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Annual General Meeting - 29 November 2008

The AGM will be held in the Cardinal O'Fiaich Memorial Library, Moy Road, Armagh at 10.00 am.

Nomination forms for the election of Officers and the Executive Committee are enclosed. For more than one nomination the forms may be reproduced locally.

Completed Nomination Forms should be returned so as to reach the above address no later than 14 November. Also, any motion for consideration by the AGM should be received at the above address by the same date.

The Agenda and papers will be issued on 22 November.

Societies are encouraged to take a more active interest in the nomination process. In particular the Federation needs to have the position of Secretary filled.

The Executive Committee will be proposing a number of amendments to the Articles of Association. These are mainly to do with clarifying terms, simplifying the nomination processes for the Officers and Executive Committee, and aligning the Federation with the provisions of the Companies Order in relation to audit. A copy of the proposed changes has been posted on the website - see 'Latest News___'.

The Executive Council is keen to make the AGM more than just a place for motions and elections and has decided to provide an opportunity for Societies to tell each other about interesting projects, initiatives or events that they have undertaken in the year. This will take the form of a series of 3-minute presentations within a total limit of 30 minutes. Societies are encouraged to take part. It would be helpful if those willing to participate would contact the Federation office to discuss their contribution. It may be possible to put these together into a PowerPoint presentation.

There will also be a presentation on a proposed joint project with the Federation of Local History Societies.

Due North - Vol. 2 Issue 2

The new edition of *Due North* was published on 4 September. Comments received have been

complimentary and sales have been brisk. Order form can be downloaded from -

<http://www.fuls.org.uk/duenorthorderform2008.pdf>

The Editor, Roddy Hegarty, is keen to receive articles from societies and individuals and would ask societies to publicise this among their membership. In particular, he would welcome reports about interesting projects or field trips undertaken by members, with photographs where available. The Federation will shortly provide some basic guidance to contributors on the website.

Societies on the Web

The Armagh Wildlife Society has taken up the offer of the basic web package and is now online at www.armaghwild.org.uk. Several other Societies have expressed an interest.

To reiterate, the offer is a basic package of five web pages; a home page, events page, contacts page, local publications page and a photos page, hosted on the Federation's website. Each Society would have its own domain name e.g. www.cloughhistorical.org.uk and email address eg. info@cloughhistorical.org.uk. The site would be designed in agreement with the individual society.

The set-up cost to participating Societies is £35.00 (including the web address and the email address). Ongoing costs are £20 a year, which will be added to the membership fee of that Society. The Federation will provide a free update service.

For further information email, call or write to the Federation at the above address.

Membership renewal

Federation membership renewal for 2008 - 2009 was due from 1 October and renewal forms were issued in September. So far just over half of the societies have renewed membership. Societies should note that paid-up membership of the Federation is a pre-condition to cover by the Public Liability Insurance policy. So it is in your interests to renew quickly.

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NOMINATION FORM – FEDERATION OFFICERS

Name of Society/ Individual member/ Institution: _____

(One nomination per form. If more than one, use separate form, produced locally)

The following person has been nominated for election to the office of

Chairman: _____
(Full name and Society eg *Charles Porter, Highplaces Historical Society*)

Vice Chairman: _____ (Full name and Society)

Secretary: _____ (Full name and Society)

Treasurer: _____ (Full name and Society)

We confirm that _____ (name of nominee) is a member in good standing.

Signature Proposer 1: _____ Date: _____

Signature Proposer 2: _____ Date: _____

Declaration:

If elected, I undertake to serve in the above capacity.

Signed (Nominee): _____ Date: _____

**Return Completed Nomination Forms to
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by 14 November 2008**

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NOMINATION FORM – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name of Society/ Individual member/ Institution: _____

(One nomination per form. If more than one, use separate form, produced locally)

The following person has been nominated for election to the Executive Committee

Name: _____

(Full name and Society eg *Charles Porter, Highplaces Historical Society*)

We confirm that _____ (name of nominee) is a member in good standing.

Signature Proposer 1: _____ Office held: _____ Date: _____

Signature Proposer 2. _____ Office held: _____ Date: _____

Declaration:

If elected, I undertake to serve in the above capacity.

Signed (Nominee): _____ Date: _____

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