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Executive Committee Elections President & Treasurer 2019 - 2021

In accordance with Rule 9.2, elections are now due for the posts of President and Treasurer. The successful candidates will take office from 1st July 2019 for a two-year term of office until 30th June 2021.

The President and Treasurer, where necessary, are elected by individual vote of the members. Rule 9.2(b) provides that each branch may nominate one candidate for President and one candidate for Treasurer. The candidates for President and Treasurer must be members of any TSSA Branch subject to the requirements of Rule 9.2(n) paragraph 3. Nominations should be submitted on the attached nomination form. The nomination form must be signed by both the Branch Chair and Correspondence Secretary and returned in the special envelope provided marked "Executive Committee Officer Elections 2019" to reach this office no later than **28TH FEBRUARY 2019**. In all circumstances there **MUST** be two different Branch/SOG officers' signatures on the forms.

The candidate must submit to Head Office a letter indicating their acceptance of nomination and may submit an election statement of no more than 200 words and a brief biography and recent photograph. These items **must** be submitted by the candidate to this office not later than the date upon which nominations close. i.e. 28th February 2019. Rule 11.3(c) refers:

*"(c) Each candidate may send to Head Office written biographical details and a personal statement of views not longer than 200 words. They must reach Head Office by not later than the close of nominations. **It shall be the personal responsibility of each candidate to meet this deadline.**"*

The biographical particulars should contain nothing more than:

- (i) a list of TSSA positions (by title) held currently or in the past;*
- (ii) a list of current or past TSSA activities (conferences or courses attended, committee or campaigning involvement not covered by (i) and similar activities and events);*
- (iii) the candidate's location, and*
- (iv) length of membership*



in each case excluding material that ought properly to be included in the personal statement.

No member of the Association is eligible to become a candidate for election to the offices of President or Treasurer unless they have been a member of the Association for a minimum period of three years on the date of close of nomination. Retired members and Honorary Life members are also ineligible for nomination (see Rule 9.2(n) for full details).

I would also draw particular attention to section 48(8) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 which states:

“No-one, other than the candidate, shall incur any civil or criminal liability in respect of any publication of a candidate’s election address or of any copy required to be made for the purposes of the section”.

Branches are reminded that the Executive Committee have agreed that candidates for election may have their forenames or other name by which they wish to be known printed on the ballot paper. It will be the responsibility of the candidate to make clear to the Scrutineers how they wish to be known (i.e. J. Smith/John Smith/Joan Smith, etc). **Candidates must include this information within their individual letter of acceptance and Branches should ensure that the details are entered on the nomination form as requested by the candidate.**

