



Share your expertise to help shape the future

Send in your nomination today!

The election of Officers and Executive and committee members will take place during the NAFD Annual General Meeting on Friday 19 May 2023.

Nominations from enthusiastic, knowledgeable and committed funeral professionals are warmly invited for election to the following positions / committees:-

- President
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Executive Committee
- Committee for Professional Standards
- Membership Committee

All nominated representatives of Categories A, B and E member firms, and Past Presidents of the National Association of Funeral Directors, are eligible to stand for election.

If you are keen to get involved but unsure about what it may entail, please call us to ask for more information – we would be delighted to help you.



Past President Abi Pattenden

For Past President Abi Pattenden, of Freeman Brothers in Sussex, serving on the Executive was a way to ensure that the voice of businesses such as the one that she works for were heard. "It has been tremendously helpful to the company, as I have seen – and been involved in – the processes which led to the development of the NAFD's policies on all kinds of areas, and benefited from the experience of committee colleagues from businesses of all shapes and sizes, from all parts of the country, which have given me a wider perspective on the industry."

Alison Crake, of Crake and Mallon on Teesside, is also a Past President as well as a past member of the Executive Committee and current chair of the Board of Education. She says: "Although any elected role within the NAFD requires a time commitment (and it is important that nominees accept that), the ability to shape and have constructive input into the work of the NAFD is invaluable."



Past President
Alison Crake,
Chair of the Board
of Education

"For me, personally, it gave me the opportunity to meet with like-minded professional people and to gain knowledge through shared experience as well as an understanding of the challenges that others working in the funeral profession faced. The NAFD is a broad church, representative not of one type of business but of many. It is this broad church perspective that allows all voices to be heard, all viewpoints considered – and it is this that helps formulate the NAFD's leading stance as the 'Voice of the Profession'.

"To be part of that is very special indeed, to be elected by the membership to speak on their behalf is both a privilege and an honour. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in being at the forefront of the future of our profession to put themselves forward for election. Yes, there is a time commitment, but it is very much worth it. You will gain knowledge and insight – but, most of all, you will make invaluable and lasting friendships with others who, like you, are devoted to the funeral profession and the care of bereaved people."

To find out more, or request a nomination form:

Please contact Su Lewis on 0121 711 1343 (Option 1)
or email membership@nafd.org.uk.

All nomination forms must be returned to membership@nafd.org.uk
by 24 March 2023.