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This includes:

- Guidance
- Publications
- Reports
- Member's Handbook
- Model Terms of Engagement

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From the Chairman



Since my last 'From the Chairman', we have entered our year of celebrating The Academy's 25th Anniversary, commencing with a very well attended Drinks Reception hosted by our President, Lord Saville.

The year promises to have some high profile speakers at additional events throughout 2013, and I am delighted to report that we have secured (as the speaker for the Construction lecture) Mr Justice Akenhead, Head of the Technology and Construction Court, who has agreed to address The Academy on Tuesday 5th March, so please 'save the date'. Further details will be published in the New Year.

Hot on the heels of the Drinks Reception, we had the President's Dinner on 7 November at the now familiar and very well appointed Butcher's Hall. As has become the norm, it was a sell-out event, clearly enjoyed by all, with some very high profile guests including the Chief Executive of the Society for the Environment, President of CILEx, Vice Chairman Elect of the Bar Council, President of the Law Society, President of the ICAEW and Chairman of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and we took the opportunity to present a small token to all attendees in celebration of our 25 years. It was also at this Dinner that The Academy made the award of Companionship of The Academy to Augustus Ullstein QC, in recognition of his considerable and distinguished service to The Academy, principally in his capacity as Chairman of the Fellows Vetting Committee, but also in other contributions that he has made over the years; we sincerely congratulate him.

The Website.....

The commencement of our 25th Anniversary year was also the launch of the new website, and I am delighted to showcase it here. I have specifically counselled views on it from some of my solicitor contacts (as users of experts) and it has received some very welcome comments indeed. There is no doubt that it is a significant improvement and it promises to be a very useful facility for our members, as well as users of experts.

I commend it to all of you and, in particular,

every member who does not have an internet register entry should give very serious thought to drafting an entry. In fact, my opinion is that is it an absolute 'must' and the cost of the entry is quite probably the best value indirect and direct marketing of your services that you will experience.

There are three levels to the register; in the spirit of the Olympic Year, these are Bronze, Silver and Gold, with corresponding increases in the 'marketing' facilities available to you on the register. I am also hopeful that The Academy, through its Council members, will be taking steps to increase marketing and this will necessarily include the online facility.

For those of you who do have an entry, you

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should give strong consideration to upgrading your entry to either Silver or Gold categories. And should you

Quote of the Month:

“An expert is someone who has succeeded in making decisions and judgements simpler through knowing what to pay attention to and what to ignore.”

**Edward de Bono –
Maltese Physician**

need any further encouragement, you will be pleased to hear that there have already been many members who have upgraded and (within the first month since the launch) over 25 members previously without an internet register entry have seen sense and joined.

In summary, the internet register is a not-to-be-missed facility for all members. It is open to you to sell yourselves as experts at a very modest cost and I hope that steps will be taken shortly to market its existence in the public domain to help people find you as their expert of choice.

SCL Report on Expert Evidence

My final point is a request..... You will have seen in previous editions of Update that the Society of Construction Law is currently gathering data on the use of experts and issues relating to expert evidence. There is a questionnaire on the

SCL website, and I make a final request, if you have not yet looked at it, to please do so and provide your thoughts. You do not need to be an SCL member, but you will need to login, only so that certain useful data can be collected for the survey; it will not be used for marketing or bombarding you with spam emails. It is possible to complete it in stages and save your data between visits. Your comments will be genuinely welcomed.

It leaves me with this final thought as we approach the close of the year. What a remarkable year the UK has experienced. We have much to do and much to look forward to in 2013, and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous and enjoyable New Year.

**Richard Swan
Chairman
December 2012**

Internet Register

Do's and Don'ts

The new website has given members the ability to edit their own contact details and 'Brief CV/snapshot'. Members have been eagerly taking advantage of this excellent facility with varying results so we have put together a small guidance note.

The full note will shortly be available on the website in the member section - a short summary is shown below.

In general your snapshot should be a prose section of 150/300/450 words giving a rounded description of your expertise and experience. Details such as address and qualifications are listed separately.

Do:

- Describe the work you do.
- Describe your Expert Witness Experience.
- List any notable cases you have been involved with if they are no longer live and in the public domain.
- Be extremely careful if you quote praise you have received ie 'Mr Smith is an excellent Expert'.

Do not:

- Put your qualifications in - they are already shown separately.
- Put in your address - these are already shown separately
- Put in contact details of third parties as this may cause data protection issues.



Compliance

By following these guidelines for the snapshot we can ensure that the website has a consistent look and feel and that TAE can be confident that members are keeping within the range of their TAE Accreditation.

All member entries and endorsements will be moderated by TAE prior to going live on the website to ensure compliance.

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of The Annual General Meeting held at 3 Gray's Inn Square, Gray's Inn, London, WC1 on Wednesday 10th October 2012

Present:

R Swan – Chairman, in the Chair and Members

Apologies:

The President, Vice Presidents, Messrs Allen, Bacon, Bayram, Britten, Burrell, Djanogly, Gardner, Hannaford, McArdle, Rowe, Turner.

The Chairman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

1 Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 12th October 2011

The minutes of the AGM were adopted and signed by the Chairman

2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was circulated at the meeting. The Chairman highlighted a number of points from his report and in particular the website development and also the 25th anniversary celebrations which were commencing this evening.

The Chairman thanked all those who had been involved in the work to date and ensuring that The Academy was in good health.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Executive, Dominic Stanton and David Wilton for all the work they undertake and the professional manner in which it is done.

Andrew Mainz stated that he believed that the ICAEW Scheme had been very effective and thanks should be recorded to all those who been involved in its success so far.

There being no questions the report was adopted at the meeting. The full report will be published in the next edition of 'update' (see 'update' volume 20 issue 04)

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts which showed a small surplus on the year even though there had been an increase in expenditure primarily as a result of a rent increase.

The accounts were adopted by the meeting nem con.

5 To appoint the Auditors for the year 2012-2013

The Chairman stated that the Executive would like to propose Greenaways as the auditors for the coming year. They had completed the last few audits for the Academy. These had been done efficiently and at less cost than in previous years. It was agreed by the meeting that Greenaways be reappointed as auditors.

6 Election of Officers

The Chief Executive stated that nominations had been received as follows:

Chairman	Richard Swan
Deputy Chairman	Sam Narula
Vice Chairman	Kathryn Britten
Treasurer	Ben Johnson
Secretary	Charles Gardner

They were declared elected unopposed.

The Executive recommends that the following be appointed as Vice Chairman with specific responsibilities:

Mark Roe	Faculty of Mediation & ADR
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7 Election of Council Members

The Chief Executive declared that there were four vacancies for Council and 6 nominations had been received. A postal ballot had been held and in alphabetical order the following were duly elected.

- Sue Bayram
- Paul Burrell
- Andrew Farrer
- Chris McArdle

8 Subscriptions

Council had considered the matter of subscriptions and were mindful of the current economic climate and it was their recommendation that they should now be increased by not more than 5% rounded. In addition those paying by direct debit will continue to be offered a discount. This was agreed.

9 Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked all retiring members of Council for their contribution.

The meeting closed.

TAE ExpertSearch

Are you online yet?

Bronze £60

Silver £90

Gold £150

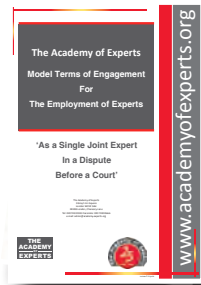


DIARY, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New terms of engagement for Single Joint Experts

Following on from the launch of the new Model Terms of Engagement for Party Appointed Experts the new Model Term for Single Joint Experts were formally launched on 14th November.

The new Terms are available in the member resources area of the website and in hard copy for sending to Solicitors and instructing parties from the online store.



store.academyofexperts.org

Intellectual Property Office

The Intellectual Property office has recently published a response in relation to the Call for Evidence on its Mediation Service. It states that they will:

- continue to offer its Mediation Service and will effect changes by March 2013 to increase its appeal and value to SMEs for resolving IP disputes;
- undertake a further short informal review of the Service in late 2014 to consider the effect of any changes;
- work with stakeholders and across Government to ensure a coordinated approach to increasing the use of mediation to resolve IP disputes.

www.justice.gov.uk/publications/policy/moj/family-justice-review-response

Hong Kong Mediation Ordinance will come into effect on 1st January 2013

The Mediation Ordinance provides a regulatory framework to remove impediments to the development of mediation - among other things to give statutory effect (in addition to any contractual or "without prejudice" considerations) to the confidential nature of "any mediation communication" made before, during or after a mediation.



The Ordinance applies to mediations conducted wholly or partly in Hong Kong or where the agreement to mediate is governed by Hong Kong law. The Ordinance also applies to the Hong Kong Government and its statutory bodies.

Evening Meetings 13th February

It's all well and good being the world's best expert, but if nobody knows, you will not be appointed.

At this meeting Chris McArdle will be sharing some of the techniques and approaches that can be used to successfully market an expert practice in the UK and overseas.

13th March

Disciplinary Action - Tips from Counsel - How to Avoid it Happening to You and If it happens ... How to Deal with it.

Chairman's Lunch RAF Club, Piccadilly Friday 25th January 2013

The Lunch will see Richard Swan MAE in his second year as Chairman.

A registration form for the lunch is available from the member's website - alternatively - call the TAE office to register.



December

Wednesday - Thursday	5-6	Commercial Mediation - Assessment
Thursday - Friday	13-14	Law & Procedure
Friday	21	TAE Office Closes for Xmas
Tuesday	25	Christmas Day

January

Tuesday	1	New Year's Day
Wednesday	2	TAE Office Re-opens
Tuesday	22	Into Court
Friday	25	Seminar - TWYTW 2012
Friday	25	Chairman's Lunch
Wednesday - Thursday	30-31	Foundation Course

February

Tuesday - Wednesday	12-13	Law & Procedure Course
Wednesday	13	Evening Meeting
Tuesday - Wednesday	19-20	Expert Determination Course

March

Tuesday	5	25 Anniversary Lecture - Construction
Wednesday	13	Evening Meeting
Friday	29	Expert Determination Assessment Deadline
Friday	29	Good Friday

April

Monday	1	Easter Monday
Wednesday	10	Evening Meeting
Tuesday	16	Into Court Course

See www.academyofexperts.org for more dates

Key to events:

- Academy Courses
- Academy Events & Meetings
- External/Joint/Supported Events

Unless otherwise shown all courses/meetings will be held in London