

Charter for Smith College Organization: **The Ting Tangs: Smith Change Ringers**

- I. **Name:** The Ting Tangs: Smith Change Ringers
- II. **Purpose:** To teach and uphold the ancient art of English Change Ringing, and to maintain a band of Change Ringers at Smith who are appropriately adept at the art, as well as to teach hand-bell ringing, which goes hand-in-hand with traditional tower ringing.
- III. **Goals:** To maintain a band of approximately twelve to fourteen Smith students from year to year who can ring by themselves as a band. At least two members of the band must be proficient enough to be able to teach new members basic handling for ringing. A goal for farther in the future is for the Smith Bell Tower, which has been out of use for many years, to become considered an active tower by the Change Ringing world once more. All members must understand the basic principles behind Change Ringing, as well as at least the basic patterns.
- IV. **Membership Requirements:** No previous Change Ringing experience is needed to join The Ting Tangs, but members are required to attend 50% of tower practices and to participate in choosing officers, as well as any specially planned events. Hand-bell practices are not required for membership, but are highly suggested. Affiliation with Smith College is not required for members.
- V. **Officers, Duties, Election Procedure:**
 - a. Tower Captain (must have at least one year of ringing experience)-In charge of scheduling and coordinating regular practices and special events and communicating with other towers.
 - b. Ringling Master (must have at least one year of ringing experience)-In charge of running practice and determining short-term goals for the present band. Tower Captain and Ringing Master will be jointly responsible for arranging the training of new members.
 - c. Secretary (no previous experience necessary)-Responsible for keeping members updated through email about practices/important events, in charge of any paper work necessary for the well-being of the organization, and responsible for keeping minutes at any meetings.
 - d. Treasurer (no previous experience necessary)-In charge of keeping track of funding and maintaining the budget of the organization.

- e. Public Relations Officer (no previous experience necessary)- Responsible for maintaining good feelings between the band and other organizations, the community, and the school, as well as ensuring that ringing events do not disturb members of the community or conflict with other non-ringing activities.
- f. Potential officers must be members of the band and must be willing to present evidence of their competence in order to be elected, and officers must be students of Smith College. Tower Captain and Ringing Master will be elected at the end of each scholastic year, and Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer will be elected at the beginning of each scholastic year. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of active members, through an anonymous ballot vote. No member shall hold more than two positions at one time.

- VI. Advisory Board or Steering Committee:** None.
- VII. Sources of Funding:** Membership dues of \$15.00 per scholastic year.
- VIII. Method to Amend:** All changes to this charter must be approved by a unanimous vote of the general membership, as well as a 2/3 majority vote of the SGA Senate.
- IX. Method to Impeach Officers:** An officer will be impeached if she fails to accomplish her main duties in a timely and organized manner or attends less than the required amount of practices. Impeachment will require a 2/3 majority of members to agree on impeachment, and then the officer in question will be asked to step down from the position.