

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS & STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

(CASOC)

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The Conference Arrangements and Standing Orders Committee (CASOC) holds a specific portfolio of duties and responsibilities for the DPF.

Our responsibilities include:

- Supervising arrangements for Annual Conference
- Supervising the submission of Conference Motions and Rule amendments
- Supervising elections to the National Executive Committee (NEC)
- Determining questions in respect of interpretation of the Rules of the Federation
- Determining appeals under the Rules of the Federation.

Since the 2021 Annual Conference, CASOC has been working diligently and quietly in the background. When called upon CASOC will undertake work on behalf of the National Officers and the NEC. Should the need arise, CASOC can and does call upon the specialist legal advice and expertise of the DPF's solicitors.

Since January 2022 the NEC has seen three of its members retire and leave the Force. In consequence CASOC is currently organising elections to the NEC not only for Branch Representatives for both the Northern and Southern Areas but also the Senior Supervisory Grade representatives. The election process will culminate at the Annual Conference 2022.

Unless there is a return to some form of lockdown conditions, Annual Conference 2022 will be the first Annual Conference to be held in person since before the Co-Vid pandemic.

Representatives will see a new Annual Conference format which is the result of feedback and a review of how Annual Conference works. Currently CASOC is busy organising the formal business of Annual Conference not least of which is overseeing the submission of Motions to be debated and the several other Constitutional and Statutory matters which must be dealt with by Annual Conference.

CASOC will continue its work in the coming months. Not least of its work will be a review to “future-proof” the Rules of the Federation to ensure that they continue to be fit for purpose in an ever-changing and fast paced world and to ensure that the Rules do not inhibit the vital work of the Federation over the coming years.

CASOC would wish to extend its thanks to the DPF-HQ staff (Theresa and Jo) and the National Officers and Area Secretary’s for the support that they render to CASOC in the work that it does.

Finally, as Chairman of CASOC, I would also like to thank the two other members of CASOC for all their assistance and hard work during the past year – Nick Brown (AWE(A)/Southern Area) and Darren Mitchell (RNAD Coulport/Northern Area).

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Chairman of CASOC
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