

Distinguished Membership

The current situation, following the Guild AGM on 16th May 2009, is that no new Honorary Ringing Members can be elected. Those who are currently Honorary Members will remain as such.

In its place Distinguished Membership can be awarded to a Resident Ringing Member of the Guild who has been a member for at least 30 years and given meritorious service to the branch or Guild. The process for this is as below:

- Complete a Nomination Form (downloadable from the Guild Website, or available from the Honorary General Secretary) and get it signed by 2 members of the Guild
- Send the form to the Honorary General Secretary by 31st March to be considered for that year's AGM
- Applications will be considered and approved by the Master, Deputy Master, and Honorary General Secretary, at a meeting sometime between 1st April and the AGM.
- A list of those approved will be read out at the AGM for ratification. Those to be ratified will be notified in advance.
- A Certificate will be prepared for each one, and presented at AGM to those present.

Guidelines for Distinguished Membership:

- i. Minimum of 30 years' total membership
- ii. Holding branch and/or guild office for a significant time
- iii. Involvement in guild activities (meetings, festivals, courses, striking competitions) in an organisational capacity.

A person so elected will still be required to pay an annual subscription.

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