

## Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting

held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

19:00, Leonardo Royal Hotel, London City EC3N 2BQ



Council members present: Jack Ridgway (JR), David Bailey-Vella (DBV), Kris Kilsby (KK), Stephen Averill (SA)  
Also present: Carol Calver (CC) Head of Operations  
Jo George (JG) Operations Administrator

The meeting started at 11:00

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies
1.1	Apologies were received from Julian Caddick, Amy Dunkley, Victoria Morrison-Hughes & Nathan Cameron. JR welcomed all to the meeting.
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
2.1	It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of 3 September 2024 were an accurate reflection of the meeting. It was agreed that items 4.1, 4.2, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 & 9.4 should be redacted / partially redacted before publishing on the website.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 3 September 2024
3.1	Actions were reviewed and updated.
4	Chairman's Report
4.1	JR fed back to Council on the results of the second member consultation on proposed changes to Articles and By-Laws with there being no major concerns from the members who responded.  DBV will work to suggest who might legally check over both the proposed Articles and By-Laws before putting to a full membership vote late November.
5	PR & Marketing Committee Report
5.1	As neither AD or NC were able to attend the meeting a brief discussion regarding final plans for the London Costs Conference the following day took place, with confirmation of speaker timings, movements and event set up.
6	Policy Committee Report
6.1	KK advised Council that the CLSB had informed us of a delay in petitioning Costs Lawyers eligibility for Judicial Appointments due to the change in Government. The CLSB will continue to drive this forward and will feed back accordingly.
7	Education Committee Report
7.1	DBV detailed that a full ACLT update would be circulated to Council early November for full discussion at the next meeting.
8	Finance & Internal Policy Committee Report
8.1	SA detailed that investments continue to grow.

8.2	<i>Redacted due to confidentiality.</i>
9	Operations Report
9.1	CC asked Council for consideration and suggestion a member specific benefit, one that is only directly beneficial to the member themselves. CC is keen to offer such benefit(s) to encourage more members from large costs lawyer firms where only one Cost Lawyer is a member of the ACL.
9.2	CC asked if Council could determine the dates of Conferences in advance to allow Operations to negotiate a multi venue, multi year price deal with a provider. The second Friday in May (to avoid Easter and 1 <sup>st</sup> BH) and the first Friday in November (to avoid SCCO clash and school/university timings) were suggested.
10	Any other business
10.1	There being no other business, the meeting ended at 19:55
11	Date of next meeting
11.1	Next meeting November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10am via Teams