

How NEC works – #togetherwecanachieve

This year, 2021, BATOD is 45 years old and thriving. As the 22nd President, Martine Monksfield, commences her term, we take this opportunity to reflect on how roles within the National Executive Council (NEC) work

Co-National Executive Officers

1.1 The post currently held by Paul Simpson (3 days) and Teresa Quail (2.5 days).

As is the case of all NEC members, attendance at all Steering Group and NEC meetings is in a unpaid capacity

Term of office: Permanent contract subject to regular performance review.

Collaboration, Coordination, Communication

- Liaison and representation at meetings of statutory and non-statutory bodies, as required.
- Leading on specific assigned projects
- Supporting NEC peers and BATOD members as required eg providing professional specialist advice, networking links
- Supporting the co-ordination of meetings (NEC, SG, AGM) and Association's communication (website, magazine, newsletters, statements, official letters ...)



President and President Elect

Postholder – Martine Monksfield and Sue Denny

Elected by members for a two year period of office. [A NEC member can apply for the next President Elect role in Autumn 2022]

- Chair all meetings of NEC and Steering Group
- Lead and guide the association in fulfilling its constitutional aims
- Assume responsibility for BATOD's public activity eg statements, letters, endorsements after discussion with SG/NEC as relevant
- Support all regions and nations during term of office noting that all region/nation activity is representative of the whole association.



Treasurer

Post holder – Alison Weaver
Honorary

Term of office: 5 years with option to extend (appointed and confirmed by NEC)

- Maintain full accounts of all financial transactions, in line with constitutional and statutory requirements
- Present up to date summary of accounts to each SG/NEC meeting and prepare annual report for AGM
- Contribute financial information within strategic decision-making processes and for funding applications and tenders
- Provide support to the treasurers of the regions and nations
- Process and maintain data, including an archive of all financial information for 7 years, in line with GDPR.



Consultant

Postholder – Stuart Whyte
Honorary

Term of office: Two years by appointment (with the opportunity for renewal by agreement by both parties)

- Respond to legislative and other consultation documents concerned with deaf education in all Nations and Regions in conjunction with other members of the NEC and BATOD.
- Offer a specialist perspective to members about policy and practice relating to performance management, terms and conditions of employment and SEND matters.
- Write the annual submission to the School Teachers' Review Body (STRB) which makes recommendations on the pay, professional duties and working time of school teachers in England and reports to the Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister.
- Responsible to Steering Group and undertakes activities in collaboration with Steering Group and NEC members.



Technology coordinator

Postholder – Emma Parker
(interim until August 2021)
Honorary



- Provide specialist guidance to BATOD planning groups about technical aspects of virtual and blended events
- Lead on the technical aspects of the National Conference's virtual and blended events
- Support accessibility of all event planning in liaison with BATOD's Access Co-ordinator
- Create and review guidance material eg how to make effective use of platforms, captioning software, in-vision signing placement
- Advise on using BATOD resources eg YouTube channel, Teams Drive, Zoom
- Provide reports for SG/NEC or articles for the magazine and website as appropriate
- Maintain current understanding of technical platforms and resources.

Access Co-ordinator

Postholder – Martine Monksfield
Honorary



Reviewed every two years without restriction on continuation

- Liaise with regions and nations re access for events/webinars etc
- Book BSL interpreters/STTR when needed for BATOD NEC events/meetings etc

- Liaise with Access to Work (claim forms/payments etc)

NEC member

Volunteer

Both elected and regional/national members have a maximum of three 2-year periods of office

- Attend all meetings of the National Executive Council (the final decision-making body of the association) and feed back to other groups where relevant
- Contribute to the deliberations of the Council and maintain collective responsibility for policy decisions
- Represent and express the views of the association as determined by SG and NEC and report back following meetings.

Region/nation NEC representative

Volunteer

All region/nation members have a maximum of three 2-year periods of office

- Represent the committee and members of their region/nation at the NEC, raising challenges and issues specific to their area
- Feed back fully to the region/nation following meetings of the NEC – thus cascading the work of the association in fulfilling its aims and objectives to all its members
- Implement in the region/nation decisions of the NEC where relevant.

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