

Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting
held on 25 July 2023
 via Teams



Council members present: Jack Ridgway (JR), Stephen Averill (SA), Kris Kilsby (KK),
 Laura Rees (LR), Stephanie McBride (SM) & Amy Dunkley (AD)

Also present: Carol Calver (CC) Head of Operations

The meeting started at 10:00

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
1.1	Apologies were received from David Bailey-Vella, Victoria Morrison-Hughes and Julian Caddick. JR welcomed all to the meeting.
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 27 June 2023
2.1	It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of 27 June were an accurate reflection of the meeting. It was agreed that items 4.1, 7.2 & 7.3 should be redacted/partially redacted before publishing on the website.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 27 June 2023
3.1	Actions were reviewed and updated. Note on no.8 – VMH to take part in TV Property Channel slot – Kerry Jack has advised against, unknown audience / relevancy v investment.
4	Chairman's Report
4.1	JR reviewed the final ACL 2022 accounts and corporation tax return – signed off.
4.2	JR reported on initial review of Articles & Bye-Laws and intent to survey membership on potential changes, suggesting a revival of the Fellow membership category for PQE
5	PR & Marketing Committee Report
5.1	AD detailed the initial questions prepared for an hourly rates survey for membership, council discussed the pro's and cons of offering the questionnaire in person at conference v an online survey – CC will share similar survey questions collated for conference. It was decided that HR survey will be asked of both ACL members and CLSB prior to conference.
5.2	AD reported on a successful regional meeting in London in July, planning another in November. JR requested CC to contact appropriate London members who may want to host / own the London regional meetings. KK confirmed another Newcastle meeting for early Sept and another for Nov/Dec and suggested we invite Master James or another from the SCCO to talk on CoP 'view from the bench' for the next CoP SiG meeting.
6	Policy Committee Report
6.1	KK detailed the formal ACL response submitted for the CLSB Code of Conduct consultation and intent to submit a response for the CLSB PC 2024 consultation.

6.2	KK confirmed intent to respond to the upcoming FRC Consultation due 8 th September 2023. Council discussed and it was decided to survey membership for responses to be collated by the ACL for submission. This is to be combined with a Town Hall event on 4 th September to provide members with an opportunity for full discussion.
6.3	KK reported on a request from the LSB for the ACL to collaborate on upcoming consumer protection / complaints procedures review.
7	Education Report
7.1	LR confirmed numbers for September 2023 intake: <i>redacted due to confidentiality</i> .
7.2	CC detailed request from HTG for assistance from ACL in the overall promotion of the CL profession. JR confirmed this was already within the Business Plan and will be further prioritised following the launch of the new website and application for Chartered Status.
8	Finance & Internal Policy Committee Report
8.1	SA summarised a report on investments requested from Nucleus <i>redacted due to confidentiality</i> . They advise transferring underperforming funds in property investments to a more profitable fund.
8.2	SA advised any funds sold / transferred will be liable for Capital Gains Tax at 19-25%
8.3	SA has implemented an annual review with Nucleus for the Treasurer / Finance / HoO to evaluate fund performance.
9	Operations Report
9.1	CC detailed venue choices for London, Council concluded a preference for Leonardo St Paul's, CC to negotiate terms of moving event if industrial action announced for 20/10.
9.2	CC sought approval on spend for member give-away for conference, approved by Council.
9.3	CC asked for clarification on branding of Qualification Certificates, Council suggest these stay as ACL as registered with LSB and reinforces connection with the Association.
10	Any other business & Date of next meeting
10.1	There being no further business the meeting ended at 11:55 Next meeting is scheduled for 29 August 2023, 10:00 to 12:00 via Teams.