Attending: Trish Shaw (in the Chair), Neil Brown, Chris James, Mark Culbert, Andy Crystal, Fernando Barrio, Alice Esuola, Mark Lumley, Shelly Thomas, Matthew Lavy, Toby Crick, Sue McLean, Ralph Giles.

SCL AGM – Wednesday 20 April 2022 @ 2.15 pm

Welcome to the forty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the Society for Computers and Law.

Trish Shaw, Chair of SCL welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGM Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence:
   Katherine Ramo

2. The minutes of the forty-sixth Annual General Meeting held on 21 April 2021

   Trish asked that minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2021 which are available on the SCL website are taken as read and all present agreed.

   Approval of the minutes

   Proposed by: Neil Brown
   Seconded by: Shelley Thomas

3. Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

   Trish asked that the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are available on the SCL website were taken as read and all present agreed.

   Trustees’ report:
   SCL always has community at its core. During the pandemic it has been SCL’s priority to stick closely to the values it was founded on 49 years ago by embracing its tagline of “tech law for everyone”.

   SCL has endeavoured to respond to the needs of its community, and the Trustees believe that this experience has made SCL stronger and even more community-focused than before.

   There were SCL numerous highlights in 2021 – some of which include:

   - A plethora of online events which have ensured that SCL has remained fully connected with its membership, given access to those who wouldn’t normally be able to take part and encouraged new people to join the Society;
   - Our second fully digital and live online Annual Conference, organised and Co-Chaired by Mark O’Conor and Shelley Thomas;
   - A series of AI-focused events, co-organised with Queen Mary Global Policy Institute and including speakers from The World Bank, The Alan Turing Institute and The
International Bar Association;

- The launch of the new SCL AI Group chaired by Minesh Tanna from Simmons and Simmons;
- The launch of the SCL Digital Content Board – led by Mark Lumley.

In the future SCL plans to launch a new Cloud Group chaired by Shay Patelmaster from Google and a Next Gen Shadow Board designed to future-proof the leadership of SCL and to increase the opportunities available to our community to participate in and inform the future of the Society as we work towards and beyond our 50th anniversary in 2023.

The Trustees are pleased to report that despite an on-going global pandemic and the transfer from in-person to online events, SCL is in a sound financial position and they wish to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who supported SCL in 2021.

We now move on to the receipt and adoption of the Society’s Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Proposed by: Andy Crystal
Seconded by: Neil Brown

4. Re-appointment of Trustees

Mark Lumley and Katherine Ramo are due to retire by rotation. Both are seeking re-election.

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

Proposed by: Toby Crick
Seconded by: Chris James

2. Katherine Ramo – for re-election as a Trustee for a period of two years.

Proposed by: Toby Crick
Seconded by: Chris James

6. Any other business

The Trustees would like to thank:

- SCL members who have supported the Society (even more than usual) since the beginning of the pandemic. Despite their own work/life commitments and challenges, SCL has received nothing but goodwill and generosity from its members. The Trustees would like to thank SCL members for their valuable support and contributions to the Society over the past year;
- The SCL Advisory Board for their guidance and the SCL Groups for providing a highly relevant and engaging programme of online events;
- The SCL President Richard Susskind for his insights and leadership and for enabling SCL to continue to take a leading role in Remote Courts Worldwide;
- The SCL management team - Maddie, Sarah, Cat and Sian for all their hard work, focus and their resilience whilst working remotely;
- David for continuing to curate thought-leading, relevant and sometimes challenging content for the magazine and in the weekly newsletter and for chairing online events
through lockdown;

- Simon for managing and editing SCL’s online events and making sure that our speakers always feel secure and well looked after;

- And Caroline for managing the Society this year.

The meeting was called to a close at 2.30 pm

Signed: Trish Shaw  
Dated: 20 April 2022

SCL Chair