

# **Freegle IPS Director - Role Questions**

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On 2 January 2014 the Freegle TSW Team published the [Freegle IPS Director Role Description](#) on [Freegle UK Central](#). Questions regarding this role description were requested. The questions that have since been asked are as follows.

## **Online Board Meetings**

### **Question**

Kathryn Speight: The document mentions regular board meetings. I'm presuming that this refers to online board meetings.

### **Answer**

Edward Hibbert [TSW]: Yes, the board meetings will be conducted online.

## **Medium of Board Meetings**

### **Question**

Kathryn Speight: How will these meetings take place? Will it be through the Reps Yahoo group, another Yahoo group set up just for this purpose, or will another online medium be used?

### **Answer**

Edward Hibbert [TSW]: That's for the Directors to decide amongst themselves. But I would encourage an online conference of some sort - phone, perhaps with an electronic whiteboard. It is less likely to be a general ongoing discussion than the current Reps group is, and more like a standard Board where there are papers for the Board to discuss and approve/modify/reject. If we wanted to have Board members from outside the current organisation (which we might, for skills and contacts) then this is the format which they would be used to.

## **TSW Acronym**

### **Question**

Kathryn Speight: What does TSW stand for?

### **Answer**

Edward Hibbert [TSW]: It was something like "Trading Subsidiary Working" group, but early on we reported that a subsidiary wasn't the way to go, so now the name is a bit daft.

## **Nomination of Candidates**

### **Question**

Kathryn Speight: Do people apply themselves or do they have to be nominated? If they apply themselves, who do they apply to?

### **Answer**

Edward Hibbert [TSW]: I don't think we've specified in the [Freegle Trading Subsidiary Working Group Final Report](#) what the precise mechanism is, so I'm expecting that the Returning Officer will clarify that.

Paul Thompson [Returning Officer]: I expect it would be best to use the same process as normal with a few modifications to accommodate the possibility of the election of board members from outside of the organisation. I would propose we use something like the following:

1. Nominations may be made via [Freegle Central](#) or directly to the [Returning Officer email address](#).
2. Nominations should include the individual's name and email address. In the event of the nominee being a volunteer with a Freegle group, their primary group should be provided. In the event of another individual being nominated, any relevant group membership should be noted (i.e. a member of the National Cooperative's Council).
3. Nominations should be seconded. This can occur on either [Freegle Central](#) or directly to the [Returning Officer email address](#).
4. All nominations will be confirmed by the Returning Officer to the candidate, seconder and to [Freegle Central](#) (regardless of where the nomination was sent).

## **Additional Questions**

If there are any additional questions, please send those either to the [Freegle Central](#) or to the [Returning Officer](#) who will post them on Central for further consideration. Any additional questions will be added to this document.