



COMPOSITE PROPOSAL 2014/01

THE OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF:

- A. MEMBERSHIP
- B. OFFICERS
- C. COMMITTEES

A. MEMBERSHIP

- A1. A Ringing Member may be proposed for election having previously demonstrated an ability to ring rounds safely and unassisted and is actively supporting a tower in the Diocese or Branch.
- A2. Completion of a Membership Application Form and submission in the prescribed manner is a condition of membership. Ringers being nominated for membership should be present at the election meeting to confirm their application.
- A3. All Ringing Members to pay the subscription for the current year to the membership Secretary by 31 March. Failure to meet this deadline will require the ringer to submit to re-election.

IMPLEMENTATION: All elements in A. above to be effective from 1 January 2015.

B. OFFICERS

- B1. Election for a Guild or Branch Officers to be conducted using a formal nomination paper that must include the names of the Proposer and Secunder and a manifesto statement from the candidate. Space will be available for supporting information which may be added by any of the three signatories. The nomination paper must be circulated to all Guild or Branch not later than 28 days prior to the election. All officers must be Guild members.
- B2. All Officers to have a fixed term of 3 years in the elected position with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Guild and Branch positions are mutually exclusive.
- B3. A new election for an Officer may be requested at any time inside a 3 year period upon receipt of a written request signed by 10% of the membership. The Guild or Branch Committee will organise the election at the next AGM or at an extraordinary meeting having given 60 day notice to all members.
- B4. Officer positions requiring particular skill or expertise will be nominated by the Guild or Branch Committee and subjected to verification at a full meeting of members.
- B5. Officer positions to be directly elected: President, Master, General Secretary, Central Council Representative, and Trustee.
- B6. Officer positions to be nominated for Ratification at an AGM: Treasurer, Training Officer, Webmaster, Safeguarding Officer, Peal Secretary, Report Secretary, Librarian, BRF Administrator, Fund Raising Leader, Membership Secretary, Young Persons Leader.
- B7. The Patron of the Guild to be the Bishop of Lincoln subject to invitation and acceptance.

B8. Written Guidelines to be issued to each Officer outlining purpose and duties of each office.

IMPLEMENTATION: All elements in B. above to be effective from 1 January 2015. The relevant Branch or Guild Committee may, however, make their own Transitional Arrangements that will provide for a smooth implementation of the periods of Officer Tenure by avoiding multiple changes at any one time and provide a good continuation of leadership.

C. COMMITTEES

C1. The Guild Committee shall be the senior governing body with full representation from all Branches, Trustees, Guild Officers, and Central Council Representatives. This body to have the ultimate authority for the direction and running of the Guild. Membership to be made ex officio from Guild Officers, Central Council Representatives and Branch Secretaries. Each Branch may nominate a proxy to ensure representation at meetings.

C2. Branch Committees shall include the Branch Officers and other representatives as elected by the Branch.

C3 Sub – committees / working groups may be formed at the request of and be responsible to the respective Guild or Branch Committee to meet the current work plan(s) / activities. Each sub-committee / group will be led by the relevant elected or appointed officer.

IMPLEMENTATION: Effective from 1 May 2014