

# NASACRE Constitution 2023

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## 1. The Name of the Association

The name of the Association shall be the National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education (NASACRE).

## 2. The Mission of the Association

NASACRE's Mission Statement shall be:

- ❖ NASACRE exists to strengthen local SACREs and to support them in carrying out their statutory duties and responsibilities.
- ❖ NASACRE represents and celebrates SACREs at a strategic national level.

## 3. Basis of membership and duties

- 3.1 Every SACRE in England is affiliated to NASACRE and each SACRE shall be invited to subscribe to the Association, membership being renewable annually on payment of an annual subscription. These subscribed member SACREs constitute the Council.
- 3.2 The Council shall meet at least once annually; this meeting shall be known as the Annual General Meeting (AGM). It will be deemed to be quorate when one quarter of subscribed SACREs is represented.
- 3.3 Each subscribed SACRE shall be entitled to send any number of representatives to the meetings of the Council, but on any matter on which the Council takes a vote, subscribed SACREs shall each be entitled to cast **one** vote only.
- 3.4 The Council shall be responsible for review and amendment of the Constitution, as appropriate.
- 3.5 A majority of one half plus one of the Council shall be necessary for any amendment to the Constitution.

## 4. The Honorary Officers

Honorary Officers shall be nominated by a SACRE and must be an officer to, or a member or co-opted member of, that SACRE.

These shall be elected for a period of two years and shall comprise:

- 4.1 The Chair
- 4.2 The Vice Chair
- 4.3 The Assistant to the Chair
- 4.4 The Secretary
- 4.5 The Treasurer

The Vice Chair / Chair / Assistant to the Chair is a 6 year term of office with 2 years in each Officer role, the Vice Chair being elected to automatically move into the next role after two years. At any one time, 3 officers will be on the Executive at different stages of these roles. If at any time, one of these Officers is unable to continue, the Executive may appoint a temporary substitute from the other two post holders until

the next AGM. The Exec may extend period of service on the Committee to ensure posts are filled.

An Honorary Officer may relinquish their office at any time. If an Honorary Officer is absent from three consecutive Committee meetings they shall be deemed to have relinquished their office and would need to seek re-election at the next Council AGM if they so desired.

## **5. The Executive Committee (the Exec)**

Exec members shall be nominated by a SACRE and must be an officer to, or a member or co-opted member of, that SACRE. Similarly, a person co-opted by the Exec would normally be an officer to a SACRE or a member of a SACRE, but in some cases their specific area of expertise might be deemed more significant than the aforementioned criteria. Exec members are elected to serve for 3 years.

The Exec comprises the elected Honorary Officers together with no more than eight other members elected by the Council. The Exec has the power to co-opt up to three additional members. The Exec shall include the following roles:

- 5.1 Communications Officers who shall have oversight of the Association's communications strategy and communications, including the SACRE *Briefings* sent to SACREs
- 5.2 Conference Organisers who shall have oversight of the Annual Conference in partnership with the Secretary and the Treasurer
- 5.3 Development Officers who shall oversee the production of a Development Plan and report to the Exec and Council on its progress

With the agreement of the Exec, the roles set out in 5.1 – 5.4 may be shared between members of the Exec. Members of the Exec shall serve for a period of three years, after which time they must seek re-election by the Council at the AGM. Normally, members of the Exec should not serve more than six years consecutively. Co-opted members shall normally serve for two years when a review by the Exec will take place; they may serve as a co-opted member for up to six years consecutively.

If a member of the Exec misses three consecutive meetings, they may be deemed to have left the Committee.

The Exec shall be responsible for the planning of other activities and events in fulfilment of the aims of the Association.

## **6. Subscriptions and Finance**

There shall be a membership fee, which shall be fixed from time to time by the Council. This fee shall not be deemed as the payment for the Annual Conference, which is additional to the annual meeting of the Council (AGM).

## **7. Winding-up**

If for any reason the Association was to be dissolved, any assets remaining in the Association's bank account(s) shall be divided equally between those SACREs which were subscribed members at the time of the dissolution of the Association, once all other outstanding debts have been cleared.