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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE LAW SOCIETY BY VIDEO CONFERENCE 5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2021

1. Attendance and apologies

Present:

Officers - Michael Frape (President), Emma Bowman (Honorary Secretary), Ellen Cole (Honorary Treasurer)

Committee Members and Representatives - Natasha Adams (JLD Liaison), Rebecca Austin (Regulatory), Melissa de Carvalho (International Relations), Sarah Cooke (Equality Diversity and Inclusion), Anwar Gilani (Patent Attorney Liaison), Richard Lane, Francesca Lofts (Career Development and Mentoring), Josh Walters (Member Benefit/Bar Liaison)

Administrator - Penny Harrington

Members - Sarah Calder (ARU), Lorna Carter (Greenwoods GRM), George Elliman (Greenwoods GRM) Kate Parkinson (BDB Pitmans)

Apologies: Josie Beal (PR and Social Media), Ellena Forman (Court Users Group lead), Kate Harris (Light Blue Law Editor), Jo Hill (CSR and Probono), Chris Hoole (Learning & Development), Gurpreet Lalli (Corporate Partnerships), Amanda Narkiewicz (Corporate Sponsorships), Kirsten Pullan (Events/In-house Liaison), Charlotte Vallins (Website)

The President thanked those present for attending and the meeting was declared quorate.

2. Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 2020 were read and would be added to the data room subject to approval. Their acceptance as a true record was proposed by Michael Frape, seconded by Emma Bowman and passed *nem con*.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2020 AGM

There were no matters arising.

4. Election to Honorary Membership under Rule 5

Gary Hanson was proposed as an honorary member by Michael Frape, seconded by Emma Bowman and elected *nem con*. Gary will be proposed as the new Honorary Treasurer.

The President thanked Ellen Cole for her outstanding contribution as Honorary Treasurer for the last 2 years.

5. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2021 to 2022

5.1 *Officers*

Michael Frape was proposed for President by Emma Bowman, seconded by Gurpreet Lalli and elected *nem con*.

Gary Hanson was proposed for Honorary Treasurer by Michael Frape, seconded by Emma Bowman and elected *nem con*.

Emma Bowman was proposed for Honorary Secretary by Rebecca Austin, seconded by Kate Harris and elected *nem con*.

The President said that Gurpreet Lalli, who had been due to be nominated as Vice-President, would be taking a leave of absence from the committee for a period of three months and the role of Vice-President would therefore remain unfilled.

5.2 *Committee Members*

Natasha Adams, Rebecca Austin, Josie Beal, Melissa de Carvalho, Sarah Cooke, Ellena Forman, Anwar Gilani, Kate Harris, Jo Hill, Chris Hoole, Richard Lane, Francesca Lofts, Amanda Narkiewicz, Kirsten Pullan, Charlotte Vallins and Josh Walters were all elected or re-elected to the Committee.

6. Reports and Accounts

6.1 *Presidents Report*

Michael Frape presented his report to the Committee. He welcomed the members present to the AGM. He noted that it had been a challenging year but the Society remained in good shape. He thanked all of the committee members for their excellent contributions, and the Administrator Penny for all

her invaluable assistance. New volunteers were always welcome to the Committee. The next 12 months were very important for the Society as the country and the profession came out of lockdown. It was the Society's 150th anniversary year and he wanted to make as much of it as possible for the members. He was hopeful that there could be a garden party in September 2021 and a gala dinner in April 2022. The theme of the 150th anniversary year would be the rule of law and he hoped to organise some events on that theme.

6.2 Honorary Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Ellen Cole presented her report and the annual accounts to the Committee. She said the Society had done well through a challenging year thanks to a very loyal membership and the hard work of the Committee. She was optimistic that the Society would do well going forward.

Gary Hanson, the incoming Honorary Treasurer, said that Ellen had done a great job and he was looking forward to continuing it. Incorporating on the Society would lead to some changes and he was happy to embrace these.

6.3 Honorary Secretary's Membership Report

Emma Bowman presented her report to the Committee and noted that membership had stayed stable which was very encouraging given that many firms have sought to make cost savings during the last year. There would be another push to recruit new members from April 2021, especially the larger Cambridge firms which were not currently members.

7. Annual Subscription Fees Under Rule 6

- (a) A resolution not to increase the corporate subscription fees for membership year 2021 to 2022 was passed *nem con*.
- (b) A resolution not to increase individual subscription fees for membership year 2021 to 2022 was passed *nem con*.
- (c) A resolution to amend rule 6 was passed *nem con*. The Secretary would duly amend the rules on the Society.

8. Any Other Business

The President noted that the process of incorporating the Society as a company limited by a guarantee was making good progress.

Lorna, George and Kate all expressed their thanks to the Society for continuing to put on events and stay in touch with its members throughout the last year.

Sarah Calder thanked Josie, Josh and Ellena in particular for their support of the ARU Law Clinic. The President noted that it was good that the Society was putting something back into the legal profession.

The Meeting closed at 6.13pm. A committee meeting followed.

..... Michael Frape

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President

Date:



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Emma Bowman

Honorary Secretary

Date: 19 July 2021