

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW HELD ON 16 MAY 2012 AT MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL

Present:

Chairman – Keith Kirkwood

Vice Chairman – Jocelyn Taylor

Treasurer – Richard Bailey

Administrator – Jill Ward

1. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 11 May 2011 were approved by the members and signed by the Chairman

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's written report was circulated and available to members. He highlighted the following:

- There are currently 2117 members in 73 countries with on average 30 new members each month being approved
- 19 papers have been published during the year
- There have been 48 talks across London and the regions, with two new regions newly set up in East Anglia and Kent.
- On the International front; SCL is expanding with 17 countries. A number of members had recently attended the SCL Conference in Melbourne, Australia with over 260 delegates from 22 countries. SCL continues to expand internationally.
- The University Grants Committee has been very active and continued to distribute funds to assist universities. SCL had also donated funds to Bailli who provide an invaluable service.
- Advocacy training course went well with tentative plans to run it again in the Autumn
- SCL Hudson Prize presentation took place on 15th May. The success of this prize is now being replicated in Malaysia, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong.
- The junior SCL has also been very active with Site Visits and the annual boat trips both taking place. Other regions are also taking up a junior SCL role.
- On social events, this year's Brewery Lunch in February was the largest ever and all social events continue to be sold out. Lunches have expanded in the regions with Bristol and Dublin having had their inaugural lunches. The attendance figures were Brewery Lunch, 650. Other events included the

Brewery Dinner, 315; the Scottish Lunch, 140; the Leeds Lunch, 267; the Dublin Lunch, 157 and the Bristol Lunch, 122

- Expert Evidence, a questionnaire has been devised by the expert evidence committee. The 65 questions cover all aspects of expert evidence. Her Honour Frances Kirkham CBE has agreed to draft a report to be published in 2013.
- Working alongside Tecbar, TeCSA and the TCC SCL has organised an international conference to commemorate the opening of the Rolls Building. This will take place on 24th September 2012.

3. Amendments to the SCL Constitution

The main changes to the SCL Constitution were introduced by the Chair. These were voted on and passed by members present

4. Presentation of Accounts for Approval

Richard Bailey formally presented the accounts for year ending 31 December 2011 for approval explaining:

- Bad news - Increase in turnover has forced SCL to register for VAT.
- £9,000.00 Gulf Society, SCL acted as bankers for their conference. A new bank account has now been set up to avoid this in the future.
- The TCC income research fee has been paid back
- Costs of the newsletter were down as more members are moving more to electronic distribution so paper costs decreased
- The Brewery Lunch is showing as run this year at a loss. Richard explained this was largely due to the monies we had to pay out for the Brewery Dinner last September. He advised members that the excess paid has been off set against deposits for the next two years Brewery Lunches.
- Anthony Lavers explained the decrease in the University grants paid out and advised of the donation to Bailli to help keep it running.

After a few questions the accounts were formally accepted by the members

5. Appointment of Auditors

Baker Tilly were formally proposed and accepted as auditors for the current financial year and accountants proposed and accepted as McKenzies

6. Elections

The Chairman explained that there were 8 vacancies on council and 10 members had put themselves forward for election. Each who were present gave a short speech. Results of the election were announced at the dinner after voting in person had taken place.

Julian Bailey

Paul Battrick

Ronan Champion

Roger Gibson (not present)

Isabel Hitching

Shy Jackson

Hamish Lal (not present)

Jonathan Pawlowski

Mamas Stavrou

Mark Wheeler (not present)

Highlighted members were successful

7. Any other business

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.