

Conference Executive – Nomination FAQs Sheet

Thank you for considering nomination for CCNSWACT Conference Executive.

What is Conference Executive?

ConfEx serves as the key leadership body with governance responsible and strategic oversight. The board is elected from members of the Conference of Churches that make up Churches of Christ in NSW and has responsibility for all of its diverse activities - from church-based mission to Aged Care & Retirement Living, Conference and Camping venues to affordable housing.*

How does the nomination process work?

The nomination and appointment of members to Conference Executive (ConfEx) are guided by the governance framework set out in the Constitution of the Churches of Christ in NSW.

Key aspects of this process include:

- The notification of the Annual Conference (AGM) and positions to be filled at that meeting (ConfEx board members, ConfEx board chair, also Property Trust Trustees)
- The discerned submission of nominees by Conference Churches, who meet specific eligibility criteria ([Appendix A](#)), including endorsement by senior church leaders, written consent, and alignment with the Conference's objectives and governance standards.
- The communication of eligible nominees to Conference Churches and voting delegates
- Ballot voting and announcement of positions at the Annual Conference (AGM)

What kind of skills and capabilities enable Conference Executive to govern effectively?

We want nominees who are devoted followers of Jesus, whose lives are marked by the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and have a passion to see our network thrive. In addition, the gift of discernment and humility are central, alongside a desire to further the culture and ethos of Churches of Christ as a whole. Alongside these, skills and experience in governance and strategy, risk management, legal and compliance, organisational and business acumen, including human resources, property, technology, business and finance are significant capabilities that enable the board to govern effectively.

What is the length of term for a Conference Executive board member or Conference President?

Since 2021, Churches of Christ in NSW's constitution appoints nine voluntary positions on the Conference Executive board for three-year terms. In addition to these positions, is The Conference President (and ConfEx chair) whose term is for 2 years. This role can be filled by either an existing board member or directly from the Conference of churches. The nomination and election process is the same for both.

What are the key tasks undertaken by ConfEx?

Board members join a dynamic team who are engaged in ongoing work in areas across the whole of CCNSWACT in areas of Strategy, Risk and Compliance, Monitoring and Evaluation, Culture and Ethos.

Time Investment

Active participation in board meetings, events and subcommittees is expected of all board members.

A *board member* would typically invest 10-12 hours per month in board activities. This would include: board pack reading/discernment, board meetings (10 scheduled + ad hoc as needed), strategic and onboarding retreats (two overnights per year), governance training (one day), sub-committee work, network events and engagement (including Collective, annual board dinner, additional engagement in the network)

The *Conference President* (and board chair) role would typically invest a minimum of 12 hours per week in board activities: This includes: chairing Conference Executive meetings, Special and Annual General Meetings, board agenda development, board paper writing, meeting with Executive staff, strategic planning, meeting attendance and relational work with CCNSW boards and entities, Network communication & engagement, representing CCNSWACT at state and national events.

** While our ACT churches are relationally and practically connected to our network of churches they cannot be formally affiliated due to our Incorporation through the NSW Legislator.*

