



Draft minutes of the forty-third Annual General Meeting of the Society for Computers and Law held at 15.15 hours on Tuesday 30 January 2018 at Fieldfisher, Riverbank House, 2 Swan Lane, London, EC4R 3TT.

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**Chair:**

Mark O’Conor (MOC)

**Present:**

Matthew Lavy (ML), Toby Crick (TC), Mark Taylor (MT), Lorna Woods (LW), Cynthia O’Donoghue (CO’D), Ashley Hurst (AH), Raphael Uribe Arango (RA), Chris James (CJ), Mark Lumley (MLu), Caroline Gould (CG).

MOC welcomed everyone to the forty-third Annual General Meeting of the Society for Computers and Law.

**Agenda:**

1. **Apologies for absence were received from** Neil Brown. Neil Brown had previously appointed Caroline Gould as his proxy.

2. **The minutes of the forty-second Annual General Meeting held on 25 January 2017**

MOC asked that minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2017 which are available on the SCL website and have been previously circulated should be taken as read and this was agreed.

**Approval of the minutes**

Proposed by: CJ

Seconded by: CO’D

3. **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017**

MOC asked that the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 which are available on the SCL website are taken as read and this was agreed.

**Chair’s summary of last year’s activities:**

MOC summarised the highlights from the past year which were as follows:

- **SCL organised 30+ separate events** – many of which sold out.
- He said that it was great to see that the annual DP and IT Contracts updates and the Foundations modules continue to be popular and not too surprisingly the DP update taking place after the AGM today has sold out. Plans are in motion to rebrand and improve the Foundations Programme –

making it available online to everyone.

- **The SCL Annual Conference in June** - "Real Business Issues for Tech Lawyers" was a great success, a very buzzy atmosphere and attracted a large number of new faces.
- **The "Back to basics: the technology" Conference in September** – an event totally focussed on tech which enthralled the audience.
- **The launch of the SCL back office platform and improved SCL website** – with particular thanks to Chris James for his support, advice and guidance.
- **Award of the SCL Bursary to Zoe Christodoulou at QMUL.** MOC said that it was great to see that Zoe is now a student ambassador for SCL and an active member of the SCL University Ambassadors Board.
- **SCL's new office in Paintworks, Bristol** – MOC explained that for the first time since the Society began, SCL has its own standalone office space. It is planned that the new office will open in March 2018.

The Trustees are pleased to report that SCL is in a very sound financial position and wish to express their gratitude to everyone who took part in an SCL event in 2017 and to those members who have hosted SCL meetings over the past year.

The Trustees would like to encourage SCL members to contact SCL HQ with ideas for future events.

The Trustees will continue with many of the current activities as mentioned in the Annual Report but will also be looking at new ways to further the objectives of SCL.

MOC concluded by saying that it is an honour to be Chair of such a great organisation. SCL members should also feel proud of their engagement with the Society at such an exciting time in tech law. 2018 is looking bright and will be full of exciting and innovative events and initiatives.

#### **4. Receipt and adoption of the Society's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.**

Proposed by: ML

Seconded by: TC

#### **5. Re-appointment of Trustees**

There are 2 vacancies for Trustees on the SCL Board as Chris James and Mark Lumley are due to retire by rotation.

Chris James and Mark Lumley are seeking re-election.

**Chris James - re-election as a Trustee for a period of two years.**

Proposed by: AH

Seconded by: LW

**Mark Lumley - re-election as a Trustee for a period of two years.**

Proposed by: CO'D

Seconded by: TC

## **6. Any other business**

Finally the Trustees would like to thank Laurence Eastham and David Chaplin for providing outstanding content in the magazine and on the SCL website, Caroline Gould for her management of the Society over the past year and the team at SCL HQ, Maddie Southorn, Sarah Forster and Sian Leverton for all their hard work in 2017.