

## **Present**

Julie McCandless, Chris Ashford, Marian Duggan, Nicole Busby, Marie Selwood, Catherine O'Rourke, Caroline Hunter, Anne Barlow, Grace James, Gavin Dingwall, Mark O'Brien, Dave Cowan, Sally Wheeler, Linda Mulcahy, Mavis Maclean, Ben Livings, Stewart Motha, Rosie Harding, Vanessa Munro, Andre Naidoo, Rosemary Auchmuty, Anthony Bradney, Penny English, Sarah Christie, Antonia Layard, Jackie Jones, Helen Carr, Fiona Cownie, Jo Shaw, Rosemary Hunter, Sue Millns, Robert Home, Amanda Perry-Kessaris.

## **Agenda item**

## **Action**

### 1. Apologies

Dermot Feenan

### 2. Minutes of 13.05.10

Approved.

### 3.2. Vice Chair Report

David Cowan reported that SLSA officeholders had worked hard to try to represent the interests of members during the REF law panel membership and Chair nomination processes.

In discussion it was noted that the officeholders were concerned about the way in which the consultation took place and by the limited extent to which their views were taken into account. Of particular concern was that HEFCE emphasised that it felt it had discretion not to take the views of the Association into account.

### 3.3. Treasurer

See written report.

In discussion it was noted that the Association is in a precarious financial situation. The proceeds of the LSA meeting in Honolulu 2012 might help substantially as did the LSA meeting in Berlin 2007.

It was AGREED that the Association must focus on its core activities and try to reduce costs where possible. In particular:

- The increasingly unique Small Grants competition should, if necessary, be supported at the expense of the Seminar

competition, which had been introduced when finances were more secure.

- Small Grants must only be awarded for excellent projects, even if the result is an under-spend.

#### 3.4. Membership

See written report.

#### 3.5. Recruitment

SW reported on behalf of JH (on leave) that efforts are being made to take advantage of agreements for reciprocal recognition of membership between SLSA and other academic associations.

#### 3.6. Newsletter

See written report.

The SLSA is extremely grateful to all those law schools that sponsor the Newsletter, helping it to continue as an internationally respected publication.

#### 3.7. Website and e-bulletin editor

See written report.

### 4. Elections

The AGM REJECTED the proposal of the Executive Committee to suspend new appointments to the Executive for one year as a cost-saving device to mirror the increase in membership fees.

It was AGREED that:

- an election would be held for two positions, from the nine nominations received.
- Sally Wheeler would stay on as Chair of the Association for 8 weeks in order to organise it.
- In order to be representative and effective, the Executive must be a diverse body. Anyone who wishes to contribute their time and energy to the SLSA in the future should be encouraged to put themselves forward to serve.

No nominations had been received for the position of Chair of the Association prior to the AGM. Rosemary Hunter was nominated at the AGM and was welcomed as the incoming Chair.

Time ran out and the meeting closed without proceeding to the remaining items on the agenda.

**SW**  
**APK**