



Federation

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Annual General Meeting 2018

The AGM will be held in Walsh's Hotel, 53 Main Street, Maghera on Saturday 17 November 2018. Delegate registration will be from 10:00 am with tea/coffee. A buffet lunch offering three dishes, from chicken, beef, pork and vegetarian dishes, choice of homemade sweets and tea/coffee and will be available at a cost of £12 / €14.



Walsh's Hotel

Nomination forms for the election of Officers and the Executive Committee are enclosed. Detailed instructions on the nomination process, along with a copy of the relevant Articles of Association, are also enclosed. Members are encouraged to read these carefully. A separate form is needed for each nomination, and acceptance of the nomination must be signed by the nominee.

Nomination forms, in an envelope addressed to the Secretary, and clearly marked NOMINATION FORMS, in red if possible, must be sent so as to be received by the Secretary no later than 26 October 2018.

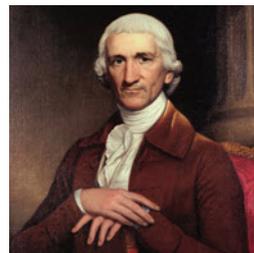
In the event of a member being unable to attend (and for society members this means that no member of the society is able to attend) there is a right to appoint a proxy to exercise any and all of that members rights to attend and to speak and vote at the AGM on the member's behalf. A Proxy Nomination Form is enclosed. The form must be received by the Secretary no later than 10.00 am on 15 November 2018. If the member (including any member of the society concerned) does attend the meeting, the proxy will be null and void.

The Agenda will provide an opportunity for Societies to report on their activities and projects throughout the year, or any that planned for the future. These projects can serve to encourage other societies. Reports, which may use PowerPoint Presentations, are limited to five minutes.

On this occasion and in future, the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports will be sent out to societies before the AGM to allow society representatives to be better briefed on issues that might arise.

There will be an opportunity for societies or individuals to display their *Members Treasures*, as in previous years.

There will be a bookstall for societies and other heritage suppliers to display and sell their publications. This is an opportunity for Societies to advertise their creative activities and perhaps make a modest profit.



Charles Thomson

After lunch there will be a visit to the ancestral home of Charles Thomson, the Secretary of the Continental Congress (1774–1789) throughout its existence. He was one of only two people who signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th (John Hancock was the other; the rest signed weeks later). He is also responsible for the Great Seal of the United States, which he prepared, and Congress approved, in 1782. When George Washington was unanimously selected by the Electoral College as President of the United States, Thomson's political career came to an end.

Due North

The 2018 edition of the journal will be launched at the AGM. Three copies of the journal per society and per individual member will be available for collection on the day. Additional copies can be purchased at a discount.

Society Programmes: *The Federation's web site is a great way to publicise your Annual Programme. Just email the programme to info@fuls.org.uk or post to 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick, BT30 6JU.*

Facebook: *The Federation's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ulsterlocalstudies> - provides up-to-date information about Federation, society and other local and wider events through Ulster and the island of Ireland. Why not add your activities/views for information/discussion.*

Distributing the Newsletter: *We would be grateful if societies would circulate the Newsletter to their members, or at least to those on email. Alternatively, we can arrange to email individual copies on request by adding individuals' names to our distribution list. Requests, with names and email addresses, should be sent to the Federation's email address - info@fuls.org.uk*

FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

PROVISIONS FOR NOMINATION TO, AND VOTING FOR, OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AND VOTING AT THE AGM

The following Articles set out the rules that govern the nomination and election process.

1. 'an ordinary member' means an individual member or any member of a Society or institution that are members of the Federation as set out in article 5.

21. Subject hereinafter provided, every member of the Federation shall be entitled to voting rights exercisable by its appointed representatives on the following scale:

Associate paid up member 1 vote
Individual paid up member 1 vote
Paid up member Society 3 votes.

22. Save as herein expressly provided no member other than a member duly registered, who shall have paid every subscription and other sum (if any) which shall be due and payable to the Federation in respect of his membership, shall be entitled to vote on any question at any General Meeting

22.1 Any society or institution registered as a member of the Federation may by whatever means it thinks fit authorise any member of that society or institution to act as its representative at any meeting of the Federation which they are entitled to attend and to exercise the power to speak and to vote on behalf of the same society or institution. Each vote of such a society must be cast by a different member of that society and no one person may cast more than one vote.

23. No person shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies present payable by him, or his Society or institution, to the Federation have been paid.

28a. Members may appoint proxies to exercise any or all of their rights to attend and to speak and vote at General Meetings. The names and addresses of proxies must be received at the Federation's registered address no later than 48 hours before the time for holding the General Meeting. Termination of the authority to act as proxy must be received at the Federation's registered address no later than 48 hours before the time for holding the General Meeting.

31. Nomination of a person for election to any Officer position shall be made by notice in writing and signed by two ordinary members, declaring that he is a paid-up member of a member Society or institution, or is an individual member. Each such notice shall be accompanied by an agreement signed by the nominee of his willingness to serve in the nominated office and must be received by the Secretary not later than 14 days before the date fixed for the AGM.

34. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers elected under Article 29, and seven others, (known as Executive Committee members) one of whom shall be ex-officio the immediate past Chairman of the Federation if not re-elected to office. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt persons as Executive Committee members not exceeding five in total.

35. The outgoing Executive Committee shall be voting members of the Annual General Meeting that completes their year of office.

37. Nomination of a candidate for election as an Executive Committee member shall be made by notice in writing and signed by two ordinary members, declaring that he is a paid-up member of a member Society or institution, or is an individual member. Each such notice shall be accompanied by an agreement signed by the nominee of his willingness to serve in the nominated position and must be received by the Secretary not later than 14 days before the date fixed for the AGM. The number of nominations for election to the position of Executive Committee member made by an ordinary member shall not exceed two.

39. An election by voting papers for Executive Committee members shall be conducted in such form and in accordance with such instructions as the Executive Committee shall direct.

RULES APPLYING TO THE NOMINATION AND VOTING PROCESSES FOR AGM 2018

The provisions for the nomination of Officers and the Executive Committee are contained in Articles 1, 22, 22.1, 31, 34 and 37 of the Articles of Association.

The provisions for voting at the AGM are contained in Articles 22, 22.1, 23, 35,

Nominations for Officers and Executive Committee

1. Only 'paid-up 'ordinary members' (individual members, members of institutions and members of societies) can sign nomination papers
2. Individual members or members of institutions can not nominate themselves
3. Nominees must be members in good standing (in societies), or paid-up Individual members, or members of paid-up Institutions.
4. Each nomination paper must be signed by two ordinary members
5. No ordinary member can nominate more than two members for the Executive Committee. (The Officers are included in the Executive Committee for this purpose.)

Voting

1. Only paid-up members can vote at the AGM
2. Individual members and members of Institutions can cast a single vote
3. Societies have 3 votes. Each vote must be cast by a different member of the society present at the AGM
4. If there are fewer than 3 members of a society present, only those present can vote
5. If there are 4 or more members of a society present, only 3 of them can vote.
6. Members of the Executive Committee present at the meeting, can each cast a single vote
7. No individual can cast more than one vote.
8. The only exceptions to para 7 are nominated proxies who can cast one vote on behalf of the nominating society, individual or institutions. If any member of the nominating society attends the meeting the proxy vote can not be used.

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Annual General Meeting 2018

NOMINATION FORM – FEDERATION OFFICERS

(One nomination per form. If more than one nomination, use separate form, produced locally)

The following person has been nominated for election to the office of

Chairman: _____ (Full name)

Vice Chairman: _____ (Full name)

Secretary: _____ (Full name)

Treasurer: _____ (Full name)

Note: Use person's full name

We confirm that _____ (name of nominee)

- is a member in good standing of _____ Society [] *
- or
- an Individual or institutional Member [] *

**Tick as appropriate*

Proposer 1. Name: _____ Signature: _____

Society: _____ Date: _____ or

Individual Member: _____ Date

Proposer 2. Name: _____ Signature: _____

Society: _____ Date: _____ or

Individual Member: _____ Date

Note: Proposers must be a member of a paid-up Society, a paid-up individual member or a member of a paid-up institutional member. No proposer can nominate more than two members for the Executive Committee (which includes the Officers).

Declaration:

If elected, I agree to serve in the nominated position.

Signed (Nominee): _____ Date: _____

Return completed Nomination Forms to

**The Secretary
Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd
c/o 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick BT30 6JU
by Friday 2 November 2017**

MARK THE ENVELOPE 'NOMINATIONS'

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Annual General Meeting 2018

NOMINATION FORM – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

(One nomination per form. If more than one, use separate form, produced locally)

The following person has been nominated for election to the Executive Committee

Name: _____

Note: Use person's full name

We confirm that _____ (name of nominee)

- is a member in good standing of _____ Society *
- or
- an Individual or institutional Member *

**Tick as appropriate*

Proposer 1. Name: _____ Signature: _____

Society: _____ Date: _____ or

Individual Member: _____ Date

Proposer 2. Name: _____ Signature: _____

Society: _____ Date: _____ or

Individual Member: _____ Date

Note: Proposers must be a member of a paid-up Society, a paid-up individual member or a member of a paid-up institutional member. No proposer can nominate more than two members for the Executive Committee (which includes the Officers).

Declaration:

If elected, I agree to serve in the nominated position.

Signed (Nominee): _____ Date: _____

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APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I/We _____ (Name of Member, Member Society or Institution)

hereby appoint _____ (Name of Proxy)

Address _____

to act as my/our proxy for the purposes of the Annual General Meeting to be held in Walshe's Hotel, Maghera on Saturday 17 November 2018

Signed: _____ (Name)

Position in Society/Institution (if applicable): _____

Date: _____

Notes:

1. This form must be received at the address below no later than 10:30 a.m. on Thursday 8 November 2018.
2. The appointment will be cancelled if any member of a Society, Institution or individual member attends the AGM

Return completed Form to The Secretary, Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd, c/o 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick BT30 6JU. Completed form must be received by the Secretary no later than 10.00 am on Thursday 15 November 2018.