



City Legal Information Group
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2017
Thursday 10th August 2017
The Castle, 34-35 Cowcross Street, London, EC1M 6DB

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked our sponsors for the evening, Wildy & Sons. Thanks also given to Julee Carroll and Rochelle Garnon for organising and The Castle for hosting.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Upon review of the Minutes no amendments were suggested by attendees and the Minutes were approved.

Proposer: Heleanna Lenti, Clifford Chance
Seconded: Cosmo Anderson, Slaughter and May

3. Chair's Report (Cameron Eeles)

The Chair reported on another successful year of events in 2016-2017. 9 events were held in total – 3 seminars and 6 social events.

The Chair also thanked both the speakers for their time and expertise, the hosting law firms for providing event venues, and the sponsors for their generous support.

The Chair reported that all the seminars were well attended which was encouraging and demonstrated that events have been relevant to members interest and training needs.

Full list of CLIG events for 2016-17

Sep 2016	Lost Libraries Walking Tour. Speaker: Alice Ford-Smith, Bernard Quaritch Limited.
Nov 2016	Raising your Profile. Speaker: Rachel Halsall, Halsall Coaching. Hosted by Stephenson Harwood. Posh Breakfast at the Hawksmoor Guildhall.
Jan 2017	New Year's Party at St Bart's Brewery. Sponsored by Infotrack and Wildy & Sons.
Mar 2017	Bank of England Library Tour.
Apr 2017	CLIG Spring Party at the Walrus and the Carpenter Pub. Sponsored by CB Resourcing and InfoTrack.
May 2017	Negotiating for Success. Speaker: Ruth Fenton, Inspired Star. Hosted by Dechert LLP.
Jul 2017	Research in Offshore Jurisdictions. Speaker: Jessica Loud, Mourant Ozannes. Hosted by BPP Law. Brewery Tour of London Fields Brewery. Sponsored by Law Business Research.

The Chair spoke briefly of upcoming events and encouraged attendees to keep an eye out for announcements on these and also invited suggestions for future events to be passed onto Committee members present that evening.

As in previous years CLIG provides an annual bursary for attendance at the BIALL Conference in Manchester. This was awarded to Kathryn Hyde from Stephenson Harwood. Kathryn is in the process of writing up her experience and her report will shortly be available on both our website and LinkedIn page.

4. Notification of Officers and Committee Members for 2016-17

The Chair thanked the Committee for all their hard work this year, helping to make all the seminars and events happen.

The Chair noted that we are saying farewell to five Committee members – three who have already stepped down, Helen Green of Kennedys, Samantha Ramlakhan of Dechert LLP and Tina Reynolds of Clifford Chance LLP. Rebecca Loughead of the Lambeth Palace Library and Rochelle Garnon of Fieldfisher LLP will be stepping down after the AGM.

Chair extended a warm thank you to Rochelle Garnon of Fieldfisher LLP who was stepping down after six years in the role. Rochelle was presented with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Committee

Chair formally welcomed the following new member to the Committee: Holger Aman.

The Chair then detailed the new Committee for 2017-18:

Chair: Jennifer McBride, Travers Smith LLP

Vice-Chair: Vacant position

Treasurer: Cameron Eeles, Mishcon de Reya LLP

Membership Secretary: Cosmo Anderson, Slaughter and May

Website editor: Holder Aman, BPP Law

Secretary: Floating position

Member: Julee Carroll, Stephenson Harwood

Member: Jessica Loud, Mourant Ozannes

Proposer: Sandra Smythe, Mishcon de Reya LLP

Secunder: Anneli Sarkanen, Fieldfisher

5. Treasurer's Report (Rebecca Loughead)

The overall balance at the end of February 2017 was £12,470.79, up on the previous year.

The current balance at the end of July was £11,921.41, which reflects two substantial payments in the last month and a half – the BIALL Bursary and administrative costs associated with the website. It was noted that recent sponsorship and cheques to cover our latest event, the CLIG Brewery Tour, have also not yet been paid into the account.

We also spent more than usual on two of our largest social events in the past financial year – for our special “40th birthday bash” at the lovely Dr Johnson’s House, and at our New Year Party, when we felt it necessary replenish the supply of wine

The Treasurer thanked the hosting law firms, as well as legal publishers and suppliers for their generosity in sponsoring events, these savings had enabled the organisation to host a number of events in the City.

Rebecca Loughead extended her thanks to the Committee and indicated that the position of Treasurer would be in safe hands with Cameron Eeles will be taking up the position after the AGM.

CLIG are currently organising an audit of the CLIG books.

Proposer: Julie Ferris, Allen & Overy

Secunder: Fiona Fogden: Reed Smith LLP

6. Membership Secretary's Report (Jennifer McBride)

It was reported that the membership currently stands at 185 which is a slight decrease on this time last year when the figure was 192 but is consistent with membership numbers from previous years.

87 members from last year have not renewed, which potentially a result of decisions by some members to renew later in the year and may reflect current changes in the legal market.

7. Membership Rates

Chair proposed that membership rates be held at £18 for the 10th year running to encourage membership to the organisation.

Proposer: Catherine Bowl, Stephenson Harwood LLP

Secunder: Hilary Smith, Shell

8. AOB

No other business was raised. Cameron Eeles of Mishcon de Reya was presented with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Committee.

Further thanks was extended to Rochelle Garnon for her efforts and hard work on the Committee over the last six years.