans issues that are key elements to FSF's campaigning.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

My aims remain the same, which is to support the diversity of both FSF and fans within the game. This would include support of disabled fans, LGBT fans, those from different BME communities and women.

KIO are about to launch a series of diverse fan films that I want to support to show how important supporting different fans groups can be.

I am still very keen to continue to support fans from the WSL.

Safe standing and Twenty's Plenty are still significant campaigns that I will continue to support.

Name of CANDIDATE : Rick (Richard) Duniec

Name of PROPOSER : Martin O'Hara FSF vice chairman

Name of SECONDER : Fulham Supporters' Trust

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

Ex-Chair of Leeds Supporters Trust with inevitable experience of football's ownership, governance, and financial issues including the EFL financial administration processes. Some interactions with Shaun Harvey. Vice Chair of the Yorkshire FSF. Attended FS Europe Barcelona10, Copenhagen11, Istanbul12, Amsterdam13, Bologna14, and Belfast15. Wide experience of meetings with the EFL, F.A., Ombudsman, M.P.s, and Local Government.

I made written submission to the DCM Select Committee and had input into FSF submissions. Discussed various issues at Westminster with the current chair of that committee. Numerous interviews and appearances in media including newspaper, radio, television, and football related documentaries, though none recently.

Graduate of the University of East Anglia; worked in The City before moving to sales with Kalamazoo in UK, & Sales Management in Arabian Gulf states including time working in Qatar. 10 years as an IFA, registered with the FCA.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

In many ways the experience I have gained regards the real workings of football is something that I would have much preferred not to have been forced, by

circumstances, to acquire. It now seems appropriate to put that knowledge and experience to greater use and for the greater benefit of Football Supporters as a whole. I feel that the NC is the best place to achieve this aim, alongside like minded colleagues.

There is currently both an F.A. and a political impetus representing a major opportunity to influence and change the way football is run and to have taken into account the best interests of supporters. This has not been sufficiently included in the past. At the same time I also believe that it is vital to fully acknowledge where real progress has been made. I am comfortable in bringing such issues to bear at the most senior levels. In the past this has included pressing issues with the FA, EFL, Sports Ministers and MPs.

I have a level of insight into the workings of Commercial Property, which I believe to be one of the major factors in the problems which regularly confront football clubs.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

Whilst I take interest in a broad spectrum of fans issues my primary concerns will be to continue involvement in Football Governance, Finance and Regulation. I have an active involvement in the way the Rail operators market to Football Fans. In particular I am seeking greater flexibility in validity of rail tickets when fixtures are changed.

I intend to progress concepts regarding football heritage issues and seek to achieve some regulatory degree of separation between the club as a business which can be bought and sold, and the club as “construct” (its heritage, etc.) which cannot and should not.

My objectives over several years have been to seek a greater involvement for fans in football in general and to strive to deter their inappropriate financial exploitation. Essentially I believe that fans require and deserve a fair return on their “investment” in their clubs (both emotional and financial) and in football more generally.

Name of CANDIDATE : Pavinder Samra

Name of PROPOSER : Anwar Uddin

Name of SECONDER : Billy Grant

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I'm one of the founding members of the Punjabi Rams, a Derby County Supporters Club. We've only been running for 3 seasons and in that time have grown a lot quicker than we ever hoped.

I've led projects with the Fans for Diversity campaign, worked with the FA to get a game at St George's Park, got involved with the FSF in particular the away day survey.

I've personally secured funding from local firms to assist in helping the group grow and am now working with national firms to try and assist with projects. Through my work I managed to get a partnership with Umbro to enable us to play at Pride Park.

As a supporters group we're now on the Derby County Supporters Charter and I personally represent the membership and engage with the clubs senior management.

I could go into detail on a number of things I've worked on but the point I want to emphasise is that in 3 years I've been proactive and pushed to get involved in a number of projects and believe this mind set would be a positive addition to the FSF.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have experience in leading campaigns from inception, building relationships with the club, other football organisations, fans groups, bringing in sponsorship.

Through my work with the Punjabi Rams two other Championship clubs have been in touch to leverage my experience and look at how they can engage with certain sections of society.

I think this experience can be utilised by the FSF and not just in relation to Asian fan groups but to football in general.

The experience gained via my footballing interested aligned with my professional career I believe could be a great asset to the FSF National Council

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

There's a number of areas I'm interested in:

- Affordability of football. Twenty's Plenty has been running but being a championship fan I'm interested in getting a similar deal to the Premier League.
 - Opposing fans groups engaging. Football fans get a bad press and through the Punjabi Rams we try and meet opposition fans when going away to show that football can have the 'rugby' atmosphere and share a drink pre match in good humour.
 - Engagement. The FSF has supported the Punjabi Rams a lot with advice and I want to encourage more groups to set up and become members of the FSF. I don't think people realise what work the FSF do and I want to promote the name and encourage more members to give the FSF a bigger footprint and even stronger voice.
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Name of CANDIDATE : Paul Corkrey

Name of PROPOSER : Vince Alm

Name of SECONDER : Tim Hillyer

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I was secretary of an unofficial Cardiff City supporters club for 7 years during a difficult time at our football club when we had many banned supporters and a bad reputation amongst rival teams. My work included liaison with the club, the police and of course our large membership. Since 2005, I organise and work on fan embassy teams for Welsh supporters and attended many FSF meetings as a co-opted national council member for FSF Cymru.

I was a founder member of the Supporters trust at Cardiff City and was its first chairperson

I have been a fan activist for over 25 years.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have attended many NC meetings and FSF AGM's since 2005 and have great experience of that process. I have experience of working with police and the home office where I have to create a business plan and grant applications for fan Embassy activities. Then I have to do the work abroad coordinating the Fan embassy work and then file full reports back to the HO.

I have experience of meetings with CEO's and owners at my club over the years negotiating a better deal for supporters whenever possible.

I meet and chair regular meetings with the Football Association of Wales to discuss all international fan issues and the work we do helps to promote the FSF in Wales.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

Although things have improved, I still believe that football fans are treated differently than other members of society, especially with the Public order act, which is often applied much harsher on fans than it is when used outside of a football context.

I believe in a fair price to watch football and fully support the "Twenty's plenty" campaign and hope to promote the scheme or something similar to football clubs' supporters outside of the top league.

I support safe standing, diversity and football for all.

I would like to see more home grown local players get a chance to play for their local clubs.

I believe every club is stronger and more healthy when it works together with its fan base rather than ignoring them and would like to see big improvements in the fit and proper person test and stronger rules in place regarding club names, Heritage and

actual running of football clubs and I despair that we have some clubs in crisis and the constant worry that more clubs will follow.

Name of CANDIDATE : Manny Dominguez

Name of PROPOSER : Alan Carling

Name of SECONDER : Jim Chisem

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I first started writing letters to the City Gent fanzine back in 1996, and I write regular articles in there now and sell it home and away. I have also been an active member of Bradford City Supporters Trust since it's inception. I have been a Board Member, the Vice Chair and now the Chair. At the same time I have been active over the last ten years on the campaign for Safe Standing and over the past few seasons I have been pro active on the £Twenty's Plenty campaign.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I am active in my Trade Union, Unison, so I have good experience of structure, organisation, being on committees, campaigning, supporting and recruiting members. I am the Joint Branch Equality Officer, and have good experience in getting ideas across through submitting motions

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

As a Socialist I would like to see the game free from big business ruining the game. Football is completely dominated by big business and the football pyramid reflects the class divided society we live in – The rich few clubs at the top and a widening gulf between them and the rest. With so much investment by the big media companies such as Sky, it is difficult so see football without it. All fans want their club to have as much of it as possible yet at the same time it is a very expensive activity to participate in as a fan. If the money was shared out equally there would still be enough to provide genuinely affordable football for all.

I firmly believe the 'people's game should be run by the people for the people through democratic ownership, We are the real shareholders, not the bosses!

However, we are all painfully aware that its very difficult politicising football fans, and like with other politicising interventions, it requires patience and a consistent determination that can win fans over in time. Whilst we are doing this, we can still win concessions such as tighter regulations for Clubs to have to commit to

'Structured Dialogue' with fans' organisations, or Twenty's Plenty / Reciprocal Deals, and of course, we should continue to campaign and organise to win Safe Standing.

Name of CANDIDATE : Kristine Green

Name of PROPOSER : Martin O'Hara

Name of SECONDER : Mariners Trust

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I am a current board member of the Mariners Trust and Grimsby Town FC SLO. Through this I have engaged on various levels with hundreds of football fans, not just of my own club but others too. Part of this engagement has led to building relationships with the FSF in order to achieve the best outcome for football fans.

Through the SLO role I have attended meetings conducted by both FSF and the EFL so am familiar with both the format and staff members.

I am currently enrolled on the Kick it Out Equality and Diversity Awareness in football aware which helps to look at, engage and include all football fans into a more inclusive game. I will also start a PR degree in September so am more than aware of how to conduct myself when being a representative of FSF should my application for National Council be accepted.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

As above really – by being an active trust board member and club SLO my experience of issues that football fans face is wide and varied. Through this engagement I have created and strengthened links with fans, clubs (both my own and others) as well as FSF workers and different police forces.

Through this interaction I have been able to put across the views of fans where sometimes there is no consideration for it and been able to proactively encourage others to act upon those viewpoints.

At various times during the 2016-2017 season I have been involved in fraught situations between fans and matchday officials, be those stewards or the police. I have been able to calm the situation down and reach an outcome that meant that no arrests were made and all parties were happy.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

My drive to become a member of the FSF national council stems from two areas for me:

1 – **Safe Standing** – My club GTFC are the victim of our own relative success as we were a Championship equivalent club at the time that all-seater regulations came into effect. Under this legislation even with a new proposed stadium and now lower down the leagues – the status won't change. After 6 years in non-league on 'old school' terracing there is a huge appetite amongst our fans for this to change.

2 – **Communication between fans, clubs and authorities on matchday arrangements** – I have found quite often in my first season as SLO that fluid communication is minimal and sometimes when communication is there it can be counter productive.

Where information is non-existent fans begin to speculate and think the worst on pending treatment, especially at away games.

I found that by putting information out in the right manner its sets the tone for the day. If done positively it can lead to less stressful situations and potential conflict.

When need to see more of this and it is something that I am happy to work on.

Name of CANDIDATE : Ian Todd

Name of PROPOSER : Sunderland Supporters' Association (London Branch)

Name of SECONDER : Jennifer O'Neill (Editor, SheKicks magazine)

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

A Sunderland supporter from the age of 7, I moved to London for work reasons in 1961 and, once settled, formed the London Branch of its Supporters' Association in 1967. In 1975, as the Supporters' Association's delegate, I attended the Annual Conference of the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs in Ipswich and the rest, as they say, "is history". A regular attendee ever since, I was elected to the Federation's National Council in 1980 as its Travel & Crowd Control Officer and, after a series of other portfolios, was elected its Chairman in 1998. In that role, I was a member of the Government's Football Task Force, one of whose recommendations was the formation of a single national supporters' organisation and formed the basis of the positive role I took in the negotiations with the Football Supporters' Association towards amalgamation, which was achieved at the respective AGMs of the two organisations in 2002.

In its first year, 2002-03, the newly formed Football Supporters' Federation had joint Chairmen. I took on the responsibility for Administration and Finance matters whilst Malcolm Clarke concentrated on Policy and Campaigns. At its conclusion, I stepped

down as part-Chairman and was honoured to accept the position of President, a role in which for 6 years I remained an active participant in FSF matters in both internal debate and carrying out specific tasks.

In particular, I was until last year Federation's co-opted member on the Supporters Direct Board and the supporter representative on the joint Premier and English Football Leagues' Fixtures Working Party.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

My 50 years of involvement in supporter representation at various levels would, I trust, provide Council with the benefits expected.

Having stood down as President in 2009, I was delighted to have been elected to continue to serve Federation as an individual member on the National Council and latterly as a Director of FSF Services Ltd. and in those roles to take an ongoing and energetic role in offering Federation the experience, knowledge and skills my long-standing involvement, both in football and in business, has accumulated. I would hope members would wish that to continue.

I would also submit that my previous Police service, which included operational duty at football matches, is of particular value in analysing those episodes of alleged fan disorder, and their treatment, which too frequently seem to be drawn to Federation's attention.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I have during the last year encouraged members to broaden FSF's remit and diversity through an interest and involvement in women's football. Whilst that game does not experience many of the problems of men's football, there is no other organisation to which its supporters can turn to represent their views and share their experiences. To that end FSF has established a discussion group involving fans, parents of players and others with an interest in reporting the game and researching its impact. A formal relationship has been established with the Women's section of the Football Association and my aim during my period of office would be to progress these initiatives and so enhance the service FSF can offer.

Name of CANDIDATE : Fiona McGee

Name of PROPOSER : Peter Daykin

Name of SECONDER : Billy Grant

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I have been a member of the FSF (and previously the FSA) for over 20 years and have been a member of the National Council and the FSF Board of Services for the past 3 years.

I initially joined the FSF as a result of my involvement in Leeds Fans United Against Racism and Fascism, before going on to become a volunteer for the Fans' Embassy teams between 2000 and 2008. More recently, I led the Fans For Diversity research on women's experiences as fans of the men's game and wrote the "Women At The Match" report. I have previously represented the FSF at meetings and in the media, talking about issues such as safe standing and the Premier League TV deal.

I am also involved in football in a number of ways via my professional life. I have worked for Show Racism the Red Card, helping to research and write educational materials using football to talk to young people about racism. As an Associate Researcher for Substance, I have also worked on and helped to co-write briefing papers for Supporters Direct (e.g. Business Advantages of Supporter Community Ownership in Football). I currently work for a grassroots football project based in Brixton, which uses football as a tool to tackle wider social issues, including mental health, literacy, and community cohesion.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have a lot of experience helping to run campaigns, both football and non-football related, which could be of use to the FSF in helping us to promote the interests of football supporters. I believe my skills as a researcher and writer would also be beneficial to the FSF, as I am used to gathering information and presenting it in a clear and concise way.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

Through the work that I have done in my professional life and through my own experiences of being a football fan, I am interested in issues to do with diversity, supporter ownership, transparent governance and how to ensure fans are getting a fair deal. As someone who now lives in Cornwall, the majority of my match attendance these days is at non-league level and I am interested in helping the FSF to develop the work it is doing in that area.

Name of CANDIDATE : Dave Tomlinson

Name of PROPOSER : Linda Flevill

Name of SECONDER : Scott Kynnersley

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I have supported, watching both home and away Crewe Alexandra for over 40 years.

Since 2013, I have been a Supporters Liaison Officer at the football club, one of the very few SLO's appointed by a club from their fan base, My role is to be the link between the supporters and the football club. I attend and organise meetings with supporters, supporter groups and club officials from the Chairman and Manager down to match-day staff making sure the supporters views are heard and their views are taken into account. On match-days I attend security meetings and make myself available to talk to supporters to deal with any issues. I am a member of the clubs Safety Advisory Group, also I represent the football club and supporters at meetings held by the Footballing Authorities.

Prior to my SLO role I was a member of the Crewe Alexandra Supporters Initiative where I rose to the position of Chairman, leading the group and dealing with the football club and the media.

From 1996 to 2010 I followed England home and away and became involved in the England members club and then Englandfans, putting the voice of the supporter into the FA at varies levels, I have also represented both England supporters and the FA on numerous visits to host cities prior to France 98 and Euro 2000.

I currently hold a position on the FSF services Ltd Board of Directors and the FSF National Council, also I am a member of the FSF Freelions Fans Embassy team. I have represented the FSF at meetings with Football Clubs, at the Houses of Parliament, and meeting with MPs. I combine the above with my role as a train driver for Arriva Trains Wales where I am a union representative for ASLEF, representing members in disputes with the company and disciplinary hearings.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I believe the experience and knowledge I have obtained whilst undertaking the roles already outlined, plus the fact I continue to learn on a daily basis puts me in a position to help the FSF and supporters move forward to a position where our voices are not just heard but views, policies and ideas will become even more influential.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

I believe the voice of the supporter must be heard and their views used when decisions are being taken. One big collective voice has a better chance of being heard than one lone voice.

When issues and problems occur we need to make sure that the FSF is the first port of call for individual supporters and supporters groups to contact, we must keep our standing within the footballing authorities high so that we are respected to such a level that they contact the FSF to discuss issues as well as the FSF contacting them. We should be proud of what the FSF has achieved, and keep moving forward.

As my role at Crewe Alexandra would suggest I believe the position of SLO is a great step forward for football, the FSF needs to be leading from the front to develop the role so that it is respected by both supporters and clubs alike. Also I believe it is a supporter's right from the moment they leave home to go and watch the match until they return home, to be treated respectably by all who they meet, are safe and whether its travel or admission they feel they have had value for money. Are we there yet I don't believe we are. The FSF and our members have certainly gone further than anybody before, it is now time to move forward.

Name of CANDIDATE : Dave Pennington

Name of PROPOSER : Duncan Drasdo (MUST)

Name of SECONDER : Katrina Law (THST)

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I was a Manchester United Fans Forum for a two-year cycle where I actively sought views from supporters to input to meetings. I also initiated an open review of away ticketing policy including full supporter consultation.

I subsequently joined MUST and have since been an active Committee Member involved in successful direct dialogue with Club Directors on match-going fan issues supported by a comprehensive supporter consultation that I led.

I am an active member of the FSF Safe Standing Group. Our ongoing dialogue with our club has helped position United as a strong supporter.

I have been active within the Premier League Supporter Trust network for the last three years, seeking to bring about genuine partnership between Trusts and national supporter organisations.

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

From my job (until recently) as a civil servant I have a close understanding of how legislation and regulation works and how the wider government, civil service and ministerial processes work around it. For football supporters this is important for the safe standing campaign and for any future change in the regulation of supporter engagement in their clubs.

Over my career, initially in retail management and subsequently as a civil servant, I have considerable skills and experience of strategic reviews, change management, establishing and utilising networks, chairing and participating in meetings, running events/conferences and running and analysing consultations.

As a life long and passionate supporter of my club, I am a season ticket holder (in a section where we all stand!) and also regularly attend domestic and European away matches. Through this I have experience, as well as personal interest, in some of the most significant supporter issues.

Perhaps most important, having recently taken the opportunity to retire fully from my full time career work, I have the time, motivation and passion to commit extensively to delivering for football supporters.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

While much has been achieved recently, our key focus has to be on further wins for match-going fans, particularly on safe standing but also ticket prices, travel and other impacts of TV deals.

We must continue the focus on meaningful structured dialogue, ensuring that the many clubs that don't yet deliver are made to reach the level of genuine dialogue of the few, and then that those higher standards are expanded to our clubs' key strategic and financial decisions and direction.

In the longer term much more needs to be done to create opportunities for supporter share stakes, and board representation.

I would like to see a European supporter groups campaign on supporter issues with UEFA, including ticket allocations (including, but not just, Finals), ticket prices, safe standing and policing.

To achieve these goals we need to be unified and draw on the many areas of experience, skills and professional expertise within our ranks, and to focus on unified, collective action. A key element of these is a genuine coming together of FSF and SD to pool resources, expertise and costs while ensuring that we cover the needs of all levels and forms of football clubs. There is much to do on all sides, from a mind-set as well as practical and legal perspectives, to achieve this.

Name of CANDIDATE : Dave Kelly

Name of PROPOSER : Ian Byrne

Name of SECONDER : Simon Magner

1) Please give any experience or past involvement in football which you consider may be relevant to your nomination, or which could be useful to the FSF if elected

I have already served two terms of Office as a National Council member, attending various FSF events including meetings with the Premier League Affordable Football negotiations and Premier League network meetings.

I also attended the FSE Conference in Belfast and I currently Chair the NW Division of the FSF. I am proud to be one of the founders of "Fans Supporting Foodbanks" and Everton Fan Group, The Blue Union.

I was also a founding member of the Everton fan Group KEIOC (Keep Everton in Our City) that campaigned successfully against Everton/Tesco and Knowsley Councils plan to relocate our club, a fight that ultimately led to us representing Evertonians in a Public Enquiry that lasted nine weeks

2) Outline how you might be able to use any skills, knowledge or experience you have, as a National Council member.

I have a wealth of experience in representing members in my capacity as an Organiser at Unite, the Union.

3) What would be your aims or interests if elected? What are your views on current issues which affect the welfare and interests of the football supporter?

To reach out to other fan groups and local communities and to enhance the reputation of fans.

Standing Orders

(As adopted at the Fans' Parliament of the Federation on 20 June 2009)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

1. The National Council shall be responsible for the publishing of the annual report and accounts, which shall include:

- Minutes of the proceedings of the previous annual conference
- Matters arising from the previous annual conference
- Annual reports from the National Council and division secretaries
- Annual accounts
- Appointment of auditors
- Elections of national officers and other posts determined in the rules
- Motions
- Amendments and alterations to the constitution, rules and standing orders.

2. The National Council shall appoint an Agenda committee of three members to assist the smooth running of conference, and act in accordance with these standing orders.

CONFERENCE CHAIR

3. The Federation Chair shall chair the Conference. In his/her absence, or for any matter dealing with his/her own position, the deputy chair shall chair conference, or in his/her absence another national council member nominated by the Agenda committee, will take the chair.

4. The ruling of the chair on any question of procedure arising at the conference shall be final and can only be challenged as allowed for in Standing Order 27.

CONFERENCE VOTING

5. Voting shall be by show of appropriate voting cards or by ballot as indicated by the appropriate Bye Laws of this constitution. The agenda committee shall appoint persons to count votes and organise any ballots required.

6. Voting shall be restricted to accredited delegates, and shall be in accordance with the rules and bye-laws of the Federation. In the event of any dispute the agenda committee shall decide on eligibility.

7. Decisions shall be made by simple majority, except where stated to the contrary elsewhere in these Standing Orders.

8. The chair shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.

CONFERENCE MOTIONS AND DEBATE

8. A motion which is published in the agenda can only be withdrawn with the consent of the conference.
9. Any motion received after the closing date for submission of motions, which shall be determined by the National Council, shall be reported to the conference by the Agenda committee. The Agenda committee shall determine whether the motion shall be heard by conference and what position it shall appear on the agenda. Motions received after the closing date must relate to a matter which has arisen after the closing date for motions, or which requires urgent attention.
10. Motions shall be moved by the delegate in whose name they stand. If the mover is not present the motion will fall, unless conference gives leave for an alternative proposer.
11. All Motions and Amendments shall require a seconder before they are moved. If no seconder can be secured, the motion or amendment will fall.
12. Amendments may be moved by giving notice to the chair, except in the case of procedural motions as referred to in Standing order 27.
13. If an amendment to a motion is moved, a further amendment shall not be moved until the first amendment is disposed of.
14. An amendment shall not be moved while a vote is being taken.
15. An amendment must be related to but may not negate the substance of the original motion.
16. The mover of the motion shall be asked whether he/she accepts an amendment. If the amendment is accepted by the mover it will automatically become part of the substantive motion.
17. The mover of a motion (including an amended motion) shall have the right of reply, after which the motion shall be put to the vote without further debate, except in the case of procedural motions as referred to in Standing Order 27.
18. The mover of an amendment shall not have the right of reply.
20. Speakers shall state their name (and the organisation they represent, where appropriate).
21. If two or more delegates wish to speak at the same time the chair shall decide to whom priority shall be given.
22. Should the chair call for "Order" during a debate, the delegate speaking shall immediately sit down and neither he/she, nor any other delegate, shall speak until the chair invites them to do so.
23. The chair shall ensure that debates are conducted in a spirit of mutual respect. Any delegate disobeying, or attempting to defy, the ruling of the chair may be

suspended for the remainder of conference. The Chair shall call attention to continued irrelevance, repetition, unbecoming language or any breach of order on the part of a member, and direct such member to discontinue their speech.

24. A delegate shall not speak more than once to the same motion or amendment except with the permission of the chair.

25. The maximum time allowed for the moving of a motion or an amendment shall be five minutes; all other speeches including the mover's right of reply, shall have a maximum time of three minutes except at the discretion of the chair.

26. Any delegate may raise a point of order or ask a question but must confine this to the subject before conference at the time.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

27. The following procedural motions may be moved at any time without previous notice:

- That leave shall be given to withdraw a motion or an amendment
- That leave shall be given to refer a motion or amendment to the National Council for consideration
- That the chair's decision or ruling be challenged
- That the question be now put (*)
- That the conference proceeds to the next business (*)
- That the speaker shall no longer be heard (*)
- That the debate be adjourned (*)
- That conference be adjourned
- That persons present who are not members of the Federation leave the conference for a specified period

None of the procedural motions marked (*) can be moved by a delegate who has already addressed conference on the motion or amendment under debate. Any procedural motion shall be immediately put to the vote after there is one speech in favour of the motion and one against. No amendment shall be allowed.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS NOT TAKEN

28. Any business not taken at conference due to lack of time shall be referred to the National Council.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS UNDER FEDERATION RULES

29. The proceedings of the conference shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and bye-laws of the Federation (of which these standing orders form a part).

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

30. Any standing order may be suspended by a motion to conference provided that at least two-thirds of the delegates voting vote in favor.