



# Rules/Trustees Review

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# Overview of proposals

## *Motion 1*

- 🔔 Reduction in Number of Trustees
- 🔔 PRO vs Communications Officer
- 🔔 Sub-committees
- 🔔 Membership categories
- 🔔 Peals and Non-Resident members
- 🔔 Virtual Meetings

## *Motion 2*

- 🔔 Friends/Associate Voting

## *Motion 3*

- 🔔 AGM voting majority for rule changes



# Reduction in Trustees

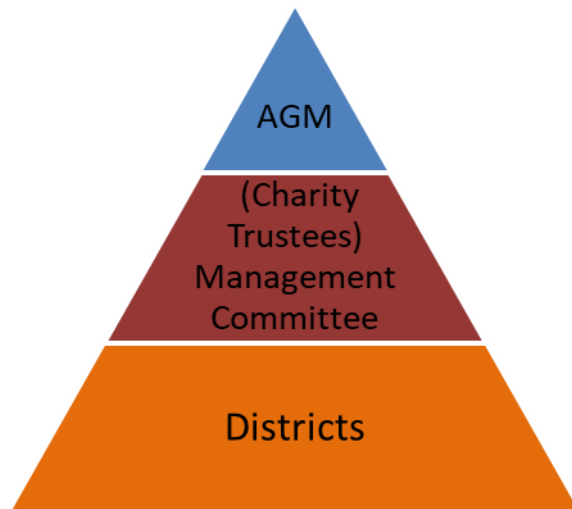
From AGM 2019 statement:

- 🔔 What is the ideal management organisation that meets both the bell-ringing requirements and legal charity requirements of the Association?
- 🔔 Who and how many charity trustees and how are they elected?
- 🔔 Which posts should be AGM elections?
- 🔔 How should the charity trustees and management committee and its sub-committees interact?
- 🔔 How the rules need to be adapted to deliver this

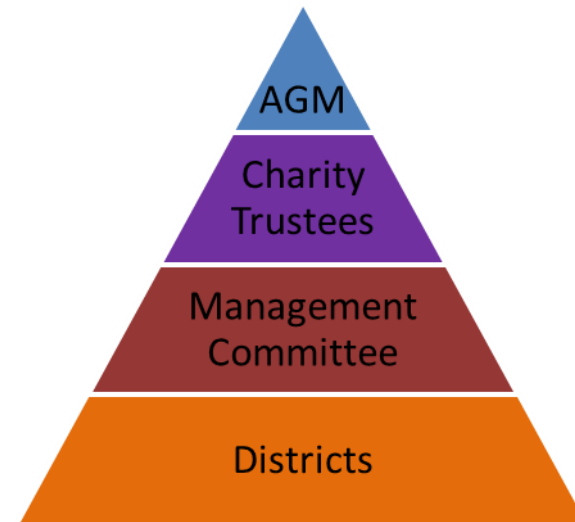


# Management Overview

## Existing



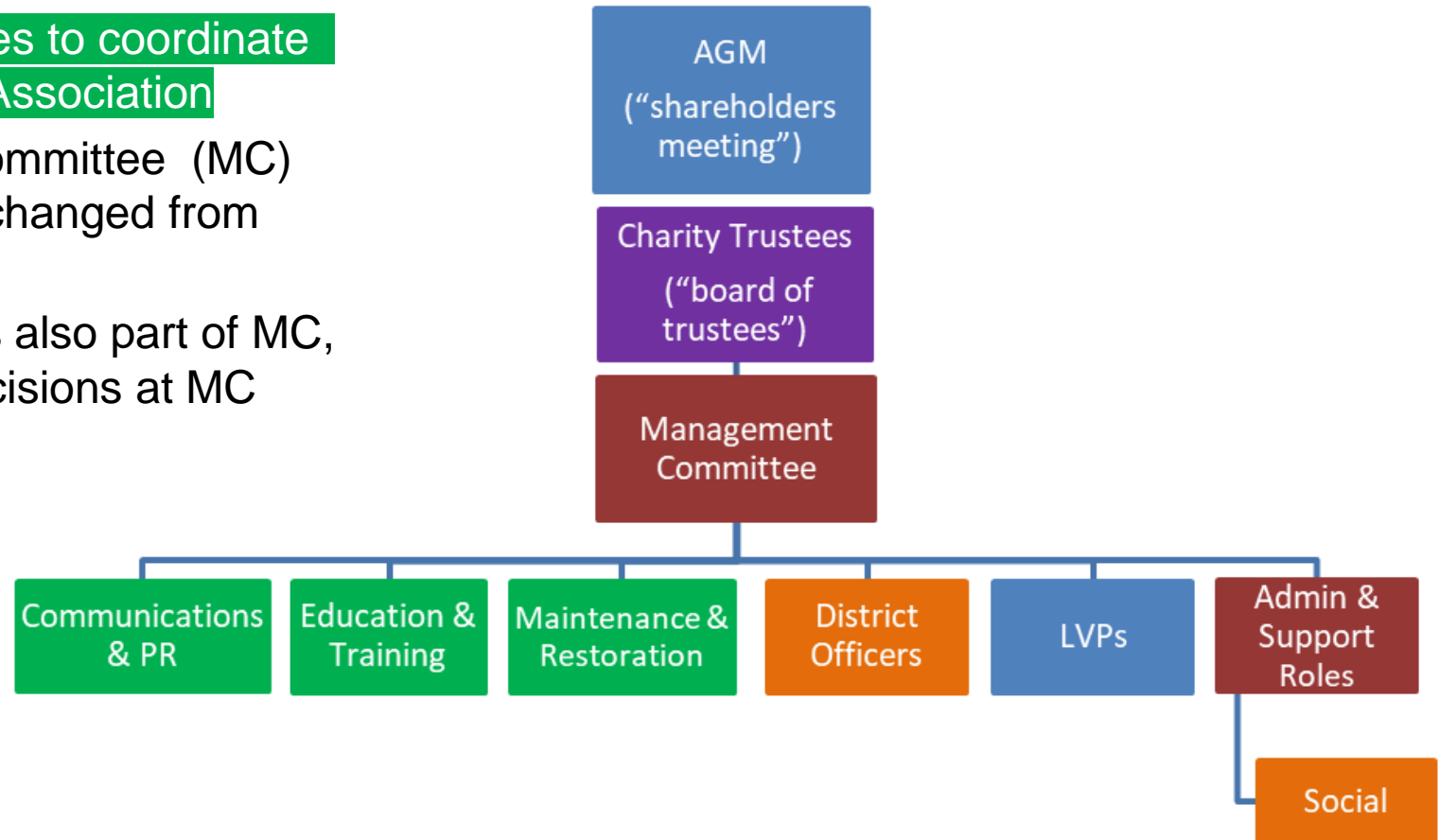
## Proposed





# Committee Structure

- 🔔 **3 Sub-committees to coordinate Objects across Association**
- 🔔 Management Committee (MC) membership unchanged from now
- 🔔 Charity Trustees also part of MC, can facilitate decisions at MC meetings





# Number of Trustees

- 🔔 AGM Elections (9)
  - ◆ Master, Secretary, Treasurer (Principal officers)
  - ◆ Communications (PRO), Education, Technical Officer/Adviser
  - ◆ 3 Property Trustees
- 🔔 District Elections (6)
  - ◆ One per district – may be an existing officer or another member (if an officer does not want to be or cannot be a Trustee)
- 🔔 NO APPOINTMENTS
- 🔔 Trustees Meeting Quorum of  $2/3^{\text{rd}}$  (minimum of 5 if there are vacancies); voting by  $2/3^{\text{rd}}$  majority.



# Sub-committees

- 🔔 Recommend at least 3 sub-committees to co-ordinate across the Association and address Objects
  - ◆ Communications & Public Relations
  - ◆ Education & Training
  - ◆ Bell Maintenance & Restoration
- 🔔 District Reps on each, at least one Trustee on each to link back to Trustees and who could act as Chair/Convener
- 🔔 Principal Officers ex-officio on each, with some recommended/mandated attendance



# Other Suggested Changes

- 🔔 Friends / Associate Members
- 🔔 Peals & Non-resident members
- 🔔 Allow 'virtual' meetings
  
- 🔔 The Charity Commission had no objection to our proposed changes but reminded us to ensure that delegation from the Trustees to the officers and committees is clear and bounded, so additional wording around approval of role descriptions and sub-committee terms of reference included.





# Friends / Associate Members

- 🔔 Motion 1 - Change “Friends” back to “Associate” membership for people who want to work with the Association but who do not ring – a number of posts do not need ringers – it is difficult enough to find volunteers for some of our roles so it may attract people who are interested in the non-bellringing aspects, e.g. maintenance.
- 🔔 Motion 2 – allow Friends/Associate members to hold some offices and vote – if we want to them to take an active role and hold offices, then they need to vote.



# Peals & Non-Resident members

- 🔔 Motion 1
- 🔔 Non-resident members can currently rejoin without election or declaring if they are eligible – proposal is that they follow the normal election process if they move into the area.
- 🔔 Although the rules require belfry elections to be ratified at the next business meeting, this is not always followed. An additional requirement is proposed to notify the Peals Secretary of any belfry elections immediately after a peal.



# Allow Virtual meetings

- 🔔 Motion 1
- 🔔 New para 20.3 added to permit meetings not to be held face-to-face if necessary, states who has the authority to make the decision and how to object.
- 🔔 Section 20 renamed from “Standing Orders” to “Meeting Conduct”




# Rules affected by Topic

<b>Topic</b>	<b>NEW Rule Number</b>
Trustees	6, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.8, 11.12, 12 all, 13 most, 14.1, 14.2, 15.2, 16, 17, 19 all, 21.2
Officers & Sub-Committees	11.5, 11.6, 11.7, 11.12, 13.1, 13.5, 13.12, 13.13, 14.1, Table 1
Associate Members	8.2(c), 8.2(e), 9.1
NRLM	8.2(d), 10.2
Misc changes	5, 8.2(a), 8.3, 10.4, 13.4, 13.9, 13.10, 13.13, 16, 20, 23
Associate Members voting & holding office (Motion 2)	8.3, Table 1
AGM Voting (Motion 3)	21.2



# Motions

1. Changes in the number of Trustees, sub-committees and related changes
  2. Change to Associate Membership office holding and voting
  3. Change to AGM voting majority for rule changes (prop. John Tipping/Peter Sloman)
-  Rule changes would become effective at the close of the AGM; any district that then needs to elect a Trustee would do so at next available meeting.



# Way Forward (from Oct 2019)

- 🔔 Distribute to the Association via EACR-Notices and District email to garner comments ✓
- 🔔 Comments deadline 12 December 2019 ✓
- 🔔 Update draft and prepare draft motion(s) ✓
- 🔔 Check Charity Commission views ✓
- 🔔 Attend all 2020 ADMs to present or take questions ✓
- 🔔 Formal Proposal(s) by 31 January for February Committee meeting ✓
- 🔔 Management Committee Feb 2020 endorses or recommends changes ✓
- 🔔 AGM 2020 approves or rejects ✗ – deferred due to virtual AGM
- 🔔 Management Committee Oct 2020 – discussion, minor changes re meetings ✓
- 🔔 Management Committee Feb 2021 review
- 🔔 AGM 2021 approves or rejects