



2026 Candidate Nomination Form

Elected positions

This form provides SNU members with the opportunity to nominate individuals for election in senior governance roles within the Union. In 2026, the elected positions eligible for nomination are President, Vice President and Elective Auditor.

These positions are all nominated on one form with a deadline of 15th June 2026. You will find instructions overleaf on how to return these to Mi Voice, who provide our electoral services.

The Governance Structure

The governance of the SNU is led by a Board of Trustees, who form the National Executive Committee ('NEC'). The Trustees are volunteers, however the elected role of President receives a remuneration.

The four officers (President, two Vice Presidents and Financial Director) generally serve a two-year term, with the terms arranged so that there are elections/appointments for two of the four positions during the year of alternate SNU Annual General Meetings, to provide continuity.

The Trustee positions of President, the two Vice Presidents and the Council Member to the NEC are all elected positions. The Roles of Financial Director and Education & Exponents' Director are appointed from members' nominations. Ordinary Directors 1, 2, and 3 are all appointed positions by the NEC. The position of Individual Members' Representative is elected from member nominations and is held for a two-year term. The SNU also has two Elective Auditors, each serve a two-year term with one post for election in alternate years. The position of Elective Auditor is an elected, non-trustee position.

All Trustees have a responsibility, alongside their fellow Trustees, to ensure that the SNU - including its delegated committees and staff - comply fully with its Bye Laws, legal obligations and duties of the SNU. The SNU is a religious charity that supports Spiritualist Churches across the United Kingdom, including the training of Spiritualist mediums, healers, public speakers and teachers.

The Officer Roles

The Role of President

The President provides leadership of the Union at every level. They serve as the chair of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and act as the primary representative of the Union, focusing on strategic development, visibility, and supporting members & churches. As the key figurehead of SNU Spiritualism, they are expected to actively visit churches and centres, and frequently participate in and attend meetings and events across the UK.

The Role of Vice President

The two Vice President positions - one of which is open to nominations in 2026 - provide leadership alongside the other SNU Officers to promote the reputation of the SNU and advance the quality, scale and outreach of Spiritualism, in accordance with the SNU's charitable purposes and principles. The Vice Presidents serve as representatives for the SNU and frequently participate in meetings and events across the UK. The Position will hold its own portfolio, which will be reported on at each National Executive Committee Meeting.

The Role of Education & Exponents Director

To manage the Education & Exponents programme and SNU International portfolio, which includes but is not limited to; implementing changes in training, healing code of conduct and acting as an intermediary to the SNUi. To represent the SNU in activities to promote the reputation of Spiritualism as a religion, and to frequently participate in meetings and events across the UK.

The Role of Independent Members' Representative

The Individual Members' Representative shall be responsible for the enrolment of, and liaison with, Individual Members and the cooperation in the maintenance of accurate and complete records of Individual Members, in conjunction with District Council Secretaries and SNU Head Office.

The Role of Elective Auditor

The Elective Auditors are called upon throughout the year to verify stock and other assets, act as credential officers at any general meetings of the Union, verify and count nominations and votes as provided by the By-laws and report on any matters specifically referred to them by the National Executive Committee.

The Role of Financial Director

The Financial Director shall be responsible to the National Executive Committee for superintending the financial affairs of the Union, as well as managing the Finance portfolio which includes, but is not limited to; Insurance and Trust Property.

To represent the SNU in activities to promote the reputation of Spiritualism as a religion and frequently participate in meetings and events across the UK.

Time Commitment and Conditions

Like all the SNU governance positions, the officers, elective auditors and Individual Members' Representative posts are unpaid, voluntary positions (except for the President's role, which receives a remuneration). Reasonable and proper expenses incurred during SNU business will be reimbursed.

The Financial Director is classified as an SNU Officer, and as such it is estimated that the workload can vary from 20-35 hours per week, not including travel time to meetings/events. This constitutes a significant commitment.

For other roles on the National Executive Committee, it is estimated that the workload can vary from anything from 10-35 hours per week, dependent on the role and portfolio.

Officers, Directors and some Trustees are required to attend the SNU Annual General Meeting and other meetings, including those of the National Executive Committee, SNU Council, Finance Committee and wherever a Trustee's position or portfolio dictates. Meetings take place at weekends as well as on weekdays.

For Elective Auditors, it is estimated that the workload is 20-30 hours per year, not including travel time. Elective Auditors are required to attend the SNU Annual General Meeting.

Eligibility

The Spiritualists' National Union has strict eligibility criteria for individuals to hold position on the National Executive Committee, as dictated by the Union's governing Bye Laws.

If an individual nominated does not meet the following eligibility criteria, they will not be permitted to stand for election or hold the respective position.

1. No person shall be eligible for any position if they are a member of any incompatible religious body or hold any position in, or any award or appointment of, such body.
2. The following additional conditions **must** be fulfilled to render a person eligible for position: -

For President, Vice-President & Financial Director

Either one of the following:

- (i.1) Membership of the National Executive Committee or Council during a period or periods totalling not less than **two years**; OR
- (i.2) Chairpersonship of a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee during a period or periods totalling not less than **two years within the seven years immediately prior** to the date of nomination; OR
- (i.3) Membership of a Standing Committee or a sub-committee of the National Executive Committee during a period or periods totalling not less than **three years within the seven years immediately prior** to the date of nomination; OR
- (i.4) Membership of a District Council Executive Committee during a period or periods totalling not less than **five years within the ten years immediately prior** to the date of nomination.

As well as all of the following:

- (ii) Full membership of an affiliated body or Pioneer Centre and Individual Membership of the Union, both at the date of nomination and also over a period of **not less than eight years immediately prior** to the date of nomination.
- (iii) The receipt of not less than **ten** valid nominations for office.

For Designated Directors

- (i) Full membership of an affiliated body or Pioneer Centre and Individual Membership of the Union both at the date of nomination, and over a period of not less than three years immediately prior to the date of nomination.
- (ii) The receipt of not less than **four** valid nominations for office.

For Elective Auditor

- (i) Individual Membership of the Union for the **three years immediately prior** to the date of nomination.
- (ii) The receipt of not less than **four** valid nominations for office.

An elective auditor shall not hold any position on the National Executive Committee, the National Council or a Standing Committee.

For Individual Members' Representative

- (i) Individual Membership of the Union, both at the date of nomination and over a period of **not less than four years immediately prior** to the date of nomination.
- (ii) The receipt of not less than **four** valid nominations for office.

Directions

The following instructions apply to all sets of nomination forms in this circulation.

You can find the deadline for each set of nominations at the top of each respective page.

- Complete the nomination form below and seal it in the small envelope. Do not sign the form itself and do not make any mark on the small envelope.
- For Individual Members: Enclose the small envelope in the larger envelope and sign the back of the larger envelope, together with your name in block letters, the number of your current credential card and your district council.
- For Churches, Kindred Bodies and Pioneer Centres: Enclose the small envelope in the larger envelope and have the larger envelope signed by two of its Officers, together with their names in block letters, the offices they hold, the name of the Church, Kindred Body or Pioneer Centre and the district council.

Someone can complete this on your behalf, however if you require support or if you require in an alternative format, please contact Head Office who will complete it on your behalf or offer support and accessible alternatives. Head Office - 01279 816363 or snu@snu.org.uk

Please note: Names will be checked against the Union's records, and the sealed envelopes will then be placed in boxes and later opened and counted: secrecy of nomination is thus assured. Nominators may, if they wish, put the larger envelope in turn into another, outer envelope. Please remember to sign and put your name(s) on the larger envelope, please do not put any item other than the nomination form in either the small or the larger envelope.

2026 SNU Candidate Nomination Form for Elected Positions:

President, Vice-President, and Elective Auditor

Return in the relevant signed envelope for the set of nominations on this page to Mi-Voice by 15th June 2026

Nomination 1: President

Present holder of the above position:

Minister Jackie Wright

Please enter full name of the person you wish to nominate below:

Nomination 2: Vice-President

Present holder of the above position:

Sean Taylor

Please enter full name of the person you wish to nominate below:

Nomination 3: Elective Auditor

Present holder of the above position:

Richard Smith

Please enter full name of the person you wish to nominate below: