

Minutes of the SCL Annual General Meeting

Monday 4 February 2019

Eversheds Sutherland, 1 Wood Street, London, EC2V 7WS.

Present:

Mark Lumley (Chair), Richard Barnett, Anne Todd, Gill Felton, David Berry, Hugh Elder, Shobana Iyer, Frances Anderson, Toby Crick, Cynthia O'Donoghue, William Hooper and Caroline Gould. Neil Brown asked Caroline Gould to be his proxy.

Mark Lumley (MLu) chaired the meeting as Mark O'Connor was unable to attend the meeting. Mark Lumley welcomed everyone to the forty-fourth Annual General Meeting of the Society for Computers and Law and thanked Eversheds Sutherland for agreeing to host this meeting.

Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence:

Received from Neil Brown, Matthew Lavy, Mark O'Connor and Professor Richard Susskind

2. The minutes of the forty-third Annual General Meeting held on 30 January 2018

MLu asked that minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2018 which are available on the SCL website are approved.

Approval of the minutes

Proposed by: Toby Crick

Seconded by: Cynthia O'Donoghue

3. Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018

MLu asked that the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 which are available on the SCL website are approved.

Chair's summary of last year's activities:

In March 2018, SCL moved into its first standalone office in Bristol's creative quarter in Paintworks. The new office provides additional workspace to allow SCL to expand its workforce and to give partners, freelancers and our members a creative space to work on SCL business and projects.

SCL organised over 30 separate events on various topics – highlights included:

- **The SCL Annual Conference** which included Flashtalks for the first time – six, 10 minute long presentations that took various forms – including a poem! The number attending the Annual Conference was the highest ever.
- **Celebrating Women Working in Tech Law** – led by Sue McLean, the first meeting of the SCL Women in Tech Law Group was a sell-out success. The Group is looking forward to marking 100

years of women lawyers this year with a number of events and initiatives.

- **The First International Forum on Online Courts** - SCL was delighted to co-host the Forum with HMCTS in London in December – a truly ground-breaking event with over 200 attendees from over 30 jurisdictions.

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 an SCL event in 2018 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 SCL's charitable objectives.

It is an honour to be a Trustee of such a great organisation. SCL members should also feel proud of their engagement with the Society at such an exciting time in the tech law space.

2019 is looking bright and will include the launch of a new SCL website and a range of exciting events.

MLu moved on to the receipt and adoption of the Society's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Proposed by: Anne Todd

Seconded by: Cynthia O'Donoghue

4. Re-appointment of Trustees

MLu said that there are 5 vacancies for Trustees on the SCL Board as Mark O'Connor, Matthew Lavy, Cynthia O'Donoghue, Toby Crick and Mark Taylor are due to retire by rotation.

All 5 Trustees are seeking re-election.

Sue McLean is standing for election to the SCL Board for the first time following her nomination by the Trustees.

Mark O'Connor - re-election as a Trustee for a period of two years.

Proposed by: Cynthia O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Toby Crick

Matthew Lavy - re-election as a Trustee for a period of two years.

Proposed by: William Hooper

Seconded by: Frances Anderson

Cynthia O'Donoghue - re-election as a Trustee for a period of two years.

Proposed by: William Hooper

Seconded by: Anne Todd

Toby Crick - re-election as a Trustee for a period of two years.

Proposed by: Cynthia O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Frances Anderson

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

Proposed by: Toby Crick

Seconded by: William Hooper

Sue McLean - Election as a Trustee for a period of two years.

Proposed by: Cynthia O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Toby Crick

6. Any other business

MLu said that Neil Brown and Anna Cook are retiring from the Board this year and went on to say that the Trustees would like to thank them for their enormous contribution to the SCL Board and to SCL in general. He reported that they have both indicated that they are keen to stay involved with SCL.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees MLu thanked:

- Laurence Eastham and David Chaplin for providing outstanding content in the magazine and on the SCL website
- SCL's CEO, Caroline Gould for her management of the Society over the past year
- the team at SCL HQ, Maddie Southorn, Sarah Forster, Jessie Nixon and Sian Leverton for their dedication and hard work.

MLu thanked everyone for coming and the meeting ended at 6.45 pm.

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