



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW  
HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2006 AT MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL**

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	Anthony Lavers
	<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Nicholas Gould
	<b>Secretary</b>	Nerys Jefford
	<b>Treasurer</b>	Corrina King

Approximately 80 Members

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2005 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**2. Elections**

In the Council election this year there were nine candidates standing for five places, comprising one member of Council, Nerys Jefford, and eight new candidates Ronan Champion, Stephen Clarke, Michael Gerard, Hamish Lal, Maurice Lynch, Peter Phillippo, David M Richards, and John Stuart Ringland. Nerys Jefford was returned and the other successful candidates were Ronan Champion, Hamish Lal, Peter Phillippo and David M Richards.

**3. Chairman's Report**

The key items referred to in his written report were as follows:

1. Membership continued to increase; there were now over 1800 members and the Society was active in 13 regions across the UK and Ireland. The lecture programme, publications of papers, the Ethics group, the SCL Hudson prize and the Society's social activities continued to thrive. More would be done to give support to the Universities. The Society's financial position continued to be sound.

2. A record number of 45 lectures and other events had been organised during the year, 17 of the events had been held in London and 28 in the regions. Activity in the Belfast and Newcastle regions had recommenced, bringing the total number of active regions to 12.
3. During the year, a record number of 20 papers had been published. Thanks were given to publications editor Frances Paterson and to Philip Britton for his assistance.
4. Under Nick Gould's leadership, Junior SCL had organised site visits, a joint seminar with King's College and a summer boat trip on the Thames.
5. The Great Delay Analysis Debate jointly held with King's College had been so successful that the event was repeated. The repeat event was equally successful.
6. The Olympic Lunch at the Brewery was considered to be the highlight of the year. Speakers at the lunch were the ODA Chairman Jack Lemley and the international athlete Dalton Grant. Thanks were given to the Social Events sub-committee for their efforts in making it the most successful event ever organised by the Society.
7. New SCLs had been established in New Zealand and in the United Arab Emirates. Australia and South Africa were also planning their own Societies. SCL Singapore were to host the first International Society of Construction Law Conference in October.
8. The Ethics group had produced 'A Statement of Ethical Principles' and 'A Guidance of Ethical Principles' both were available on the SCL website.
9. The Chairman gave his personal thanks to the Admin and the IT teams, and to all the Officers and Members of Council for their support during his two years of office.

#### **4. Finances**

The Accounts for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 were presented to the meeting, copies of which were given to everyone attending. The Society's financial position continued to be healthy. The meeting agreed that Baker Tilly be re-appointed as Auditors to the Society.

#### **5. AOB**

No further matters were raised and members retired to the garden for drinks and conversation before the Annual Dinner at 7pm.