SLSA AGM 2020 **April 30 – 3.30 - 17.00**

 **Online**

Unincorporated Association AGM - Agenda

Present: Neil Graffin, Colin Moore, Antonia Layard, Rosie Harding, Amanda Keeling, EKD, Rosie Harding, Anne Barlow, Annika Newnham, Rebecca Moosavian, Carol Gray, Chris Ashford, Daniel Bedford, Diamond A, Emile Cloatre, Emily Walsh, Emma Jones, Emma Milne, Flora Renz, Huw Pritchard, Ilke Turkmendag, James Hand, Jen Hendry, Jess Mant, John Harrington, Leigh Roberts, Marian Duggan, Marie Selwood, Mavis McClean, Naomi Creutzfeldt, Philip Bremner, Rachael Blakey, Robert Dingwall, Rosemary Hunter, Roxanna, Simon Flacks, Smita Kheria, Stefan Machura, Susan Bright, Tahir Abass, Tom Webb, Vanessa Munro, Maebh Harding

## 1. Apologies: None

## 2. Approval of minutes from 2019 SLSA Unincorporated Association AGM

Minutes have been approved.

## 3. Officers Reports

**3.1 Chair’s report (RH)**

RH would like to be able to report back to the AGM that following the unanimous vote at the 2019 AGM to take the necessary steps to register the SLSA as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) the SLSA was so registered in November 2019.

RH would like to note that since submission of her report, Ilke Turkmendag has stepped down from the board and will not be seeking re-election.

**3.2. Vice chair’s report (AL)**

AL states that we have been agreeing future conferences which will need to be finalised.

EKD and AL finalised report on the SQE which has been worked together with CHULS and other bodies.

**3.3 Treasurer’s report (VM)**

VM reported that the accounts have now been signed off and Linda Mulcahy did this (this is not specified in the report due to the timing of its submission). The accounts will be sent to Charities Commission in due course. VM also states that we have charities insurance.

RH highlighted that all the money is now out of PayPal and would like to thank VM for all her hard work in achieving this.

**3.4 Membership Secretary’s report (MH)**

Nothing further to add. RH would like to thank Maebh Harding for all her hard work during her time as Membership Secretary.

**3.5 Recruitment Secretary (RM)**

Nothing further to add to the report.

**3.6 Newsletter and web editor (MS)**

MS would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

**3.7 PG Student Representative (TA/RB)**

RH would like to give her thanks and support to the PGRs. Nothing further to report.

**3.8 Webmaster’s report (JM/DB)**

Nothing further to report.

**3.9 International liaison (SK)**

SK suggested that the pandemic has made us think ways of engaging with partners in different ways, as previous plans will not be achievable. RH suggested that it is difficult to know what the future is for international conferences and we will seek to reach out and collaborate. SK suggested we might be able to hold virtual drinks at the LSA.

**3.10 Social media and blog editor (JMa)**

Nothing substantive to note from the report. Traffic on social media has been very high recently.

**3.11. Publisher’s liaison (RD)**

Some publishers had queries about how they can engage during the Covid-19 pandemic and several discounts have been provided in the interim.

**3.12 Data Protection Officer (CM)**

Nothing further to add.

**Seminars**

We have extended the deadlines for completion of events.

# Resolution to dissolve the SLSA Unincorporated Association

Vote on the resolution – all agreed.

RH would like to extend thanks to everyone in achieving the dissolution of the unincorporated association, and creation of the CIO. RH would particularly like to thank EKD for his work.

## Close of unincorporated association AGM

# 2. AGM of SLSA CIO - Agenda

**1. Trustees Report (presented by RH; for open discussion)**

Meeting opened up for further questions – no responses. RH would like to take the opportunity to say hello to Robert Dingwall and to celebrate his contribution to socio-legal studies. RD thanked everyone for nominating him.

**2. Annual Accounts (presented by VM; for open discussion)**

VM noted that due to the conference not being held in Portsmouth this year, as well as ongoing issues caused by the pandemic, that we do not have the same income as previous years. We need to agree on a financial plan to be able to move forward as an organisation.

**Increase membership fees** to £50 for full members and £25 for PGR members.

Following discussion, it was agreed that this increase to membership fees, which is inflationary in scale, will be introduced in 2021.

**Budget cuts**

RH noted that the decision to cancel face-to-face PGR conference was not an easy one and it costs £6000 per year– the problem we have as an association is that it could be a very different academic year and so difficult choices had to be made. John Harrington suggested discussing whether we should move the PGR conference online – to be discussed at the May 2020 Board meeting.

MS suggested that we might consider moving newsletters to electronic to save costs? RH states that we will lose sponsorship so that is problematic. This will be further discussed in the May Board meeting.

VM reiterated that we will be heading into a deficit if we do not cut costs

**3. Retirement and Elections of Trustees and Ex-Officio Trustees:**

RH reminded the AGM that by previous agreements, the term of board membership of 9 years will only apply when *ex-officio* members step into their post, but 6 years otherwise is the maximum.

Retiring and not standing for re-election: Naomi Creutzfeld; Tom Webb; Maebh Harding, Ilke Turkmendag – thanks was extended to all.

Amanda Keeling stands down as Leeds conference rep – many thanks were extended to Amanda for her work in organising the Leeds conference.

Retiring and standing for re-election: John Harrington, Ed Kirton-Darling, Colin Moore – end of first 3-year term.

All were agreed.

**Election of ex-officio trustees retiring and standing for re-election**

Rosie Harding (Chair); agreed for RH / Neil Graffin (Secretary); Agreed

**Election of Membership Secretary (ex-officio trustee)**

CM – all agreed

**Election of up to 5 new Trustees.**

Emma Jones, Chris Ashford, Simon Flacks, Emma Milne, Clare Williams

1. Any Other Business

None

1. Next Meeting

During SLSA 2021 Annual Conference