

Wed., 17th. March 2004

BBC Charter Review Team,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Firstly, the BBC needs to realise that it's a public service organisation funded by its licence-fee payers who should be renamed its SHAREHOLDERS and given the same rights as the shareholders of a private company.

(It's pointless the Culture Minister making glib comments to this end, if she's not prepared to ensure that this change in title and status takes place.)

Accordingly, an ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING should be held in which SHAREHOLDERS are invited to attend to enable them to pose questions directly to the Chairman of the Board of Governors over the way the BBC is being run.

The present BBC Board of Governors should be disbanded and replaced by another made up of members who are more democratically selected and more representative of the population.

This title should be changed to GOVERNING BODY and should meet on a monthly basis and be prepared to take a greater interest in the day-to-day management of the BBC, presiding over internal complaints and complaints from SHAREHOLDERS instead of farming these off to INFORMATION CENTRES for reply.

It should cut down on waste, as follows:

- Six top executives are alleged to be receiving salaries which collectively exceed £1.9m with that of the Director-General exceeding £460,000 in 2003;
- Too much money being wasted in sending BBC top staff on management courses;
- Too much money being wasted in unnecessary duplication of sports' coverage (e.g. in Wales, with BBC 1 Wales, BBC 2 Wales and S4C coverage of International Rugby; Three production crews at the same venue.)

Yours sincerely,
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