

Report on Rules Sub Committee

The rules subcommittee was set up by the Guild Management Committee to consider the existing rules and to make recommendations for ways to rationalise them and to make them more relevant to what is currently happening within the Guild.

The members of the subcommittee were all volunteers. Sarah Bence, Chris Fitzgerald, Derek Jones, Sue Jones, Richard Alton, Paul Mason and John Beresford volunteered to be members of this committee.

The distinction between the Constitution and the Rules of the PDG were identified. A copy of the Constitution is held by the Charities Commission and states the aims and objectives of the charity. The Bell Fund is identified specifically as a charity within the overall PDG charity.

The rules of the charity identify how the aims of the Constitution are followed; thus the Rules are more concerned with the day to day running of the charity rather than its overall aims.

The subcommittee has attempted to make the rules less proscriptive and more flexible so that the Guild can adapt more easily to change in the future. Account has also been taken of the more modern means of holding meetings so that not all need to be in person.

Some changes have involved moving items from the Constitution into the Rules and vice versa. Some have involved making the rules more understandable. Changes have also been made to remove rules where they are overly proscriptive, for example, greater freedom is given to the branches to organise themselves how they wish.

It is anticipated that subcommittee will have completed its task before the end of January so that discussion documents will be available in time for consideration by the members of the GMC.

JRS Beresford

Sub Committee Chairperson

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