

The Proposal for the Amendment of Guild Rules

All Ordinary Members of the Guild are welcome to comment on the following proposal before 4th May 2020.

Rule No.	Original Guild Rule	Revised Guild Rule
4(a)	Ordinary Membership shall be open to serving officers of the merchant marine of good character without criminal records.	Ordinary Membership shall be open to serving officers of the merchant marine <u>serving on board river trade or foreign-going vessels</u> of good character without criminal records.
4(d)	For the purpose of this Rule 4, officers shall be Masters, Navigating and Engineering and Radio and Electronic officers who are in possession of a valid licence or certificate certifying their competence as such issued by the appropriate authorities in Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, the British Commonwealth and other marine nations.	For the purpose of this Rule 4:- (i) officers shall be Masters, Navigating and Engineering and Radio and Electronic officers who are in possession of a valid licence or certificate certifying their competence as such issued by the appropriate authorities in Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, the British Commonwealth and other marine nations; <u>and</u> (ii) <u>serving officers shall include any unemployed officer who has not retired and is not engaged in any work other than as a merchant marine officer serving on board river trade or foreign-going vessels, without prejudice to the rights of the Executive Council to grant permission in accordance with Rule 4(j).</u>
4(j)	An unemployed Ordinary Member who has found temporary work	An unemployed Ordinary Member who has found temporary work other than as

	other than as a merchant marine officer may be permitted by the Executive Council to retain his Ordinary Membership up to a maximum of six months after obtaining such temporary employment.	a merchant marine officer <u>serving on board river trade or foreign-going vessels</u> may be permitted by the Executive Council to retain his Ordinary Membership up to a maximum of six months after obtaining such temporary employment.
8(b)	The Executive Council shall consist of 21 members including the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer.	The Executive Council shall consist of <u>15</u> members including the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer.
9(c)	The Executive Council members shall be held by 21 Paid Up Ordinary Members.	The Executive Council members shall be held by <u>15</u> Paid Up Ordinary Members.
9(e)	All members of the Executive Council shall serve until the close of the Second Annual General Meeting after the Annual General Meeting in which they were elected and shall be eligible for re-election.	All members of the Executive Council shall serve until the next Executive Council has been elected in accordance with Rule 9(a) above and shall be eligible for re-election.
21(b)	(i) In the case of dissolution the whole of the property and effects of the Guild and all the funds shall be deemed to be the property of the then existing Members whose unbroken paid up membership (where relevant) is of three years duration or longer. The realisation, distribution, disposition or transfer of such property effects and funds shall be decided on the basis of shares proportional to length of membership after costs of dissolution have been met.	(i) — <u>In the case of dissolution, any surplus assets remaining after the satisfaction of all of the liabilities of the Guild shall not be paid out or distributed to any Member, but shall be given or transferred to a charitable institution in Hong Kong as the Paid Up Ordinary Members present in person or by proxy shall by resolution direct at the General Meeting in which the resolution for dissolution is passed.</u>

21(b)	(ii) Allotment of residual funds shall be made to such Members by a sub-committee composed of the President or his nominee, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Guild's solicitors and two Paid Up Ordinary Members appointed by the Executive Council.	(ii) Allotment of residual funds shall be made to such Members by a sub-committee composed of the President or his nominee, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Guild's solicitors and two Paid Up Ordinary Members appointed by the Executive Council.