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Dear Member

At the AGM we discussed if it would be advantageous for our association to become a charity and /or more closely affiliated with the British Orthodontic Society. It was decided that we would allow members to think about these two proposals and have any questions answered by the BOS CEO at our council meeting on the 16th May 2009. Shortly after this date you will be asked to vote.

The following is a brief statement about the two proposals:-

Charitable status

This would mean our association becoming a limited company and council members would become trustees. The trustees could then become personally liable for the finances and actions of other council members, persons acting on behalf of the newly formed company. There would be a lot of extra paper work and this could well mean we would need to employ secretarial support so any saving made by the tax relief would more than likely be used up to support the day to day running of the association. Full information on how a charity works can be found on the charity commissioner's site. www.charity-commission.gov.uk/

BOS affiliation

The OTA would still have total autonomy on all matters relating to OTA business; we would have the BOS address as our postal address. The BOS will collect our subscription on our behalf and will undertake day to day mailings to our members. We will also receive their newsletter and any other mailings that they send to their members. OTA members will be able to access the BOS web site and the soon to be up and running backboard which will allow members to gain CPD points. The staff will also answer telephone calls and then pass the information on to the appropriate council member. This support would help your council to undertake more important matters. There would be a charge for this service which will be a proportion of the membership fee, this is still under negotiation and will be made known when we write to all members asking them to vote. We would not need to obtain charitable status as we would come under the BOS umbrella. If you wish to ask any question or if you have any comments please email them to me by the 9th May 2009 or you can send a letter by the same date.

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