

Rules & Procedures of Fís Nua

1 Amendments and Motions

Amendments to motions shall be considered before the motion that they are amending. If any amendment is passed then the original motion is replaced by the motion as amended (or substantive motion).

Amendments that nullify amendments already passed will automatically fall.

An explanation of this procedure should appear on ballot papers.

Amendments should appear on the ballot paper immediately before the motion that they are amending.

Related motions should be grouped on the ballot paper.

2 Role of the FPCC

- To accept and process membership applications
- Maintain an up-to-date database of membership information
- Organise in a timely manner regular party conventions
- Arrange dates, times, venues of party conventions
- Inform all members of details of conventions and how they should proceed with any written submissions or proposals
- Arrange necessary or recommended speakers to attend such conventions
- Maintain up-to-date records of correspondence and literature on behalf of the party
- Advise and inform the membership of relevant information pertaining to the organisation of the party
- Order agreed party literature for distribution
- Distribute party literature to any member who seeks it to promote the party
- Distribute minutes of meetings or conventions including decisions or actions taken or to be taken.
- Promote the party and encourage members to promote the party by word of mouth, rallies, active campaigning, canvassing, leafleting, attending political and information events or conventions where we can inform the public
- Oversee actions, interviews or decisions taken by members to ensure that they comply with party policy
- Formally inform any members if they are in breach of policy
- Maintain up-to-date accounts and audits on behalf of the party
- To refer all correspondence or enquiries to the relevant spokesperson or policy group co-ordinator
- To maintain a record of policy group meetings and distribute to members any information arising from policy group meetings which might be deemed relevant by that policy group
- To undertake organisational matters and the day-to-day running of the party between conventions.

- The FPCC cannot take decisions or actions which could be construed as changing party policy or creating new party policy.

3 Members' forum and Members' website

The FPCC should maintain a members' forum and a members' only website. Each new member with an email address should be informed of the existence of these by email (where they have informed the Party of their email). There should also be a Members page on the Fís Nua public website informing of these facilities for members.

The Full Name & method of contact for each member (as allowed for in the constitution Section 3.5 Transparency) should be published on the Members-only website.

Results of voting at Conventions (i.e. Passed / Failed and the name of the proposer) for Motions and Amendments should be published on the members-only website and not on the Fís Nua public website.

4 Policy Document

All longer policy items should be published under Policy on the public Fís Nua website, with the explanation 'Our policy is the combination of those items published on our website under 'Manifesto' combined with longer policy statements published under this Policy section'.

It should be the responsibility of the FPCC to insert abbreviated versions of these longer policy items into the Manifesto document, if required (i.e. if no existing Manifesto item could reasonably be considered to cover the policy in question).

All such changes to the Manifesto should be published on the members' forum. The FPCC or the member(s) concerned should raise any disagreements, not resolved through the forum, at the following convention, in the form of a motion.

5 Postal Voting

Postal voting is only available to members who have paid a €10 subscription for the facility. This subscription is renewable annually. Members who fail to pay their subscription will cede all rights to a postal vote, but will be entitled to an email or text vote at no charge