

Dear SBA Member

Following comments at the 2018 AGM about the cost or, more importantly, the value that we gain from having a “Reporting Accountant”, I have been canvassing opinion and consulting various similar organisations as to their best practice.

It appears that we are ‘over egging the pudding’ in that the main reason for the external audit is to assist the Treasurer in spotting any mistakes or omissions and the SBA Committee is of the view that this can be achieved without spending around £450/year on an external auditor. Your Committee has, therefore, agreed the wording of an amendment to the SBA Constitution as set out below:

“The Treasurer shall prepare an annual financial statement in a format to the satisfaction of the Committee detailing the Association’s financial situation for the preceding year. An SBA member, who shall not be a member of the Committee and who shall have been approved by the members present at the preceding AGM, will review the Treasurer’s financial statement. Any anomalies or mistakes reported by the reviewer shall be corrected by the Treasurer and the financial statement shall then be presented to the Committee for final approval before being presented to the membership at the AGM for their formal approval.”

As with all Constitutional amendments we are required to submit this proposal to ALL members at least 21 days before the AGM. The proposal will be sent via email to those for whom we have an email address and also posted to those we don’t.

In order to be adopted, the amendment must garner two thirds support from those present at the AGM and then be ratified by a simple majority of ALL members. Those attending the AGM will show their support (or otherwise) by voting on the day but all other members are being asked to vote by email or, where an email address is not available, by post. It is therefore important, if you are NOT attending the AGM, that you please vote either via email to [chair@steamboatassociation.org.uk](mailto:chair@steamboatassociation.org.uk) or via snail mail to Manor Farm, Scot Lane, Chew Stoke, BS40 8UW - a reply paid card will be included with the snail mail letter.

Thank you in advance and Happy Steaming for 2019!

PS It would save those members of your VOLUNTEER Committee an awful lot of time, effort and the Association’s money if those of you that have email addresses, and have not shared them with us, did so! We do not pass your email address to anyone else - our GDPR (data protection) policy is available here: <https://steamboatassociation.co.uk/page-1163374>

Best Regards



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