

## ROYAL CHARTER MOTION

**Proposer:** Board of Trustees

<b>CHARTER MOTION 1</b>	This Conference requests that application be made by the Board of Trustees to the Charity Commission and the Privy Council for an Order to amend the 2003 Royal Charter (Version 13 – 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018) to the Charter drafted at <i>Appendix A</i> to this Charter Motion.
<b>Reason for Inclusion</b>	<p>Charity trustees are expected to ensure that their governing document remains fit for purpose and that it gives the trustees the powers that they need to achieve the charity's purpose and manage its resources. Since 2003 there have been substantial changes to charity law and governance practice. Following extensive legal advice and consultation with members, this revised Royal Charter incorporates a number of changes to bring TRBL's governing document in line with current laws and guidelines.</p> <p>The legal reasoning for the proposed changes is set out in <i>Appendix B: Summary of Advice</i> prepared by TRBL's solicitors.</p>
<b>Effect if passed</b>	The revised Royal Charter will: ensure that TRBL's governing document is in line with Charity Commission guidance and best practice; correct any anomalies, inconsistencies or instances of uncertainty in the current drafting of the governing document, also removing repetition of processes contained in other documentation (e.g. the Membership Handbook).
<b>Main Argument</b>	<p>The amended Royal Charter ensures that TRBL's governing document is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fit for purpose to enable the charity to best meet its charitable objects</li> <li>• is easily understood</li> <li>• is written clearly in plain English</li> <li>• contains more accurate definitions</li> </ul> <p>Moving many of the current Governing Regulations to the Membership Handbook removes duplication and inconsistencies and gives the Membership flexibility and operational control.</p>