



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH

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Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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INTRODUCTION

I1 Interpretation and definitions

- I1.1 In these Standing Orders those terms which are capitalised have the same meanings as shown in the Rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers adopted on 28th May 2018.
- I1.2 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this document and the Council's Rules, the Council's Rules shall prevail.

Ensures that the Standing Orders are consistent with the Rules and that the Rules always prevail.

FINANCIAL AND AUDIT

F1 Annual Subscription

- F1.1 The Annual Subscription for Affiliated Societies shall be £40 for each Representative Member to which that Society is entitled under the Rules.

Under Rule 7.9 changes to the Annual Subscription require the approval of representatives at a Council meeting.

F2 Register of Significant Assets

- F2.1 The Council's Significant Assets are :-
- a) The Rolls of Honour
 - b) The Carter Ringing Machine Collection
 - c) The Dove directory of towers and its associated electronic database

Under Rule 7.9 any decision to dispose of an asset shown on this register will require the decision of a Council meeting.

Whilst the Executive may amend the register, in the same

d) The Council's Library

F3 **Maximum Contract Value**

F3.1 The Maximum Contract Value is £1,000 sterling.

F4 **Independent Examiners**

F4.1 The Independent Examiners shall at each Annual Council Meeting be elected from amongst the Council's Representative Members.

F4.2 An Independent Examiner may not simultaneously be an Officer Holder of the Council and shall be deemed to have retired as an Independent Examiner on becoming such an Office Holder.

F4.3 The Independent Examiners acting together shall have power to employ the services of a professional accountant at the expense of the Council in pursuit of their duties.

F4.4 If an Independent Examiner vacates their office before expiry of their term, the Executive shall have the power to make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy, which shall be valid until the start of the next Council Meeting.

way it can amend any Standing Order, Rule 10.6 balances this with a requirement to give Council members three months' notice of any proposed changes, which Council members can 'call in' for consideration at a Council meeting if they believe it further deliberation is required. Where a change is 'called in' it cannot be implemented without a Council resolution.

Under Rules 7.9 and 7.10 any spending decision involving a sum greater than the value shown will require the Decision of an Executive Meeting, or for larger sums a Council meeting.

NO CHANGE, except that in line with Charity Commission guidance, Independent Examiners may not also be trustees.

GOVERNANCE

G1 Governance Review

G1.1 Every three years commencing May 2019, the Executive shall review the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and governance to assess whether they continue to be effective and aligned with best practice.

IMPLEMENTS CRAG RECOMMENDATION E(iii).

G1.2 If eligibility to vote at Council Meetings remains vested wholly or in part with Representative Members, each such review shall explicitly include an assessment and recommendation as to whether it would be appropriate to transfer some or all of the powers of Representative Members to Individual Members.

IMPLEMENTS CRAG RECOMMENDATION E(iii).

GENERAL PROVISIONS

N1 Personal Benefit

N1.1 Any person authorised by the Executive is entitled to be compensated from the property of the Council such reasonable expenses properly incurred by them when acting on the Council's behalf.

CHARITY COMMISSION REQUIREMENT.

N1.2 An Executive Member may benefit from trustee indemnity insurance cover purchased at the Council's expense.

CHARITY COMMISSION REQUIREMENT.

N1.3 Unless specifically stated otherwise by the Rules or Standing Orders, no

CHARITY COMMISSION REQUIREMENT.

- Executive Member or any Connected Person may
- a) buy or receive goods or services from the Council on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the Council;
 - b) sell goods, services or any interest in land to the Council;
 - c) be employed by, or receive any remuneration from the Council; or
 - d) receive any other financial benefit from the Council.
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MEMBERSHIP

M1 Ex-officio Members

- M1.1 The Council shall have a class of Individual Member named “Ex-Officio Member” reserved for officers of partner or supporter organisations.
- M1.2 The Ex-Officio Members shall be :
- a) The Chairman of The Ringing World Limited, company number 01722963.
- M1.3 There is no membership subscription for an Ex-Officio Member.
- M1.4 Ex-officio Members shall be appointed for the term of their office, except in the event that such membership is rescinded by an Executive Decision.

M2 Fellows

- M2.1 The Council shall have a class of Individual Member, named “Fellow” reserved for those who have given distinguished service to the Council or the ringing

NO CHANGE. The Chairman of the Ringing World Limited is currently an Ex-officio Member of the Council.

Whilst under Rule 5.2 voting rights are reserved for society representatives in line with CRAG’s proposals , Ex-Officio members fulfil an important function and are able to play a full role in the Council’s affairs in all other respects.

This provision allows the trustees to respond quickly in the unlikely event that circumstances come to light which could otherwise harm the reputation of the Council.

NO CHANGE. In line with CRAG Recommendation D(ii) existing Life Members of the Council will automatically

community, which the Council wishes to recognise.

- M2.2 Each Fellow shall be appointed by Resolution agreed at a Council Meeting, except that the first Fellows shall be those life members of the Council at the close of the meeting at which this Standing Order was agreed.
- M2.3 There is no membership subscription for a Fellow.
- M2.4 Fellows shall be appointed for life, except in the event that their fellowship is rescinded by a Decision of the Executive.
- M2.5 The Secretary or their delegate shall maintain a register of all Fellows.

STEWARDS

The Standing Orders in this section will contain the Terms of Reference for each role of Steward which the Council proposes to appoint or elect with effect from 28th May 2018.

The Terms of Reference for each Steward are currently being prepared by the Council's officers and will be included in the final edition of this document, due to be published in February 2018.

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WORKGROUPS

The Standing Orders in this section will contain the Terms of Reference for each Workgroup which the Council proposes to appoint or elect with effect from 28th

become Fellows.

In line with CRAG's proposal D(ii), voting rights are reserved for society representatives, but Fellows can be expected to fulfil an important function and are able to play a full role in the Council's affairs in all other respects.

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