



## **REGIONAL BOARD CHAIR**

### **Background**

A Regional Board Chair serves for a term of one-year (and up to a maximum of five consecutive terms) and is elected by other regional board members on the basis of one member, one vote.

The Chair provides leadership and direction to their Regional Board and will be called upon to represent NFUS and sometimes be its spokesperson at external meetings and events.

Regional Chairs have both a regional specific role and, as a member of the Board, a corporate role. The Regional Chair will help set the strategic direction of NFUS and must keep this strategic direction in mind as the regional board pursues its work.

### **Overall Purpose of the Job**

1. To work with their regional Board to identify and prioritise local issues relevant to NFUS members and determine the actions required to deliver the solutions needed.
2. To work with their regional Board to understand what the view of members within the region is on national issues.
3. To work with their regional manager and group secretaries to identify and deliver a programme of events for the members in the region that shows the work that NFUS is doing and/or provides information to members on relevant topics and issues.
4. To work with their regional manager to retain members and recruit new members.
5. To represent NFUS and sometimes be its spokesperson within their region.
6. To accompany their regional manager to key external meetings.

## **Responsibilities**

The main responsibilities of the position are to:

1. Establish the regional board agenda in collaboration with their regional manager.
2. Provide leadership and direction to the board.
3. Build and sustain frequent communication with each and every board member.
4. Facilitate board discussions, ensuring that (as far as possible) all members have the opportunity to contribute and that discussion remains focussed.
5. Agree with the board the local policy objectives and develop in conjunction with the board the action plan to achieve the objectives.
6. Ensure that the work of the board is consistent with its agreed remit and that issues of interest to the wider organisation are appropriately referred.
7. Ensure decisions taken by the board are clear and not ambiguous.
8. Ensure that decisions reached represent the collective views of the board or (in exceptional circumstances when consensus cannot be reached) a majority view.
9. Assist their regional manager and group secretaries in membership retention activities and member recruitment activities.
10. To build a relationship with local politicians.

## **Remuneration**

1. NFUS pays an annual Honorarium payment of £3,672 to each Committee Chair who is a member of the Board of Directors. This is paid per month and is for all the work the Chair does on behalf of NFUS.

2. Travel and subsistence expenses to cover costs associated with official business will be re-imbursed.