

VICE PRESIDENT

Background

Vice Presidents are indirectly elected by the members through an Electoral College which is the NFUS Council. Under the terms of the constitution, those elected to the position of Vice President will initially serve for two years before the post reverts to an annual election. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms a vice president can serve.

The Committees are split between each Vice President who then works with the Committee Chairperson and Policy Manager in doing the work necessary to deliver the solutions to the issues identified and priorities agreed by the committees.

The Vice Presidents are responsible for developing and maintaining links with key stakeholders. Stakeholders will be divided between the Vice Presidents. The list includes Maltsters, SWA, RSPB, SBA, NSA, SNH and SEPA. Other stakeholders may be added to the list as appropriate.

One Vice President is appointed to the Finance Sub-Committee.

One Vice President takes responsibility for supporting the Parliamentary Officer in building relationships and promoting the interests of NFU Scotland in Brussels.

One Vice President takes responsibility for supporting the food Policy Manager in building relationships and promoting the interests of NFU Scotland with retailers and the food supply chain.

One Vice President takes responsibility for supporting on farm renewables.

Vice Presidents will be called upon to represent NFUS and sometimes be its spokesperson at external meetings and events.

Overall Purpose of the Job

1. To assist the President in their duties.
2. To work alongside committee chairpersons in delivering the solutions to the issues identified and priorities agreed by the committee.
3. To represent NFUS and sometimes be its spokesperson on issues that fall under the remit of the committees allocated to the Vice President.

Responsibilities

The main responsibilities of the position are to:

1. Provide leadership and support to committee chairpersons.
2. To act as the President's deputy and assist the President in their duties at all times.

3. To build and sustain frequent communication with members.
4. To work closely with Policy Managers to ensure the appropriate actions are being taken that will deliver the solution to the identified issues.
5. To attend at least one regional board meeting in every region over the course of a year.
6. To support recruitment and retention activities.

Vice President – Parliamentary Officer

1. To attend the regular meetings held with MEPs.

Vice President – Food Policy

1. To attend the meetings held with retailers.
2. To attend the meetings held with processors and others in the food supply chain.

Estimated Time Commitment

1. The number of actual hours vary per week.
2. It is expected to average around 2 days per week but this will not be consistent each and every week.
3. It is recognised that the individual has a farm business to run and at certain times of the year (for example lambing, harvesting or calving) will not be available for NFUS work.

Remuneration

1. NFUS pays an annual Honorarium payment of £32,500 to Vice Presidents.
2. NFUS will reimburse travelling expenses and the cost of subsistence for Vice Presidents engaged on NFUS Business.