Society for Computers & Law

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Draft Minutes of the fortieth Annual General Meeting of the Society for Computers and Law held at 15.30 hours on Wednesday 28 January 2015 at Fieldfisher LLP, Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT.

Those present were: Mr Roger Bickerstaff (Chair of the Trustee Board), Mr Clive Freedman (Trustee), Mr Chris James (Trustee), Ms Hazel Grant (Trustee), Professor Richard Susskind OBE (SCL President), Ms Gill Felton, Mr Paul Berwin, Ms Sue Gold, Mr Stewart James and Ms Sophie Stalla-Bourdillon.

In Attendance: Mrs Caroline Gould (General Manager)

The meeting was chaired by Mr Roger Bickerstaff who welcomed members to the meeting.

1.   **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr Mark O'Conor, Mr Mark Taylor, Ms Anna Cook and Dr Matthew Lavy.

2.   **Minutes of the thirty-ninth Annual General Meeting held on 16 January 2014**
Mr Roger Bickerstaff asked that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2014 which had appeared on the website and had been previously circulated be taken as read and this was agreed.

Mr Clive Freedman proposed that the minutes be approved, Mr Chris James seconded the proposal and the motion was carried unanimously.

3.   **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014**
Mr Roger Bickerstaff asked that the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 which had appeared on the website be taken as read and this was agreed.

Mr Roger Bickerstaff said 2014 has been a very successful and busy year for SCL. A number of initiatives have been introduced including free SCL membership for trainee lawyers, an initiative which the Trustees hope will encourage more young lawyers to get involved with SCL. Early signs look good with nearly 100 trainees joining SCL since February 2014 and more trainees attending SCL events than before. Other initiatives include the introduction of the SCL University Ambassadors scheme to spread the word about SCL to the student community and plans to create an SCL Foundations of IT Law Diploma – building on the success of the Foundations Programme which will finish its first cycle of 10 modules in July 2015.

In 2014 the Trustees agreed to host the next IFCLA (International Federation of Computer Law Associations) Conference in London in 2016. This event is seen as a great opportunity to extend SCL's reach internationally.

The Trustees are pleased to report that SCL is in a sound financial position and wish to express their gratitude to everyone who took part in SCL events in 2014 and to those members who have generously

hosted SCL meetings over the past year. The Trustees will continue with many of the current activities as mentioned in the Annual Report but would also be look at new ways of furthering the objectives of SCL.

Mr Stewart James proposed that the Society's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 be received and adopted.

The proposal was seconded by Ms Sue Gold and the motion was carried unanimously and Mr Roger Bickerstaff declared the Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 duly adopted.

4. **Appointment of new Trustees and re-appointment of Trustees**
In 2014 the Trustees decided to extend the number of members of the Board from 7 to 8 members. Therefore there were 5 vacancies for Trustees on the SCL Board as Mr Roger Bickerstaff , Ms Anna Cook, Mr Mark O'Conor and Mr Mark Taylor are due to retire by rotation and Dr Matthew Lavy is standing for election to the SCL Board for the first time following his nomination by the Trustees.

Mr Roger Bickerstaff, Ms Anna Cook, Mr Mark O'Conor and Mr Mark Taylor were all seeking re-election.

Mr Clive Freedman took the Chair.

Professor Richard Susskind proposed and Mr Chris James seconded the proposal that Mr Roger Bickerstaff be re-elected as a Trustee for a period of two years. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr Chris James proposed and Mr Clive Freedman seconded the proposal that Ms Anna Cook be elected as a Trustee for a period of two years. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms Sue Gold proposed and Mr Stewart James seconded the proposal that Mr Mark O'Conor be elected as a Trustee for a period of two years. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms Gill Felton proposed and Mr Paul Berwin seconded the proposal that Mr Mark Taylor be elected as a Trustee for a period of two years. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr Roger Bickerstaff proposed and Ms Gill Felton seconded the proposal that Dr Matthew Lavy be elected as a Trustee for a period of two years. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. **Any other business**
Mr Bickerstaff concluded the meeting by thanking the SCL administration team, Mrs Caroline Gould, Ms Maddie Southorn and Mrs Priti Magudia for all their hard work in 2014.

There being no further business Mr Roger Bickerstaff thanked the members for attending the AGM and declared the meeting closed at 15.45 hours.

Signed   Dated