

**THE SOCIETY OF
CONSTRUCTION LAW**

Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2009

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REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council have pleasure in submitting the report and accounts of the Society of Construction Law for the year ended 31 December 2009.

TREASURER'S REVIEW

In the last year the income of the Society has remained in line with that in 2008. The decrease in interest receivable, resulting from the current economic climate, has been offset by the continuing growth of the Society, with new members joining in the UK and internationally. With increased membership, the Society has increased the range of its activities.

Changes in the last year have seen greater numbers of members making payments for subscriptions through our website, which helps to reduce administrative costs. Council agreed last year to continue its policy of avoiding increases in subscription levels and seeking to maintain a small but efficient administrative base. We have succeeded in our aim this year of increasing awards made to Universities to support learning and development in the field of Construction law, a trend set to continue.

We owe much of our ongoing success to the support provided by Jackie Morris, Jill Ward, Frances Whitehead, Edward Peters our webmaster and Simon Hogg for IT support. Thanks also go to support from our President and past Chairmen, McKenzies our accountants, Baker Tilly our Auditors, our other consultants and to our regional representatives who provide so much support.

STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council is required under the constitution of the Society to have financial statements prepared for each financial year which give, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at the end of the financial year, the surplus or deficiency for that period, and that in the preparation of these financial statements;

- applicable accounting standards have been followed,
- appropriate accounting policies have been used and applied consistently,
- the going concern basis has been applied
- and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made.

The Council is responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Society and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Council

R Champion
Chairman



26 April 2010

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW**

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and related notes on pages 3 to 6. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the society's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Council and auditors

The Society's Council's responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Society's constitution and United Kingdom Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Council's Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Society's constitution. We also report to you, if in our opinion, the Treasurer's Review is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Society has not kept proper accounting records, or if we have not received all the explanations we require for our audit.

We read other information contained in the Treasurer's Review, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Council in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Society's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Society's affairs at 31 December 2009 and of its surplus of expenditure over income for the year then ended.


Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP

Chartered Accountants

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10.5. 2010

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	2009 £	2008 £
Income			
Subscriptions	2	186,687	189,246
Sale of papers		2,043	1,297
Launch & publication of SCL Protocol		100	945
TCC income		5,210	1,793
Other meetings	7	5,151	-
Interest	3	643	8,493
Sundry income		1,345	1,467
		<u>201,179</u>	<u>203,241</u>
Expenditure			
Newsletter and membership directory		33,456	31,813
Publication of papers		18,762	17,164
Launch & publication of SCL Protocol		396	3,835
Grants and awards		22,515	19,806
Hudson and King's prizes		1,227	1,949
Lecture programme		18,839	8,976
Other meetings		-	5,219
Advocacy training		-	862
SCL expenses in the UK		919	261
SCL expenses overseas		800	1,107
SCL Consultant expenses	4	86,827	81,847
Sundry expenditure		10	121
Bank charges		137	435
IT and Web site		7,110	7,313
Audit		12,678	6,925
Subscriptions		757	679
Junior SCL		5,140	6,219
TCC Research fees		8,990	-
Accountancy		3,349	3,778
Professional fees		1,081	593
		<u>222,993</u>	<u>198,902</u>
Excess of expenditure over income before taxation		(21,814)	4,339
Taxation	5	135	1,762
Excess of expenditure over income after taxation		<u>£(21,949)</u>	<u>£2,577</u>

There are no other recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year disclosed above.

The excess of expenditure over income relates to continuing activities.


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BALANCE SHEET


AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Notes	2009		2008	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Trade debtors		21,828		25,986	
Prepayments and accrued income		20,876		26,322	
Cash at bank		219,167		200,596	
National savings investment account		99,306		98,862	
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			361,177		351,766
Less					
Creditors: Amounts due in less than one year	6	(137,457)		(106,097)	
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			(137,457)		(106,097)
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Net current assets			£223,720		£245,669
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Accumulated funds					
Surplus brought forward			245,669		243,092
Income and expenditure account					
(Deficit)/ surplus for the year			(21,949)		2,577
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Balance carried forward			£223,720		£245,669
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The financial statements on pages 3 to 6 were approved and authorised for issue by the Council on *26 April* 2010 and were signed on its behalf by :



 R Bailey
 Treasurer



 R Champion
 Chairman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting policies.

2. Fees

Membership fees are included in income on a receivable basis but excluding amounts considered doubtful of collection. The subscription period runs from 1 January to 31 December. Subscriptions received after 30 September are treated as deferred income for the following year.

3. Interest

The interest earned in the year comprises:

	2009	2008
	£	£
Interest on National Westminster Bank Accounts	198	4,789
Interest on National Savings Investment Account	445	3,704
	643	8,493
	643	8,493

4. SCL Consultant Expenses

	2009	2008
	£	£
During the year consultant expenses were paid in respect of:		
P Britton	1,875	7,275
J Burgess Associates	572	5,608
S Hogg	4,379	4,783
J Morris	20,211	29,586
F Patterson	14,020	6,445
E Peters	20,058	11,831
J Bertram Hillig	2,684	-
J Ward	11,640	-
F Whitehead	11,388	16,319
	£86,827	£81,847
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P Britton also received £4,650 during the year in relation to work carried out on behalf of King's College. This amount is included in the financial statements within TCC expenditure.

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5.	Taxation	2009 £	2008 £
	The taxation charge for the year comprises:		
	Current year tax due on National Westminster Bank and National Savings Investment Accounts interest at 21.00% (2008 : 20.25%)	135	1,762
		135	1,762
		135	1,762
6.	Creditors: Amounts falling due in less than one year	2009 £	2008 £
	Trade creditors and accruals	47,375	13,948
	Deferred income	89,987	90,387
	Taxation	95	1,762
		137,457	106,097
		137,457	106,097
7.	Other meeting expenses		
	Meeting	Income	Expenditure
			Gross Profit
	SCL Events – AGM	9,840	(13,501)
	SCL Events – Brewery	52,305	(44,570)
	SCL Events – Scottish Lunch	7,000	(4,771)
	International Conference	680	(4,565)
	Other Events	7,064	(4,331)
		76,889	(71,738)
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