

GROUP CIRCULAR 931

To: Branches, Groups and Executive Council

January 2023

Dear Colleague,

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR ONE NEC POST VACANCY RESERVED FOR A WOMAN

Following the Annual General Meeting held in October 2022, several vacancies currently exist on the EC. It was agreed at the EC meeting held in December, that procedures should commence to fill the vacancies in time for the first full meeting of the EC, on 27 April 2023.

On behalf of the EC, this circular seeks nominations from all Groups and Branches for a woman to fill one vacancy for a National Executive Council (Ordinary) Member, in accordance with the following timetable:

Nomination papers (2 copies) to be circulated the week ending **13 January 2023** (included with this Group Circular).

Completed nomination papers to be received by Alliance HQ no later than **12 noon on Friday 17 February 2023**. **NB: Groups are asked to check with their proposed women nominees that they are willing to stand for the position of NEC member.**

Nomination Forms

You will find a nomination form for the NEC post enclosed with this circular. The enclosed form should be used to submit Nominations and should be signed by both the Chair and Secretary of the Group or Branch in accordance with Rule 7(e) (iii) of the Rules & Constitution. Due to ongoing problems with the postal service, we will also accept scanned copies of nomination forms, sent by email to: sally.tsoukaris@cspa.co.uk

If more than one nomination is received, then a ballot will be conducted, to the following timetable:

Ballot papers to be dispatched to all Groups and Branches by Friday **24 February 2023**

Completed ballot papers to be received at Alliance HQ by close of business on **Friday 31 March 2023**

Notice of successful candidate communicated to all Groups in a Group Circular issued after **Monday 10 April 2023**

The relevant extracts from the updated (October 2022) constitution are below:

7(e) Motions and Nominations

(i) Motions may proceed from the Executive Council, Branches, Groups, and members not covered by Branches or Groups.

(ii) Nominations may be submitted by Branches and Groups and members not covered by Branches or Groups, in respect of the Elected Officers, five ordinary members of the Executive Council, and Standing Orders Committee. Additionally, Groups and members not covered by a Group within each of the CSPA's nine Regions of England and Wales may nominate any CSPA member belonging to a Group within their Region to stand for election to their Regional Executive Council seat. Two of the seats for ordinary members of the Executive Council shall be reserved for women.

(iii) Motions and nominations proceeding from Branches and Groups must have been passed at a duly convened meeting of the Branch or Group concerned and when forwarded to the General Secretary be signed by the Branch or Group Chair and Secretary. Motions and nominations submitted by members not covered by Branches or Groups must be seconded by another member.

7(f) Elections

(i) All elections shall be conducted by ballot on a card vote basis, see Rule 7 (g)(i).

(ii) Those for the Elected Officers) five ordinary members of the Executive Council and Standing Orders Committee shall be voted upon by representatives from Branches, representatives from Groups and members attending not covered by Branches or Groups.

(iii) The nine regional seats on the Executive Council shall be filled as a result of votes cast by representatives from Groups and members in attendance not covered by Groups.

(iv) Two of the remaining three members of the Executive Council shall be appointed by Scotland Branch and one by Northern Ireland Branch.

If you have any questions or require any further information about the matters covered by this Group Circular, please don't hesitate to contact me, either by email at lisa.ray@cspa.co.uk or by telephone on **020 8688 8418 (Office)**.

Yours sincerely,



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