

Notice is hereby Given of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of

THE GAUGE 0 GUILD LTD

To be held at Guildex 2010

Telford International Centre, St Quentin Gate, Telford, Shropshire

on

Sunday 5th September 2010 at 1.00pm.

John Bizley, Guild Secretary, 18 Rowhedge Road Old Heath, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8EL. 1st May 2010.

Resolutions for AGM

Resolutions for the AGM set out in writing must be in the hands of the Secretary before the AGM. Such resolutions therefore must be received by the Secretary at the address below no later than midnight Saturday 19th of June 2010.

1st May 2010.

Nominations for Vice-Presidents

Many members, especially newer ones, may wonder about the reasons for appointing Vice presidents.

Guild Rule 4.13 states "The Council may propose that a member of the Guild, be made a Vice President." In the first instance, the appointment as Vice-President is seen as an expression of thanks, for outstanding past services and sacrifices on behalf of the Guild in terms of time, effort and expertise.

However Rule 4.13 goes on to state "Vice-Presidents shall be 'ex-officio' members of the Council, being able to speak but not vote at its meetings" and Rule 4.4 states that one Vice-President shall be appointed as a member of the Board of Directors.

This allows the Directors, Council and Officers the Company to draw on the past experience and expertise of its 'elder statesmen' for the general benefit and good of the membership.

Recently the Council has adopted the following guideline for nomination of members as Vice-Presidents.

Any member should be able to nominate a fellow member providing the nominee has given a minimum of ten years direct service to the Guild. Although the mere completion of ten years is not of itself reason for appointment. There has to be a history of outstanding service.

Nominations should be sent in writing to the Secretary by the 1st June in any year, setting out in not more than one A4 page the reason why the Council should consider the person nominated.

Council will then make their recommendation to the full membership at the AGM.

I look forward in anticipation to forwarding your nominations to Council.

Election of Constituency Representatives.

To Serve from September 2010 – September 2013.

In accordance with the Rules, nominations are invited for Constituency Representatives in the eight under mentioned Constituencies where the incumbent representative terms of office end this year.

Area	Area Name	Post Codes	Retiring Representative
2	North West	BB,BL,FY, CA,LA,M,OL, PR, SK,WN	Ian Maconachie.
4	Merseyside	BT,CH,CWIM,L, LLSY,ST,TF,WA	Derek Fox*
6	East Midlands	DE,DN,LE,LN,NG,S	Nelson Keen# **
8	London & Home Counties	HA,E,EC,N,NW,SW, WC,RG,SL,TW,WA	Tim Schofield# *
10	South East	BR,CT,DA,SE,ME,SH,TN,BN	
12	S. Wales & Avon	BA,BS,CF,GL,HR,LD, NP,SA,SN	Steven Neil***

*Eligible for re-election if proposed and seconded in accordance with the rules.

**Seconded into vacant post, not eligible for election.

***Seconded into post during 2009 and eligible for election for full term if proposed and seconded in accordance with the rules.

Has served full term and is not eligible for re-election.

Nominations in writing must be received not later than 1st June 2010 by the secretary from whom pro-forma nomination forms may be obtained. Each Nomination must be proposed and seconded by paid up Guild members and accompanied by the nominee's written agreement to stand for election. Proposers must submit a pen picture of their candidate

(50 words Maximum) for inclusion on the ballot paper in the event of an election.

NB. The principle officers, the committee chairmen and the vice-presidents representative from the Board of Directors are ineligible for election as Constituency Representatives.

Constituency Representatives will be expected to attend two Council meetings each year and carry out other Guild activities in accordance with the code of Practice. A copy of the Code of Practice relating to Constituency Representatives can be obtained from the Guild Secretary.

Constituency representatives will be eligible to claim out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Council meetings in accordance with the Guilds Financial Policy. If no nomination is received on behalf of a member residing in a particular Constituency, nominations will be considered on behalf of a member residing outside that Constituency, preferably in an adjacent Royal Mail area.

NB. Constituency Representatives are not elected at the AGM they are elected by postal vote of members in their constituency.

It is anticipated that the scrutineers will post nomination papers together with pre-paid reply ballot cards to members in each Constituency requiring an election in July 2010 for return by midnight Saturday 28th August 2010. In constituencies where only one or no nominations have been received, members will be notified in the *Guild News* to be published in August 2010.

All nominations and any other correspondence to:

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