

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW HELD ON 23 MAY 2001 AT MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL

Present: Chairman Victoria Russell
 Vice Chairman Richard Bayfield
 Secretary Helen Garthwaite
 Treasurer Chris Miers
 Approximately 100 members

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on 17 May 2000 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2. Elections

The Chairman, before introducing the elections gave special thanks to the contribution of the three retiring members of Council, Anthony Elven, Gareth Parry and John Redmond.

The Election itself was contested, there being sixteen candidates standing for the five vacancies. It is a great tribute to the Society that so many well qualified candidates were willing to put themselves forward. The ballot itself resulted in a three way tie for fourth place. Our constitution only permitted two of the three tied candidates to be elected at the AGM. The three tied candidates were: Nicholas Gould, Corrina King, and David Risbridger. They agreed that selection of the two vacancies would be by "the drawing of lots". In the event Nicholas Gould was the unlucky candidate not selected by "lots", however the Chairman indicated at the Dinner following the AGM that she would make a recommendation at the next Council meeting for Nicholas Gould to become a co-opted member of Council.

The five successful candidates were Richard Bayfield, Corrina King, Barry Milton, Jim Pragnell and David Risbridger.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman briefly drew attention to some of the key items in her written report. She highlighted the decision made at the milestone review to help expand the role of the regions and also for the society to become more involved in policy issues citing the current consultation exercise on the DETR Adjudication document. She mentioned Frances Paterson's recent appointment to assist with the publishing of papers which was welcomed by all on Council. The

expansion of overseas links both in Europe and the Far East was also mentioned as was the policy to make use of email and the website (<http://www.scl.org.uk/>) to continue to disseminate key information.

Thanks were also recorded to all officers, members of Council and those involved with organising meetings and events around the Country.

The Chairman thanked the Society's President, Lord Justice Otton for his continued and enthusiastic support of the Society. Final thanks went to the Society's Administrator, Jackie Morris without whom the Society would simply not be able to function.

4. Finances

The Treasurer then presented the Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2000. The satisfactory financial position of the Society was noted.

The meeting agreed that Baker Tilly (formerly known as "Fraser Russell") be re-appointed as Auditors to the Society.

5. AOB

Phillip Britton from King's College gave sincere thanks on behalf of both King's College and all other Universities and Colleges which had been recipients of SCL grants during the last year. Phillip wished all SCL members to know that the grants were making a real difference to the facilities that could be provided to University students studying Construction Law.

Richard Bayfield (Vice-Chairman)