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Annual General Meeting

Saturday 28 November 2009

The AGM will be held in the Alley Theatre, Railway Road, Strabane, starting at 10:00 am. Broadcaster Joe Mahon, he of *Lesser Spotted Ulster*, will give a talk before the meeting starts. After lunch there will be an opportunity to visit Sion Mills to see the work of the Sion Mills Buildings Preservation Trust.

Nomination forms for the election of Officers and the Executive Committee are enclosed. For more than one nomination the forms may be reproduced locally.

Completed Nomination Forms should be returned so as to reach the Federation's registered office at the address in the bottom panel no later than 14 November. Also, any motion for consideration by the AGM should be received at the above address by the same date.

The Agenda and papers will be issued on 21 November. Societies are encouraged to take a more active interest in the nomination process. In particular the Federation needs to have the position of Secretary filled.

The Executive Committee would draw your attention to members' right to appoint a proxy to exercise any or all of their right to attend and to speak and vote at the AGM. This means that if you are unable to attend the AGM you can appoint someone else (perhaps the Federation Chairman or a member of a different Society) to attend and act on your behalf. A Proxy Nomination Form is enclosed for your use if desired. The Form must be received in the Federation office no later than 10.00 am on Thursday 27 November 2009.

The Executive Committee will be proposing an amendments to the Articles of Association. This is to clarify the provision for proxies to bring the Articles into line with the Companies Act 2006.

The Executive Council has decided to repeat last year's Society presentations on interesting projects, initiatives or events that they have undertaken in the year. This will take the form of a series of 3-minute presentations within a total limit of 30 minutes. Societies are encouraged to take part. It would be helpful if those willing to participate would contact the Federation office to discuss their contribution. It may be possible to put these together into a PowerPoint presentation. There will also be an update on the joint project *Hidden Gems*

and *Forgotten People* with the Federation of Local History Societies.

Membership Renewal 2009 - 2010

Membership fees are now due for the year that begins on 1 October. To date only a minority of Societies have renewed. Societies have a choice of renewing subscriptions by the usual cheque or by completing a Standing Order form, This is the better option as it ensures that renewal is automatic.

Societies are reminded that membership is a condition of the Public Liability Insurance cover. If you have not renewed the cover lapses.

Due North

The 2009 edition of *Due North* was launched in Stormont during the joint September Tour with the Federation of Local History Societies.

Copies are now available for resale to Society members. The cost (to Societies only) is £1.50/ €2.00 per copy, for resale at £3.00/ €4.00. The journal can be ordered from the Federation using the order form enclosed, or printed from the website at <http://www.fuls.org.uk/duenorthorderform2009.pdf>



Editorial Team Roddy Hegarty, Doreen McBride and Johnny Dooher with Minister Nelson McCausland at the launch of Due North.

Stormont/Belfast Tour - 19 September

The joint Tour was a great success, with over 100 people from the two Federations participating. There is a report with photographs at <http://www.fuls.org.uk/190909.html>.

Local History Fair - Omagh

Omagh Library will be holding a Local History Fair on Saturday 24 October from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The Federation will be contributing two short presentations on developing local history groups and townland names. All welcome.