

From the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Ottery St Mary on Saturday 12th June 1999

CRITERIA FOR NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE GUILD

Lester Yeo introduced the three recommendations of the working party appointed by the General Committee. After one amendment and two small corrections the following was approved nem. con.

- (i) that the Suffragan Bishops, Dean and Archdeacons of the Diocese of Exeter be appointed associate patrons ex officio, and that the Guild have the power to invite other appropriate non-ringers to be associate patrons.
- (ii) that new vice-presidents shall be nominated from among the Ringing Members of the Guild; nominations shall be made in writing to the General Secretary, giving details of the candidates' ringing career and explaining the reasons why they have been nominated; suitable reasons for nomination might include:
 - Outstanding contribution to the work of the Guild or to ringing in Devon; this might be in the field of training, bell-restoration, promotion of peal and quarter-peal ringing etc.
 - Holding of office within the Guild, including branch office, for a significant period of time; in the absence of any other reasons for nomination, candidates should have held at important office for at least ten years.
 - Long service to ringing in Devon, in particular as a member of the Guild; in the absence of any other reasons for nomination, candidates should have at least fifty years' membership of the Guild.
- (iii) that before submitting any nominations to a General Meeting of the Guild, the General Committee shall approve them by a two-thirds majority of those voting, after discussion of the merits of the candidates in their absence.

It was noted that the adoption of the first resolution would necessitate a rule change. A copy of the resolutions would be circulated to Branch Secretaries and published in Ringing Round Devon.