



AGM 2011

Summary of proposed amendments to the Constitution

1. The removal of all references to "associate members".

Reason: these references date from the time when we operated as a club and audience became "associate" members. We no longer have associate members.

2. The entitlement of Patrons. To be amended to two free tickets per production. Currently 25% off up to six tickets per production (clause 8).

Reason: this amendment restores the position that obtained until 2009. The new rule has never been implemented and the website still states that Patrons get two free tickets per production. This position is easier to understand and implement than the 25% reduction approach.

3. Maximum number of ordinary members to be increased to seven (currently five) (clause 16). Quorum to be increased to five if total size of Committee is 10; to remain at four if total size is eight or nine.

Reason: Larger Committee is needed to deliver all the Group's desired activities.

4. Committee to meet at least six times a year. Current requirement is only that the Committee should meet "as needed" (clause 23).

Reason: To help clarify scale of commitment expected from Committee members and ensure collective decision-making. (The Committee has in practice met approximately every six weeks.)

5. Minimum level of funds to be kept in bank account to be increased from £300 to £1,000 (clause 6).

Reason: £300 is no longer enough to ensure that the Group can meet its regular commitments.

In addition there are a number of drafting amendments and corrections to clarify the meaning of some clauses. Full details of all proposed amendments to be circulated before the AGM.