

Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting
held on 25th April
 Pizza Express, Salford Quays



Council members present: Jack Ridgway (JR), David Bailey-Vella (DBV), Stephen Averill (SA), Kris Kilsby (KK), Julian Caddick (JC), Victoria Morrison-Hughes (VMH), Stephanie McBride (SM) & Amy Dunkley (AD)

Also present: Carol Calver (CC) Head of Operations & Jo George (JG) Operations Administrator

The meeting started at 19:00

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
1.1	Apologies were received from Laura Rees. JR welcomed all to the meeting.
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 26 March 2024
2.1	It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of 26 March 2024 were an accurate reflection of the meeting. It was agreed that items 4.3, 5.3, 7.3, 7.4 & 8.2 should be redacted / partially redacted before publishing on the website.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 26 March 2024
3.1	Actions were reviewed and updated.
4	Chairman's Report
4.1	JR informed Council of Laura Rees intent to step down from Council early (term ends Dec 24) due to work commitments. Laura will officially leave Council on 31/04. DBV to assist with Education until new Council member appointed.
4.2	JR confirmed Council terms ending for VMH & DBV mid-June. Operations to go out to members for Council Member nominations x 3 with intention to have new Council in place no later than 01/06.
4.3	JR discussed with Council the potential of offering honorary membership to retired members of the SCCO – Campbell & McCloud and possible President membership to members of the CJC – Birss, Rowly and/or Gordon-Saker. Operations to confirm previous roles have expired before invitations offered.
5	PR & Marketing Committee Report
5.1	DBV detailed conference specifics to Council ahead of Annual Manchester Costs Conference the following day.
6	Policy Committee Report
6.1	KK detailed to Council the intent to form a working party from members to fully respond to the CJC consultation of Third-Party Funding. Council gave full agreement, with Policy Committee to manage. VMH suggested particular focus on litigation funding from client perspective.

7	Education Committee Report
7.1	<i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
7.2	CC confirmed cost of putting 1 x student through the ACL Training course has been confirmed <i>redacted due to confidentiality.</i> Operations will work with Finance to review scholarship outlay from investment funds.
8	Finance & Internal Policy Committee Report
8.1	SA confirmed the investment fund value continues to fluctuate but sees no cause for concern.
9	Operations Report
9.1	CC detailed to Council the availability of venue in Leeds for 2024 following cancellation of LAG Seminar late 2023 – CC to liaise with ACLT and Council to ensure use of during 2024.
10	Any other business
10.1	n/a
11	Date of next meeting
11.1	Next meeting is 28 th May, via Teams. 10am to 12 midday There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:05