

**Minutes of Meeting of Legal Aid Special Interest Group Committee held on
Tuesday 14th May 2019 – 8pm to 9.20pm**

Present: Bob Baker
Steve Jepson
Paul Seddon
Rachel Perkins
Charlotte Flanders

Apologies: Fran Rigo

1. LAPG committee/ACL working group

PS confirmed he had agreed to be co-opted onto the LAPG committee (or formally stand at the AGM) which would happen in October 2019.

However, CF advised that she had not been successful on being accepted to the ACL working group. BB wished it to be noted that once the initial report has been received and considered, depending on its contents regarding cases particularly common to those funded under legal aid, it may be worth pointing out that CF was willing to work on the group **(AP1)**.

2. CL articles

SJ confirmed that CF's article re the March seminar should be in the next edition, and that it would be a good advert for the September seminar.

SJ also confirmed that he would be writing articles on criminal costs for future editions.

It was also suggested that PS do an article the new VHCC position **(AP2)**.

3. CCCG/SPG dates

BB will be attending CCCG on 15.5.19, SPG on 26.6.19 and CCCG 10.7.19. BB and PS had a discussion regarding points to raise at the CCCG on 15.5.19 and BB confirmed that he would report following his attendance (post meeting note – BB has since reported)

4. ICAs

BB confirmed he had written to E Drucker who believed that our proposal was a good one. However, he had heard nothing further and therefore agreed to continue to email her periodically **(AP3)**.

5. CCFS

PS gave an update – during the meeting CF drafted an email for circulation to the LAG membership. Post meeting note – this has now been circulated by DP, and the LAA have published the updated guidance.

6. Autumn seminar

DP to circulate “save the date” and booking information.

Speakers and timetable were agreed as follows:

10.00-11.00	Welcome/Claire Green – Vision of the ACL
11.00-11.15	Coffee

11.15-13.00 Jennifer James – electronic bill and detailed assessment
 13.00-14.00 Lunch
 Incl SB/RD drop in session
 14.00-17.00 LAA – AI/SB/RD
 To include 15 mins coffee break and Q&A

This would provide 5.5 hours CPD.

CG/JJ to liaise and arrange for 2 advocates for the DA session

SJ agreed to speak to Rebecca Bidwell about speaking at spring 20 seminar as there were concerns that we actually had too much content and did not wish to run over like in March.

DP to book hotel rooms for committee members – BB to email FR **(AP4)**.

7. AOB

None.

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 16th July at 8pm

Actions from this meeting		Owner	By when
AP1	Considering working group report from a LA viewpoint		
AP2	VHCC article for CL	PS	
AP3	Email ED re ICA position	BB	Periodically
AP4	Book hotel rooms/FR to confirm whether room required	BB/DP	