

Dear Member

The Board of Trustees hereby notify the membership that the **Annual General Meeting** of The UK Association for Music Education – Music Mark is to be held at **4.15pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017** in London.

As directed by the Articles of Association and Byelaws of The UK Association for Music Education – Music Mark (sited on the Music Mark website) nominations for three Elected Trustees are now being sought in response to the agreed cycle of retirement at the AGM of three of the current serving Elected Trustees; Graham Bland, Tim Sharp and Graeme Smith.

At the Board Meeting of Sept 2015 Trustees resolved that the following amendments to the Byelaws be noted:

10.1.1 A nomination for appointment as an Elected Trustee to fill a vacancy shall be delivered to the Charity not less than **30 days** before the next AGM.

10.1.2 A notice inviting nominations for a vacancy as an Elected Trustee shall be published in the appropriate publication of the Charity or in such manner as the Trustees shall direct not less than **60 days** before the next AGM.

In accordance with the revised Byelaws Item 10 and subject to Article 3 Elected Trustees shall be elected from among the members in the following manner :

- 1 A nomination for appointment as an Elected Trustee shall be made by not less than two Members in writing in a form approved by or on behalf of the Trustees (agreed that email constitutes a suitable electronic means) ;
- 2 Signed by the nominee to indicate his / her willingness to serve if elected (agreed that e-signature constitutes a suitable electronic means) ;
- 3 Delivered to the Charity (by email to [jem.shuttleworth@musicmark.org.uk](mailto:jem.shuttleworth@musicmark.org.uk)) no later than 12 noon on **31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017** , 30 days before the AGM.
- 4 This email constitutes notice, duly served no less than 60 days ahead of the AGM, and will be sited on the Music Mark website.
- 5 An election will, if required, be held prior to the AGM in accordance with the Byelaws.
- 6 A Trustee may not act as a Trustee unless he /she in the case of an Elected Trustee is a member ; has signed a written declaration of willingness to act as a charity trustee of the Charity ; is not disqualified or has not been removed under Article 3.12.
- 7 Elected Trustees shall serve for a term of three years ending on the third AGM following the AGM of his or her election.
- 8 A retiring Elected Trustee may be reappointed subject to nomination in accordance with Points 1-3 as above but no Elected Trustee may hold office for more than three terms of service.
- 9 This email has only been issued to those whose status is that of holding membership of The UK Association for Music Education – Music Mark.

The coming years present Music Mark with a unique opportunity to broaden our understanding and therefore abilities to influence with reference to the wider education landscape alongside further developing as a strategic lead organisation with a vision and delivery plan beyond 2020. It should also be noted that as our membership grows so does the strength of voice and expertise that we can collectively bring to the table. With that opportunity comes an increasing sense of responsibility and a need to be ever more strategic in our thinking, planning and delivery. As such we ask that anyone considering standing have the capacity to 'think outside' their own organisation, to recognise that the role of trustee is to challenge and support the CEO and staff team at a strategic level and that attending a termly Board meeting in London is achievable.

If there are any questions regarding the role, responsibilities and skill set identified as required to be an elected trustee for the organisation then please do get in touch.

Best wishes.

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