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Dear societies

First, a big congratulations to all the winners and nominees at the Awards on Saturday. Every society that performed at the Carriageworks was nominated, as were STARS and Morley Amateurs, so all societies that were adjudicated during the 2014-15 season had a nomination in at least one category. My personal thanks go out to everyone who helped put things together on the day, as well as to LIDOS, STARS, Leeds G&S, Leeds Youth Opera, Leeds Arts Centre and Morley Amateurs for providing the entertainment this year, which such a great variety of performances and tasters for the forthcoming season. The scores for the 2014-15 season, as well as all the nominations and winners and the presentation are available on the Guild website at <http://lcag.org.uk/guild-awards/4576208463>

I'd also like to thank everyone who attended the AGM on Monday, with most societies sending someone to attend. We have a new committee for the 2015-16 season. The committee still comprises myself as Chair, Steve Limb as Vice Chair, Gillian Myers as Treasurer and Dave and Dawn Peters, Pete Sandles, Tina Nutt and Judith Huntley as ordinary members. We've been joined by Anita Adams and Matt Stirk who have stepped in to replace outgoing members Debs Sandles and David Rose, both of whom have been great help to me and the Exec during their time on committee. Chris Limb has stepped in as the acting secretary until someone steps in to the role. This offer has been gratefully accepted, but we are still looking for a secretary proper, and I will be sending out information on the role of the secretary in due course. The minutes of the AGM accompany this email.

With this update, you will find an updated copy of the Guild constitution, the new complaints procedure and the production feedback form. These documents can all be found within the Guild Pack, which has been updated with new contact details for committee members, as well as for committees that have updated their committees at the AGMs that have been held recently.

The Guild Pack can be found via the Guild website, so please have a look and if there are any changes, please let me know.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show begins rehearsal this week and I hope as many of you can attend as possible.

We're also making some changes to the adjudications this year. We are going to combine the categories of costume and hair/make-up in to one single category and adding a new category for choreography and stage movement, which will cover not only dancing, but how actors in drama move around the stage. The guidelines are being updated and will be posted on the website soon, but are available in the Guild Pack.

Finally, I'm going to be away for a little while so if there's anything that needs dealing with urgently, please contact Steve Limb on [sclimb145@gmail.com](mailto:sclimb145@gmail.com)

I'm looking forward to a great season and will see you all soon.

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