

The Last Report of the Chairman of the Governing Body and Association.

This will indeed be my last report as Chairman of our Association and the Governing Body. The proposed restructuring and revised Constitution recommends that the Governing Body will become the Reader Board and the Association will be chaired by a Bishop, as President.

I would like to express particular thanks to Nigel Bacon and members of the sub-group set up to review and revise our structures to meet current and future needs. This was largely as a result of consultation and feedback via our member survey and in the context of other changes at Diocesan and national level.

The new constitution was approved by the Governing Body and I commend it to you. If approved, there will be new roles, which some of you may wish to prayerfully consider, as part of your Reader Ministry.

When first licensed 26 years ago, I was just about in the 'Younger Reader' category! I have served continuously as either your Secretary General, Chairman or CRC member or since 2002. I have enjoyed my involvement as an important part of my Reader ministry. Though not quite in the P.T.O. bracket, it is appropriate that I now make way for some younger Readers, so thus my retirement from the existing Governing Body!

Thank you for the support of all members, the Governing Body and our Warden Sally Buck.

In 2018-19, I have enjoyed meeting Readers at some of our organised events and God willing will continue to do so.

As I write this report, since our last AGM a number of our colleagues have been called home - including:

Clive George, Frank Richardson, BEN Lyte, Eric Poole, Annie Davidson, Tim Wallis, David Hitchcock, Cynthia Bunch, Jan Stephenson.

We give thanks to God, as we remember their ministry and fellowship.

You can still keep in touch - via our website at <http://www.lincolnreaders.org> and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lincolnreaders/>

Do watch out for a new Central Readers Council website as changes are rolled out.

I am sure the new Reader Board will continue to provide you with useful information and the latest Reader news.

Yours in His service,

John Marshall
Chairman