



## **Society for Computers and Law Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 11 February 2020 - 6.30 pm**

Venue: Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2EG.

**Attending:** Mark O’Conor (in the Chair), Richard Morgan, Clive Davies, Neil Brown, Mark Lumley, John Warrick, Charlotte Smith, Hugh Elder, Chris Jay, Amanda Heath, Rob Gray, Gemma Townley, Amy Brown, Tom Greenbank, Sue McLean and Dale Roberts.

Mark O’Conor, Chair and Trustee of the Society for Computers and Law opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the forty-fifth SCL Annual General Meeting and he thanked Herbert Smith Freehills for agreeing to host the event.

### **Agenda:**

#### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Professor Richard Susskind, Chris James, Toby Crick and Katherine Ramo.

#### **2. The minutes of the forty-fourth Annual General Meeting held on 4 February 2019**

The Chair asked that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2019, which are available on the SCL website, were taken as read. All those present agreed.

#### **Approval of the minutes**

Proposed by: Mark Lumley

Seconded by: Neil Brown

#### **3. Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019**

The Chair asked that the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019, which are available on the SCL website, were taken as read. All those present agreed.

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

There were several highlights in 2019 – the most significant of which are as follows:

- The launch of the SCL Adjudication Scheme (SCLA);
- the hugely successful SCL Annual Conference “The Future Technology Lawyer” – our most well-attended annual conference to date;
- the dynamic SCL World Café event that we hope is the first step in reshaping the law curriculum for the digital era;
- starting the conversation about wellbeing in the tech law sector;
- and, for me, the jewel in the crown last November was when Haben Girma gave the Sir Brian Neill Lecture and reminded us that disability is a club that you can join at any time and impressed upon us her message

that technology should be accessible to everyone.

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 2019 and to those members who have hosted SCL meetings over the past year.

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.

The Chair then moved on to the receipt and adoption of the Society's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Proposed by: Neil Brown

Seconded by: Mark Lumley

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

The Chair said that there was one Trustee vacancy on the SCL Board as Mark Lumley was due to retire by rotation. Mark is seeking re-election.

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

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

Proposed by: Hugh Elder

Seconded by: Clive Davies

#### **Katherine Ramo - Election as a Trustee for a period of two years.**

Proposed by: Neil Brown

Seconded by: Richard Morgan

#### **6. Any other business**

Mark Taylor and Chris are retiring from the SCL Board this year. The Trustees would like to thank them for their significant contribution to SCL over many years. Chris is joining the SCL Advisory Board and both have indicated that they are keen to stay involved with SCL.

Finally, the Trustees would like to thank:

- David Chaplin for his brilliant redesign of the SCL magazine (which is much admired) and 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 and Sian Leverton for their dedication and hard work.

Signed:



Dated: 11 February 2020

Mark O'Connor, SCL Chair