

# Gay Classic Car Group



## APPOINTMENT OF AREA ORGANISERS

September 2019

- Area Organisers (AOs) are a vital part of the GCCG and valued for their contribution. They have a defined role in the Constitution as ‘a member formally recognised by the National Committee as ‘the leader of the GCCG’s activities within a region’. In some areas, for reasons of size or geography these responsibilities are shared by more than one person. In such cases, all have equal status.
- AOs are appointed by the Committee, are bound to follow its directions where given and may be removed by it, such power not to be exercised unreasonably.
- Each AO has access to the relevant portion of the membership database in order to allow them to contact members in their area. This is governed by the Data Protection Act and it is their responsibility to use it only for the purposes of the GCCG and to treat it with confidentiality. AOs are required to give up all records on leaving office.
- In recognition of their role, AOs are able to attend Committee meetings but not to vote. Their annual subscription is also waived for the duration of their office.
- Other members may organise events in an area, but to be recognised as an official GCCG event (not least for insurance purposes) it must be approved by the relevant AO or the Committee, open to all members and publicised on the GCCG website.
- The Area Organiser Liaison officer on the Committee is there to represent AOs, organise the annual AO conference and to co-ordinate new event proposals and funding considerations. Should members in an area wish to appoint another AO or to set up a new region, they would need Committee approval and this would initially be through the AO Liaison officer.
- Whereas Committee members have to be elected, AOs are appointed. AO posts are advertised in Big End Journal (BEJ), All Torque (AT) and on the website. Individual members may be approached or come forward. If, unusually, there is more than one candidate the Chairman would decide in consultation with the AO Liaison Officer how to proceed and more than one name may be put forward for appointment.
- **The Committee process for appointment of AOs is as follows**, led by the AO Liaison Officer (in default the Chairman or a Committee member, ‘the proposer’) to ensure due diligence:
  - Each nominee is asked to provide a short written summary setting out their background, car interests and what they hope to bring to the area if appointed
  - Before bringing forward a proposal to the Committee, the proposer should ensure there has been appropriate consultation with other AOs and members in an area
  - This summary is then circulated by email to the Committee for their approval with 7 days
  - If any Committee member has a concern, even if otherwise agreed by a majority, they may within the 7 day period ask the Chairman to suspend the process pending further discussion or deferral to the next Committee; the Chairman would consider the reasons and decide how to proceed
  - Otherwise after 7 days and on reaching a majority of votes, in accordance with standard Committee procedure, the person would be appointed.
- The appointment process consists of a letter from the Chairman asking for a photograph for publication on the website, BEJ and AT, followed by the person being given an official ‘@gccg.org’ address and access to the relevant part of the membership database.