**Appendix 1**

**16. National Executive Committee**

(a) The National Executive Committee shall have responsibility for the furtherance of the objects of the Association. It shall carry out the policy of the Association as determined by General Meetings. It shall also have power to act on behalf of the Association and to formulate interim policy between General Meetings. It shall transact and oversee the general business of the Association and have responsibility for its financial affairs. It shall report to the next AGM upon all actions and decisions taken during the year.

(b) The NEC shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chairs, a representative of each branch of the Association and two black members elected in accordance with clause 16(c).

(c) The Association will elect bi-annually by secret ballot two black representatives to the NEC. Where two people are elected at least one shall be a woman. Neither may hold the post for more than four years in succession. Candidates for election as a black representative to the NEC shall be nominated in writing by branches with the consent of the nominee. Nominations shall be delivered to the General Secretary not less than three calendar months before the date of the AGM.

(e) Except as otherwise provided for in this constitution every member of the NEC shall have power to vote at its meetings as follows: the Chair, Vice-Chairs, Treasurer and black representatives elected in accordance with clause 16(c) shall each have one vote; each branch representative shall have one vote for each 50 full members or part thereof in the branch.

**NB: The NEC meets on four occasions throughout the year unless otherwise agreed.**