

Minutes of the  
 ACL Council Meeting  
 held on 29 March 2019



at the office of Weightmans, Fenchurch Street, London

Council members present:                   Iain Stark, Chairman (IS), David Bailey-Vella (DBV), Paul  
 Bracewell (PB) David Cooper (DC), Francis Kendall,  
 Vice-Chairman (FK) , Adam Grant (AG),  
 Claire Green, Chair Elect (CG),

Also present:                                       Kirsty Allison, ACLT  
 Diane Pattenden (DP), Head of Operations

The meeting started at 2.15pm

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
	IS welcomed all council members to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.
2	Minutes of the council meetings held on 22 November 2018 and 11 February 2019
2.1	The minutes of the council meetings held on 22 November 2018 and 11 February 2019 were agreed and redactions relating to confidential information were agreed prior to publication on the website.
3	Actions following the council meeting held on 11 February 2019
3.1	A revised action list was agreed.
3.2	IS asked for a meeting between DC/DP/IS to discuss staff contracts to be held immediately prior to the next council meeting on 2 May.
4	Chairman's report
4.1	IS reported on a recent meeting with Professor Mayson.
4.2	It was agreed that ACL should respond to the FRC Consultation (before 6 June). Access to Justice in particular will need to be addressed. IS stressed that agreeing the response would be time consuming and it was agreed to set up a working party. AG will write an email to members, seeking volunteers who should be representative of the areas of work of the membership (ie claimant/defendant/employed/self-employed etc).
4.3	PB will replace AG on the Bill Committee so that AG can concentrate on the FRC response.
5	CLCA – ACL strategy re tendering
5.1	A closed discussion took place regarding tendering for the provision of any new qualification. It was agreed that further discussion would take place once a tender document was received.
6	Education update
6.1	CG/KA have recently drafted a letter (handed at the meeting to council members) to the

6.2	<p>LSB regarding the potential repercussions if the LSB does not reply to the CLSB with a decision on the CLCA by 25 April. It was agreed that the letter should be simplified to be a general enquiry but should bring to the LSB's attention the inaccuracy on page 8 of the CLSB's application. DBV to circulate a revised draft.</p> <p>DBV/KA advised that KA is running 4 workshops in Manchester in April and in London in May.</p>
7	PR update
7.1	FK reminded council members that it had previously been decided to cease printing the Costs Lawyer, which should soon only be available online to members and subscribers. DP will give notice to the publisher that the last printed issue will be the July/August issue.
7.2	FK updated council members on progress with contributors/content for the roundtable white paper meeting planned for October and said he would welcome suggestions of participants.
7.3	FK to ensure that AG is included on the circulation list for sign off for the weekly e-bulletin.
8	Operations report
8.1	DP handed out a copy of the draft programme of speakers for the London Conference. Speakers and topics were agreed. IS agreed to chair the afternoon Q&A. IS asked DP for the drinks reception to be extended and for canapes to be included.
8.2	DP reported that the current number of Costs Lawyers stands at 525 compared to 618 at the end of 2008.
8.3	Regional group meetings are planned in Manchester, Liverpool and London for 8 May.
9	Date of the next council meeting
	The next council meeting will be held on 2 May 2019 at 2pm
10	Any other business
10.1	KA was invited to attend the May council meeting
10.2	CG reported that she had delivered Bill training to a large number of District Judges on 22 March and that the training was very well received.
	There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.10 pm