

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW HELD ON 8 MAY 2013 AT MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL**

### **Present:**

Chairman – Keith Kirkwood

Vice Chairman – Richard Bailey

Treasurer – Richard Bailey

Secretary – Julian Bailey

Administrator – Jill Ward

### **1. Minutes**

The minutes of the AGM held on 16 May 2012 were approved by the members, proposed by James Bowling and Seconded by John Tackaberry QC.

### **2. Chairman's Report**

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

- The retirement of Sir Anthony May as President and the announcement that The Right Honourable Sir Rupert Jackson is the new President.
- Currently 2,232 members in 73 countries with on average 20 new members each month being approved. Overseas societies growing rapidly, and there is now some 5,000 members of all SCLs.
- 33 papers have been published during the year
- There have been numerous talks across London and the regions, with an inaugural talk in Dublin taking place shortly.
- The European Society hosted a conference in Belgium and the ESCL are working on a publication with the assistance of SCL UK.
- On the International front; SCL is expanding with new Societies in both Peru and Africa.
- We are now hosting Junior events in Southampton and Bristol to add to the success of Junior events in London.
- The recent advocacy training day was hugely successful and we have a joint event planned with the academy of experts to hold a master class.
- On social events, this year's Brewery Lunch in February was the largest ever and all social events continue to be sold out. The attendance figures were Brewery Lunch, 750. Other events included the RCJ Dinner, 335; the Scottish Lunch, the Leeds Lunch, the Dublin Lunch and the Bristol Lunch.

- The University Grants Committee has been very active and continued to distribute funds to assist universities. SCL had also donated funds to Bailli for legal resources.
- SCL Hudson Prize presentation took place on 9th April. The success of this prize is now being replicated in other countries.
- Expert Evidence, Her Honour Frances Kirkham CBE will be publishing her report in 2013.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Delay and Disruption Protocol was well attended and a team is being established to carry this forward.
- SCL now has a linkedin, facebook page and twitter feed. SCL has also devised a mobile website.
- We shall be celebrating SCL's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 26<sup>th</sup> September at the Paramount Bar. Information to be circulated shortly.
- SCL are now registered for VAT in both the UK and Ireland.
- SCL logo pin now available.
- Keith is standing down at the next council meeting but wanted to give a special thanks to those who are also standing down; Jocelyn Taylor, Adrian Hughes QC, Emily Monastiriotis and Helena Riches

### **3. Presentation of Accounts for Approval**

Richard Bailey formally presented the accounts for year ending 31 December 2012 for approval explaining:

- Income exceeded expenditure by £30,000.00. Next year the account will show the VAT element following the first year.

The accounts were formally accepted by the members. Proposed by Peter Phillippo and Seconded by Shy Jackson.

### **4. Reappointment of Accountants**

MacKenzies were formally proposed and accepted as accountants for the current financial year. Proposed by Ronan Champion and Seconded by Paul Battrick.

### **5. Reappointment of Auditors**

Baker Tilly were formally proposed and accepted as auditors for the current financial year. Proposed by Peter Phillippo and Seconded by James Bowling.

## 6. Elections

The Chairman explained that there were 6 vacancies on council and 15 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.

**Murray Armes**

**James Bowling**

**Jonathan Cope**

Arran Dowling-Hussey

**Chris Ennis** (not present)

Steven Evans (not present)

Jason Farnell (not present)

**Anthony Lavers**

Jim McCluskey (not present)

Mark Mills (not present)

**Kim Rosenberg** (not present)

Mamas Stavrou (not present)

Tim Tapper (not present)

Ruth Wilkinson

Justin Wilson

Highlighted members were successful

## 7. Any other business

John Tackaberry QC offered a vote of thanks to Keith Kirkwood for all his work over the past two years.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.