



Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

Advanced Notice and Formal Notification of Rule Changes

Guild AGM Saturday 29 April 2017 Lincoln

The Annual General Meeting of the Guild will be held at 11.00am on Saturday 29 April 2017 in the Bailgate Methodist Hall. There will be the usual arrangements for ringing at the Cathedral prior to the communion service at 10.00, followed by the AGM, and a Bring and Share Lunch. From 2.00pm to 4.15pm ringing and / or workshops to be arranged followed by more ringing at the Cathedral from 4.30 to 5.20 prior to Evensong in the Cathedral.

This year's agenda will have a number of important Officer Elections and Ratifications including Master, Secretary and Treasurer. There are some vacant positions and some existing officers have declared they do not wish to stand again for election.

The following is a list of the positions requiring new candidates:

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| Master | Secretary | CC Representative (1) |
| Education Officer | Public Relations Officer | |

Note: As part of the process of implementation of the new Guild Rules, the relevant parts of Rule No.3b and 3c will apply to all members who are elected for the first time. The new rules will not apply to members being re-elected.

Nominations for all the above should be made on a Guild Officer Nomination Form and submitted to the acting secretary Alan Payne by 29 March 2017. *Nomination forms may be downloaded from the Guild Website or obtained from Guild or Branch secretary.*

The following lists shows all the current office holders, committee members, vacancies and the elections and ratifications that will take place on 29 April 2017:

Elections (* positions open for nomination by members and to be elected at the AGM)

| Position | Current Holder | Standing for election |
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| President: | At the 2016 AGM it was agreed to invite the new Dean of Lincoln following an expected appointment later in that year. The Very Reverend Christine Wilson was installed Dean of Lincoln in October 2016 and has accepted our invitation to be President. | |
| *Master: | Alan Payne | <i>Does not wish to stand again.</i> |
| *Secretary: | Vacant | |
| *Treasurer: | Roger Lord | Willing to stand |
| Representatives on Central Council: | (election for three year period starting 2017) | |
| | One vacancy | |

Ratifications

(positions nominated by the Guild Committee for approval at AGM. All as per 2016 except as *indicated*).

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| BRF Administrator | Stephen Clarke (new 2017) |
| BRF Grants Committee | Master, Secretary, BRF Administrator, Robin Heppenstall, Philip Green. |
| BRF Trustees | Three Required . Three named persons to be appointed by new Guild Committee. (Existing Trustees Alan Payne (not standing), Roger Lord, Robin Heppenstall) |
| Education Officer | Vacant |
| Fund Raising Leader | Sue Faull |
| Gift Aid Officer | Barbara Rand |
| Librarian | Delia Heppenstall |
| Peal Secretary | Chris Sharp |
| Public Relations Officer | Vacant |
| Report Secretary | John Nicholson |
| Safeguarding Officer | Joy Lord |
| Webmaster | Jonathan Clark |

Guild Committee

Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Central Council Rep. (currently 4), Branch Secretary (currently 6), BRF Administrator, Safeguarding Officer, Education Officer, Fund Raising Leader, Librarian, Peal Secretary, Public Relations Officer, Report Secretary, Webmaster, Working Group Leaders (currently 0), BRF Trustees (3)

Formal Notification of Rule Changes

Rule Changes to be formally proposed at the AGM on 29 April 2017

1. Guild Rule 9.

New Rule 9(d): At any General meeting of the Guild the number of voting members present required to constitute a quorum shall be 25, including at least two executive officers, at least one C.C. representative and at least two voting members from each branch.

Existing Rule 9(d) to become 9(e)

Notes: With declining numbers of members attending General Meetings, this proposal is to ensure a reasonable number of members are present to elect officers, confirm, amend and /or vote acceptance of significant items of change or addition to Guild Administration and Rules.

2. BRF Rule 2.

Changes to Rule 2; (i). insert "prior" between "received" and "approval"

(ii). after "approval" insert "at the appropriate level"

(iii). after "Diocesan authorities" add "or, where no Diocesan approval is required, from the Grants Committee".

The second sentence of Rule 2 will then read:

Grants will not be considered for any work which has not received prior approval at the appropriate level from the Diocesan authorities or, where no Diocesan approval is required, from the Grants Committee.

Notes: With the latest changes to the Faculty Jurisdiction, this proposal is to ensure that the BRF Grant Application process maintains an acceptable level of verification of qualifying projects.