

Society for Computers & Law

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Draft Minutes of the thirty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Society for Computers and Law held at 15.30 hours on Thursday 16 January 2014 at Bird & Bird LLP, 15 Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1JP.

Those present were: Mr Roger Bickerstaff (Chair of the Trustee Board), Mr Clive Freedman (Trustee), Mr Chris James, Miss Hazel Grant, Ms Anna Cook (Trustee) Gill Felton, Joshua Gray, Yoann Le Bihan, Paul McMahon and Alan Wetterhahn.

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 and Mr Clive Davies.

2. **Minutes of the thirty-eighth Annual General Meeting held on 13 November 2012**

Mr Roger Bickerstaff asked that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2012 which had appeared on the website and had been previously circulated be taken as read and this was agreed.

Ms Anna Cook proposed that the minutes be approved, Mr Clive Freedman seconded the proposal and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2013**

Mr Roger Bickerstaff asked that the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2013 which had appeared on the website be taken as read and this was agreed.

Mr Bickerstaff said that 2013 had been a year of great change for SCL. After 25 years as General Manager, Mrs Ruth Baker retired on 30 April 2013 and Mrs Caroline Gould was appointed as the new General Manager. Mr Bickerstaff explained that the SCL administration team, which had previously been outsourced, has been brought in-house and is now employed direct for the first time in SCL's 40 year history. The SCL employees are: Mrs Caroline Gould, Mrs Priti Magudia and Ms Maddie Southorn.

The Trustees are pleased to report that SCL is in a sound financial position and wish to express their gratitude to the SCL Groups for organising the events and to those members who have generously hosted SCL meetings.

The Trustees will continue with many of the current activities as mentioned in the Annual Report and in particular the Foundations of IT Law Programme which was launched in November 2013 and is a two year rolling programme of ten seminars covering all the key areas of practice in IT law.

Mr Clive Freedman proposed that the Society's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2013 be received and adopted.

The proposal was seconded by Mr Chris James and the motion was carried unanimously and Mr Bickerstaff declared the Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2013 duly adopted.

4. **Appointment of new Trustees and re-appointment of Trustees**

In 2013 the Trustees decided to extend the number of members of the Board from 6 to 7 members. Therefore there were 3 vacancies for Trustees on the SCL Board as Mr Clive Freedman was due to retire by rotation and Miss Hazel Grant and Mr Chris James were seeking election to the SCL Board for the first time following their nomination by the Trustees.

Mr Clive Freedman was seeking re-election and Mr Clive Davies was retiring from the Board.

Mr Clive Davies had served as a Trustee since December 2004 and was SCL Chair from January 2010 until November 2012. SCL would like to thank Mr Davies for his support during this time, for his advice and guidance on a number of key issues, his contribution to the organisation of the SCL Annual Conference and for his enthusiasm in promoting "SCL – the IT Law Community" over the years.

The Trustees hope that Mr Davies will continue to work closely with the SCL for many years to come.

Miss Hazel Grant proposed and Mr Chris James seconded the proposal that Mr Clive Freedman be re-elected as a Trustee for a period of two years. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

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

5. **Any other business**

Mr Bickerstaff reported that at the end of 2013 the Trustees had decided not to re-appoint Chantrey Vellacott as the SCL auditors. The Trustees felt that SCL's requirements going forward would be best met by moving to a smaller local firm of accountants in Bristol who will provide SCL with a greater level of support throughout the year. The Trustees intend to appoint Whyatt Pakeman in Bristol as SCL's auditors.

Mr Bickerstaff concluded the meeting by thanking the SCL administration team and in particular Mrs Caroline Gould for all her hard work during a challenging year.

There being no further business Mr Bickerstaff thanked the members for attending the AGM and declared the meeting closed at 15.50 hours.

Signed

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