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<p><b>A MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS</b></p> <p>1. To be eligible for election to the status of Qualified Member a ringer shall have rung to a method either.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) on tower bells 720 changes on either a working bell or the treble; or the tenor covering to 1260 changes; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) 720 changes on a pair of handbells.</p> <p>2 Associate Members are those ringers who have not yet qualified for (1) above.</p>	<p><b>A MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS</b></p>	<p>Omit 1 &amp; 2 as there will be one level of membership and renumber following paragraphs</p> <p>There's almost no mention of elections of members in the revised version (only to say that membership forms should be sent to the membership manager as soon as possible after election). Assuming that we're not going to drop the elections and just have people becoming a member by paying their subs, could we have something along the lines of "Members can be elected to the Association at an Association or Branch meeting." It should come instead of A1 and 2, so the rest would need renumbering.[J Jones 8/3/2024]</p>
<p>3 Qualified and Associate Members may apply to the General Committee for Life Membership on reaching the age of 65 years, if they have held continuous paid annual membership, either as an Associate Member or Qualified Member of the Association, for the last 30 years. Life Members may hold office and vote on all matters. Applications shall be made in writing to the General Secretary by the 31 December.</p>	<p>1 Resident Members may apply to the General Committee for Life Membership on reaching the age of 65 years, if they have held continuous paid annual membership, either as an Associate, Qualified or Resident Member of the Association, for the last 30 years. Life Members may hold office and vote on all matters. Applications shall be made in writing to the General Secretary by the 31 December.</p>	<p>Replace Qualified and Associate by Resident</p> <p>Add Resident member</p>
<p>4 Life Membership may be granted by the General Committee to others at their discretion, particularly to those who have rendered outstanding service to the Association and to those who are unable to continue active ringing. Life Members may hold office and vote on all</p>	<p>2 Life Membership may be granted by the General Committee to others at their discretion, particularly to those who have rendered outstanding service to the Association and to those who are unable to continue active ringing. Life Members may hold office and vote on all</p>	<p>No change</p>

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<p>5 Qualified and Associate Members are entitled to the Report of the previous year and to vote for the election of officers when they have paid their subscription for the current financial year.</p>	<p>3 Resident Members are entitled to the Report of the previous year and to vote for the election of officers when they have paid their subscription for the current financial year</p>	<p>Replace Qualified and Associate by Resident</p> <p>It says at A5 (A3 in the new version) that members can vote for the election of officers when they have paid their subs for the current financial year. For consistency, this should be extended to any voting (financial matters, rule changes etc), so perhaps you could change it to 'vote in the election of officers and other matters when they have paid their subscription.....' or something similar.[J Jones 8/3/2024]</p>
<p>6 Ringers who are neither resident in the County nor attached to any tower in the County may become Non-Resident Members Non-Resident Members are not eligible for election to official positions in the Association and do not have a vote at elections. (For exception see 8 below). They do not receive reports and notices issued by the Association.</p>	<p>4 Ringers who are neither resident in the County nor attached to any tower in the County may become Non-Resident Members Non-Resident Members are not eligible for election to official positions in the Association and do not have a vote at elections. (For exception see 6 below). They do not receive reports and notices issued by the Association.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p>7 A Member may leave the County but wish to continue his membership; if he has paid two or more Annual Subscriptions he is eligible to become a Non-Resident Member without any further payment The change may be made by application to his Branch Secretary.</p>	<p>5 A Member may leave the County but wish to continue membership; if they have paid two or more Annual Subscriptions they are eligible to become a Non-Resident Member without any further payment. The change may be made by application to their Branch Secretary.</p>	<p>Grammatical changes</p>
<p>8 An election may be made before a peal attempt providing there are three or more</p>	<p>6 An election may be made before a peal attempt providing there are three or more</p>	<p>No change</p>

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<p><b>B GENERAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>A quorum of seven shall be competent to transact the business of the General Committee.</p>	<p><b>B GENERAL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>A quorum of seven shall be competent to transact the business of the General Committee.</p>	No change
<p><b>C BUSINESS AT GENERAL MEETINGS</b></p> <p>A proposition dealing with the funds of the Association shall only be put to the vote at a General Meeting. A notice of the intention to move such a resolution shall be given at a previous General Meeting unless such a proposition has been recommended by the General Committee.</p>	<p><b>C BUSINESS AT GENERAL MEETINGS</b></p> <p>A proposition dealing with the funds of the Association shall only be put to the vote at a General Meeting. A notice of the intention to move such a resolution shall be given at a previous General Meeting unless such a proposition has been recommended by the General Committee.</p>	May need amendment to reflect changes in the Rules
<p><b>D ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p> <p>1 The General Officers shall hold office for three years: the President and Peal Secretary being elected for one year; the Treasurer, Report Editor and Librarian the next: the General Secretary, Composition Secretary and Ringing Master the year after that. All retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election. except that the President shall not be eligible for election for more than two consecutive terms of office.</p> <p>2. Candidates for the position of President, Secretary. Treasurer, Peal Secretary, Report Editor, Composition Secretary, Ringing Master and Librarian may be either:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) nominated by a proposer and seconder at the General Meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting, or</p>	<p><b>D ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p> <p>1 The General Officers shall hold office for three years: the President and Peal Secretary being elected for one year; the Treasurer, Report Editor and Librarian the next: the General Secretary, Composition Secretary and Ringing Master the year after that. All retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election. except that the President shall not be eligible for election for more than two consecutive terms of office.</p> <p>2. Candidates for the position of President, Secretary. Treasurer, Peal Secretary, Report Editor, Composition Secretary, Ringing Master and Librarian may be either:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) nominated by a proposer and seconder at the General Meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting, or</p>	May need amendment to reflect changes in the Rules

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<p>b) nominated by a proposer and seconder in writing to the General Secretary on or before the last day of the month in which the said General Meeting has taken place.</p> <p>3 An election shall be decided by a show of hands unless six or more members request a ballot.</p> <p>4 In the event of a lie the election shall be deferred until the following General Meeting, the retiring officer carrying out his duties until that date. If the retiring officer is unable to do so, the President shall nominate a person to the office until the next meeting.</p> <p>5 In the event of a General Officer resigning before the expiration of his full term of office, notice of the General Officer's resignation shall be given at the next General Meeting of the Association. Candidates for election to the resigning General Officer's position may be:</p> <p>a) nominated by a proposer and a seconder at the General Meeting at which the General Officer's resignation is announced; or</p> <p>b) nominated by a proposer and a seconder in writing to the General Secretary on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the General Meeting took place at which the General Officer's resignation was announced.</p> <p>6 The election to fill the vacancy outlined in Standing Order D5 shall take place at the next General Meeting of the Association. Such a</p>	<p>b) nominated by a proposer and seconder in writing to the General Secretary on or before the last day of the month in which the said General Meeting has taken place.</p> <p>3 An election shall be decided by a show of hands unless six or more members request a ballot.</p> <p>4 In the event of a tie the election shall be deferred until the following General Meeting, the retiring officer carrying out his duties until that date. If the retiring officer is unable to do so, the President shall nominate a person to the office until the next meeting.</p> <p>5 In the event of a General Officer resigning before the expiration of his full term of office, notice of the General Officer's resignation shall be given at the next General Meeting of the Association. Candidates for election to the resigning General Officer's position may be:</p> <p>a) nominated by a proposer and a seconder at the General Meeting at which the General Officer's resignation is announced; or</p> <p>b) nominated by a proposer and a seconder in writing to the General Secretary on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the General Meeting took place at which the General Officer's resignation was announced.</p> <p>6 The election to fill the vacancy outlined in Standing Order D5 shall take place at the next General Meeting of the Association. Such a</p>	<p>Typo error 'lie' should be 'tie' [J Jones 2/3/24]</p>

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<p>General Meeting need not be the Annual General Meeting of the Association.</p> <p>7 In the event of the resigning officer being unable to carry out his duties until a successor has been elected, the President of the Association may, after consultation with other General Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) nominate a person to the office until a successor has been elected, or</li> <li>b) take such steps, if any, as he thinks fit.</li> </ul> <p>8 Any General Officer elected pursuant to Standing Order D5 and D6 shall hold office only for the length of the unexpired term of the General Officer who has resigned.</p>	<p>General Meeting need not be the Annual General Meeting of the Association.</p> <p>7 In the event of the resigning officer being unable to carry out his duties until a successor has been elected, the President of the Association may, after consultation with other General Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) nominate a person to the office until a successor has been elected, or</li> <li>b) take such steps, if any, as he thinks fit.</li> </ul> <p>8 Any General Officer elected pursuant to Standing Order D5 and D6 shall hold office only for the length of the unexpired term of the General Officer who has resigned.</p>	
<p><b>E VICE PRESIDENTS</b></p> <p>Any nomination shall, in the first place, be made in writing to the General Secretary. It must have the approval of the General Committee before being submitted to a General Meeting for voting.</p>	<p><b>E VICE PRESIDENTS</b></p> <p>Any nomination shall, in the first place, be made in writing to the General Secretary. It must have the approval of the General Committee before being submitted to a General Meeting for voting.</p>	<p>No change</p>
<p><b>F MANAGEMENT OF BRANCHES</b></p> <p>1 Each Branch shall be managed by a Committee which includes the Chairman. Ringing Master, Branch Secretary and/or Treasurer. Two members of this Committee shall be on the General Committee. All members of the Committee shall reside or ring within their Branch.</p> <p>2 At any Branch meeting only members</p>	<p><b>F MANAGEMENT OF BRANCHES</b></p> <p>1 Each Branch shall be managed by a Committee which includes the Chairman. Ringing Master, Branch Secretary and/or Treasurer. Two members of this Committee shall be on the General Committee. All members of the Committee shall reside or ring within their Branch.</p> <p>2 At any Branch meeting only members</p>	<p>May need amendment to reflect changes in the Rules and current practice</p>

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<p>resident or ringing in that Branch shall be entitled to vote at elections.</p>	<p>resident or ringing in that Branch shall be entitled to vote at elections.</p>	
<p>3 The Branch Secretaries shall collect and forward to the Association Treasurer the subscriptions of members in their respective Branches and give them their Reports, cards of membership and badges. Receipt books shall be sent to the Association Treasurer by mid December.</p>	<p>3 The Branch Secretaries shall collect and forward to the Association Treasurer the subscriptions of members in their respective Branches and give them their Reports, certificates of membership and badges. Information on monies received during the year shall be sent to the Association Treasurer.</p>	<p>Replace 'cards' with 'certificates' [J Jones 2/3/24]  We no longer have receipt books. Therefore replace with 'Information on monies received during the year'. Also the timescale is unrealistic and unnecessary given that it is transferred electronically and in a timely manner [ D Spaul 2/3/2024]</p>
<p>4 Branches shall be entitled to hold and manage their own funds out of which all administrative expenses of the Branch are to be paid. After the Annual General Meeting each year the Association Treasurer shall forward to the Branch Secretary a grant to cover the year's expenses. At the Annual General Meeting each year the amount of the grant for the following year shall be decided.</p>	<p>4 Branches shall be entitled to hold and manage their own funds out of which all administrative expenses of the Branch are to be paid. After the Annual General Meeting each year the Association Treasurer shall forward to the Branch a grant to cover the year's expenses. At the Annual General Meeting each year the amount of the grant for the following year shall be decided.</p>	<p>Could be Branch Secretary or Branch Treasurer so suggest delete reference to specific Branch officer [ D Spaul 2/3/24]</p>
<p>5 Branches shall produce accounts each year which shall be independently examined and sent to the Association Treasurer for publication in the Annual Report. 6 An account of the year's work in the Branch shall be sent to the Report Editor by 31st December for the Report. 7 The name, tower and address of all resident members of the Association shall be sent to the Association Membership Manager immediately after the meeting at which they were</p>	<p>5 Branches shall produce accounts each year which shall be independently examined and sent to the Association Treasurer for publication in the Annual Report. 6 An account of the year's work in the Branch shall be sent to the Report Editor by 31st December for the Report. 7 The name, tower and address of all resident members of the Association shall be sent to the Association Membership Manager immediately after the meeting at which they were</p>	

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<p><b>G CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES</b></p> <p>1 Nominations shall be made at the May meeting a year before the new Council meets, or in writing to the General Secretary before the end of May, and the election shall be held at the following September meeting.</p> <p>2 Casual vacancies shall be filled by nomination and election at the next General Meeting after the vacancy occurs.</p> <p>3 Representatives attending meetings of the Council shall be entitled to reimbursement of costs up to the maximum stated in the Schedule</p>	<p><b>G CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES</b></p> <p>1 Nominations shall be made at the May meeting a year before the new Council meets, or in writing to the General Secretary before the end of May, and the election shall be held at the following September meeting.</p> <p>2 Casual vacancies shall be filled by nomination and election at the next General Meeting after the vacancy occurs.</p> <p>3 Representatives attending meetings of the Council shall be entitled to reimbursement of costs up to the maximum stated in the Schedule</p>	No change
<p><b>H BELL REPAIR FUND</b></p> <p>1 Collections for this may be taken at any meeting and the amount of the collection announced.</p> <p>2 The Bell Repair Fund Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Bell Repair Fund.</p> <p>3 The Bell Repair Fund Committee shall, each year, appoint a member of the Association to produce an annual Friends of the Bell Fund Report.</p> <p>4 A quorum of seven shall be competent to transact the business of the Bell Repair Fund Committee.</p>	<p><b>H BELL REPAIR FUND</b></p> <p>1 Collections for this may be taken at any meeting and the amount of the collection announced.</p> <p>2 The Bell Repair Fund Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Bell Repair Fund.</p> <p>3 The Bell Repair Fund Committee shall, each year, appoint a member of the Association to produce an annual Friends of the Bell Fund Report.</p> <p>4 A quorum of seven shall be competent to transact the business of the Bell Repair Fund Committee.</p>	No change
<p><b>I PEALS</b></p> <p>1 Peals shall be recorded providing that all those taking part are Qualified, Life or Non-Resident Members of the Association.</p>	<p><b>I PEALS</b></p> <p>1 Peals shall be recorded providing that all those taking part are Resident, Life or Non-Resident Members of the Association.</p>	Change Qualified to Resident

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<p>2 Conductors shall forward the following to the Peal Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) details of the performance written out in the same way as in the Report on one side only of the paper;</li> <li>b) the names of the towers to which the ringers belong and an indication of Non-Resident Members;</li> <li>c) the names, addresses and subscriptions of any ringers elected immediately before the peal;</li> <li>d) the peal booking fee as stated in the schedule;</li> <li>e) the composition or its peal number in the Association's Reports.</li> </ul>	<p>2 Conductors shall forward the following to the Peal Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f) details of the performance written out in the same way as in the Report on one side only of the paper;</li> <li>g) the names of the towers to which the ringers belong and an indication of Non-Resident Members;</li> <li>h) the names, addresses and subscriptions of any ringers elected immediately before the peal;</li> <li>i) the peal booking fee as stated in the schedule;</li> <li>j) the composition or its peal number in the Association's Reports.</li> </ul>	
<p>3 These details shall be forwarded to the Peal Secretary within one month of the performance. No peal shall be accepted if reported more than two months after its performance, except that details of all peals rung in December must reach the Peal Secretary by the 31st January at the latest. The power to accept or reject a peal shall be vested in the General Committee.</p>	<p>3 These details shall be forwarded to the Peal Secretary within one month of the performance. No peal shall be accepted if reported more than two months after its performance, except that details of all peals rung in December must reach the Peal Secretary by the 31st January at the latest. The power to accept or reject a peal shall be vested in the General Committee.</p>	
<p><b>J ASSOCIATION LIBRARY/ARCHIVE</b> The Association's Library/Archive shall be housed in The Old Palace near York Minster. The Association Librarian/Archivist shall be authorised to spend an amount up to the limit stated in the Schedule for the administration of the Association Library/Archive.</p>	<p><b>J ASSOCIATION LIBRARY/ARCHIVE</b> The Association's Library/Archive shall be housed in The Old Palace near York Minster. The Association Librarian/Archivist shall be authorised to spend an amount up to the limit stated in the Schedule for the administration of the Association Library/Archive.</p>	No change
<p><b>K EDUCATION COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p><b>K EDUCATION COMMITTEE</b></p>	No change

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<p>1 The Education Committee shall be entitled to hold and manage its own funds out of which all administrative expenses of the committee are to be paid. After the Annual General Meeting each year the Association Treasurer shall forward to the Education Committee a grant to cover the year's expenses. At the Annual General Meeting each year the amount of the grant for the following year shall be decided and stated in the Schedule.</p> <p>2 The Education Committee shall produce accounts each year which shall be independently examined, and shall be sent to the Association Treasurer for publication in the Annual Report.</p> <p>3 An account of the year's work by the committee shall be sent to the Report Editor by 31st December for inclusion in the Report.</p>	<p>1 The Education Committee shall be entitled to hold and manage its own funds out of which all administrative expenses of the committee are to be paid. After the Annual General Meeting each year the Association Treasurer shall forward to the Education Committee a grant to cover the year's expenses. At the Annual General Meeting each year the amount of the grant for the following year shall be decided and stated in the Schedule.</p> <p>2 The Education Committee shall produce accounts each year which shall be independently examined, and shall be sent to the Association Treasurer for publication in the Annual Report.</p> <p>3 An account of the year's work by the committee shall be sent to the Report Editor by 31st December for inclusion in the Report.</p>	
<p><b>L YOUNG RINGERS' GROUP</b></p> <p>1 The Young Ringers' group shall be entitled to hold and manage its own funds out of which all administrative expenses of the group are to be paid. After the Annual General Meeting each year the Association Treasurer shall forward to the group a grant to cover the year's expenses. At the Annual General Meeting each year the amount of the grant for the following year shall be decided and stated in the Schedule.</p> <p>2 The Young Ringers' group shall produce accounts each year which shall be independently examined, and shall be sent to the Association Treasurer for publication in the Annual Report.</p> <p>3 An account of the year's work by the group shall be sent to the Report Editor by 31st December</p>	<p><b>L YOUNG RINGERS' GROUP</b></p> <p>1 The Young Ringers' group shall be entitled to hold and manage its own funds out of which all administrative expenses of the group are to be paid. After the Annual General Meeting each year the Association Treasurer shall forward to the group a grant to cover the year's expenses. At the Annual General Meeting each year the amount of the grant for the following year shall be decided and stated in the Schedule.</p> <p>2 The Young Ringers' group shall produce accounts each year which shall be independently examined, and shall be sent to the Association Treasurer for publication in the Annual Report.</p> <p>3 An account of the year's work by the group shall be sent to the Report Editor by 31st December</p>	<p>No change</p>

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<p>for inclusion in the Report.</p> <p>4 Membership will be open to all resident ringers under 19 years of age.</p> <p>5 The group shall be managed by a Committee which includes a Chairman. Ringing Master, Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>6 At any group meeting only members of that group shall be entitled to vote at elections.</p>	<p>for inclusion in the Report.</p> <p>4 Membership will be open to all resident ringers under 19 years of age.</p> <p>5 The group shall be managed by a Committee which includes a Chairman. Ringing Master, Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>6 At any group meeting only members of that group shall be entitled to vote at elections.</p>	