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## ANNUAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE 2021, Online

In light of the continuing uncertainty caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, the Executive Committee has cancelled the planned Conference in Cork as reported in Circular 74. This will be replaced by an online Delegate Conference from Saturday 5 to Monday 7 June 2021.

The Executive Committee and SOC are committed to ensuring that this Conference will follow the Rules and procedures of TSSA Annual Conference as closely as possible in the circumstances. In particular, debates will take place and votes will be held to consider motions (including Rule Alteration motions) and amendments put forward by branches and SOGs. Detailed arrangements are being developed, and more information will be made available as soon as possible.

It has been established by previous Conference decisions that there should be restrictions on motions relating to pay and conditions of service. Motions that seek to change policy on claims that are under discussion with Management or are in the process of submission to an arbitration body are not allowed unless the claim has not been finalised two years after 31 October of the year in which the Conference adopted the policy. Items that were the result of Conference decisions in 2018 are, therefore, no longer barred.

### **NEW DELEGATES**

As the conference will be online for the first time, it will be a different experience for all delegates. However, in helping new delegates understand and follow Conference procedures, it is suggested that Branches and Divisional Councils put in place a “buddy” system so that if a new delegate has any concerns/queries, there is an experienced delegate nominated who can provide assistance. This may be particularly helpful for ‘one delegate’ Branches where a new delegate may feel isolated with no easy access to help when they might need it. Branches and Divisional Councils are therefore actively encouraged to give new delegates all the help they need.



**DISABLED ASSISTANCE/ACCESS**

If any delegate to Annual Conference has a disability, please ensure you indicate this on the delegate form. If there is any particular assistance we can give please let the Conference Organiser know as soon as possible and we will try to accommodate such requests. For instance if a Branch/SOG needs a large print copy of the Agenda or specific IT support for visually impaired members please email Will Boisseau at [supportservices@tssa.org.uk](mailto:supportservices@tssa.org.uk)

**GENERAL**

If you have any queries concerning conference, please e-mail Will Boisseau at [supportservices@tssa.org.uk](mailto:supportservices@tssa.org.uk)

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