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## **Minutes of the Society for Computers and Law (SCL) Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, 19 April 2023

**Time:** 2:15 PM

**Chair:** Mark Lumley

### **Attendees:**

Neil Brown

Trish Shaw

Sarah Hill

Mark O'Connor

Minesh Tanna

Matthew Lavy

Fernando Barrio

Andy Crystal

Anne Rose

Shelley Thomas

Cynthia O'Donoghue

Toby Crick

### **1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mark Lumley welcomed everyone to the forty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Society for Computers and Law (SCL) and introduced himself as a Trustee of the SCL.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Dr. Katherine Ramo.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The minutes of the forty-seventh Annual General Meeting, held on 20 April 2022, were proposed to be taken as read as they were made available on the SCL website. This motion was unanimously agreed.

### **Approval of the minutes:**

Proposed by: Neil Brown

Seconded by: Matthew Lavy

The minutes were approved.

### **4. Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 were also proposed to be taken as read, as they were made available on the SCL website. This motion was unanimously agreed.

Mark Lumley highlighted key achievements of SCL in 2022, including:

- The inaugural Annual AI Conference organized by the SCL AI Group.
- The first fully hybrid Annual Conference, co-chaired by Matthew Lavy and Cynthia O'Donoghue, held at The IET in London.

- The SCL Policy Forum on “Present and Future Law for 3D Internet” chaired by Fernando Barrio at QMUL.

- The launch of several new SCL groups, including the SCL Cloud Group, the Competition and Tech Group, and the Trainees' Group.

- The launch of the SCL AI for Schools Programme, led by Matthew Lavy and Iain Munro.

Looking ahead, SCL's 50th Anniversary celebrations at the end of 2023, including an anniversary conference and dinner, were highlighted. The launch of the new Tech Law Essentials Programme (T2) was also noted.

The Trustees expressed their gratitude to the members and supporters of the SCL, and it was reported that SCL remains in a sound financial position.

### **Approval of the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements:**

Proposed by: Toby Crick

Seconded by: Mark O'Connor

The report and financial statements were approved.

### **5. Re-appointment of Trustees**

The following Trustees were due to retire by rotation and were seeking re-election for a further two-year period:

1. Patricia Shaw

Proposed by: Andy Crystal

Seconded by: Matthew Lavy

2. Sue McLean

Proposed by: Neil Brown

Seconded by: Trish Shaw

3. Mark O'Connor

Proposed by: Cynthia O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Toby Crick

4. Matthew Lavy KC

Proposed by: Fernando Barrio

Seconded by: Neil Brown

5. Toby Crick

Proposed by: Trish Shaw

Seconded by: Neil Brown

6. Fernando Barrio

Proposed by: Cynthia O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Shelley Thomas

7. Andy Crystal

Proposed by: Neil Brown

Seconded by: Trish Shaw

8. Shelley Thomas

Proposed by: Cynthia O'Donoghue

Seconded by: Toby Crick

All Trustees were unanimously re-elected.

## **6. Election of New Trustees**

The following new Trustees were nominated by the Board to join the SCL:

1. Anne Rose (Managing Associate, Mishcon de Reya)

Proposed by: Mark O'Connor

Seconded by: Neil Brown

2. Minesh Tanna (Partner, Simmons & Simmons)

Proposed by: Neil Brown

Seconded by: Trish Shaw

Both Anne Rose and Minesh Tanna were unanimously elected as Trustees. The Trustees extended their congratulations and expressed their eagerness to work with them.

## **7. Acknowledgements and Thanks**

Mark Lumley took a moment to acknowledge Cynthia O'Donoghue, who was stepping down from the SCL Board after six years of service. He highlighted Cynthia's immense contributions to the Society, and it was announced that she has been unanimously invited by the Trustees to become an SCL Fellow.

Thanks were also extended to:

- SCL members for their ongoing support and contributions.
- The SCL Group Committees and the SCL Advisory Board for their leadership and guidance.
- The SCL President, Richard Susskind, for his insights and leadership.
- The SCL management team: Maddie, Sarah, Cat, Sian, and the newest team member, Emily Nicholas.
- David, for curating content for the SCL magazine, and Simon for managing SCL's online events.
- Caroline, for managing the Society this past year.

## **8. Any Other Business**

No further business was raised.

## **9. Close of Meeting**

The Chair, Mark Lumley, brought the meeting to a close at 2:27 PM

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