



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE SOCIETY OF CONSTRUCTION LAW
HELD ON 16 MAY 2003 AT MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL**

Present: **Chairman** Christopher Miers
 Vice Chairman Anthony Lavers
 Secretary Helen Garthwaite

Approximately 60 Members

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on 15 May 2002 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2. Elections

In the Council election this year there were seven candidates standing for five places, comprising five members of Council, and two new candidates Jocelyn Taylor and Jim Daniels. It was a great tribute to the Society that so many well qualified candidates were willing to put themselves forward. Four of the existing members of Council standing for re-election were returned: Richard Bayfield, Jonathan Hosie, Corrina King and Anthony Lavers. The other successful candidate was Jocelyn Taylor. Our treasurer Jim Pragnell was not re-elected, and we record here our special thanks to Jim for his considerable work on behalf of the Society. The Chairman of SCL, Christopher Miers, was automatically re-elected to Council.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman briefly drew attention to some of the key items in his written report, these included the following points:

1. We have a growing membership, with a surge of new members at the time of the launch of the SCL Protocol.
2. We are an active Society both in London and in the Regions.
3. The website continues to improve communications with membership, provides excellent information about the Society and its activities, and is widely visited from all over the world.
4. The SCL Delay and Disruption Protocol was launched with much publicity and some controversy.
5. SCL's second President's Medal was awarded by Sir Philip Otton to Professor Ian Duncan Wallace QC for his outstanding contribution to Construction Law.
6. SCL welcomed Professor Ian Duncan Wallace QC and HHJ Anthony Thornton QC as Honorary Members.

The Chairman thanked Philip Britton who was retiring from Council as a co-opted member. Philip has played an important role in strengthening the links between SCL and Kings College London.

Thanks were recorded to all officers, members of Council and the regional co-ordinators who are involved with organising meetings and events around the Country. The Chairman also thanked the Society's President, Sir Philip Otton, for his continued and enthusiastic support of the Society. Final thanks went to the Society's Administrator, Jackie Morris who continues to play an essential part in the running of SCL.

4. Finances

The Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2002 were then presented to the meeting. It was noted that expenditure in 2001 had risen above income; this was largely a consequence of one-off special events and the assistance of outside consultants. It was noted that Council were already monitoring the situation carefully and had set in place budgets for the current year. The meeting agreed that Baker Tilly be re-appointed as Auditors to the Society.

5. AOB

There were no further matters raised and members retired to enjoy a drink and conversation before the Annual Dinner.

Christopher Miers