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'update'

From the Chairman



As Chairman it is pleasing to note that The Academy has enjoyed another successful year of operation. Over 2018 The Academy has both hosted a series of interesting members events and participating in events hosted by others. In addition to this there has been a steady influx of new members throughout the year and The Academy's finances remain sound.

In January the Chairmen's Lunch was well attended and provided a good start to the year and my role as Chairman. Following this we have been involved in a number of events to both promote The Academy and its members. As an organisation supporting experts it is important for The Academy to maintain a presence in the wider community of professionals and this year The Academy has provided presentations on Expert Witness issues to the London Branch of the Welding Institute, the Network of Independent Forensic Accountants and the Baltic Exchange. These presentations were well received, and further presentations were requested for other branches.

The Academy has also been participating in wider events with other professional bodies related to expert work. These have included the EuroExpert Symposium in Lisbon which was looking at Experts in the digital era. The Academy also attended the Forensic Science Regulators Conference in Birmingham, ICAEW

Forensic Group Conference and the BMA Medicolegal Conference.

For our own members The Academy has hosted a series of Evening Meetings which have been presented by a number of eminent speakers. In February Lord Justice Hickinbottom spoke about the roles of the judge and the expert providing 'A view from the bench'. This was an interesting talk providing some useful insights into the litigation process. Following this in March Robert Cosgrove, a former prosecutor and Managing Partner of Wade Clark Mulcahy's, talked about the differences in how experts are used in the US. In May we had a very different talk from Richard Mullender, a hostage negotiator with experience in highly critical circumstances, who explained how important listening is.



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On a more social basis The Academy attended the Treasurer's Reception at Gray's Inn this year which was to the normal high standard. As a less formal evening meeting The Academy also

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From the Chairman continued

held a Gin Tasting event. This evening was very well supported and very informative. It was also highly enjoyable, even for those of us who were not gin drinkers prior to the event.

In the middle of the year The President's Dinner was hosted by Lord Saville at the Pewterers' Hall and The Academy were pleased to welcome a number of prominent guests for the occasion. We were lucky with the weather for meeting in the garden and the excellent dinner made it highly enjoyable for both members and guests.

One of the real challenges for the year has been the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations, GDPR, which introduced a completely new system for handling personal data. The need for compliance with new concepts and requirements was very taxing and many thanks to the Team at Gray's Inn for wrestling with new concepts and terminology to ensure that The Academy achieved suitable standards in a timely manner.

Other activities in which The Academy members have participated include the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators Mediation Competition in January and The Academy held a training course in Belfast plus an evening meeting with Mr Justice Horner which was very well attended.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive, Council and the Team at Gray's Inn for their help and support over the past year in keeping The Academy on track. There are always many tasks to be carried out to ensure the smooth running of The Academy and developing it for the future.

Following the recent AGM and my re-election as Chairman for a second term in office I look forward to some of the new challenges that we need to deal with, such as developing a new web site and improving our social media profile.

**Eur Ing Simon Clarke
Chairman
November 2018**

Catch Up with Evening Meetings Online

Marketing Your Mediation Practice

Meeting Held On:
Wednesday, 7 December, 2016



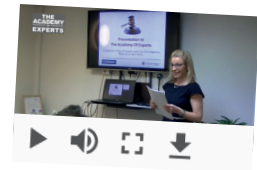
Online Dispute Resolution

Meeting Held On:
Wednesday, 13 July, 2016



Jackson Reforms from a Solicitor's Perspective

Meeting Held On:
Wednesday, 15 April, 2015



Hosted by Simpson Millar LLP, Lisa Swales, a Solicitor at the firm, spoke to members and guests (including Lord

Courts to pilot more flexible hours for the benefit of the public



People may no longer need to take an entire day off work to attend court and those with caring responsibilities could find it easier to fit in hearings at the beginning or end of a day.

The pilot has been announced by the government today (16 November 2018) following feedback from legal professionals across the country. As a result of this feedback, flexible operating hours are not being piloted in criminal courts.

Two courts in Manchester and Brentford

will run the pilots for six months, testing whether civil and family buildings can be used more effectively; the benefits of making it possible for people to attend court outside of the traditional 10am – 4pm sitting day; and what more flexibility means for staff and legal professionals.

Justice Minister, Lucy Frazer said:

We want to make our courts and tribunals more accessible to the public. This pilot assesses whether and how we can give people greater flexibility in their busy lives.

We listened carefully to the views of legal professionals and others before going ahead, and as a result flexible operating hours are not being piloted in criminal courts. We will now test different options relating to operating hours in two civil and family courts and an independent evaluation will be carried out before any decisions are made about further roll-out.

The Government is investing more than £1bn to reform courts and tribunals with the aim of making it as simple and straightforward as possible for people who come into contact with the justice system.

In October 2017, a Pilots Prospectus was published which sought feedback on proposals for early and late court sittings before the pilots began.

Case types proposed for inclusion in the pilots announced today were chosen following input from the legal sector and local judiciary, and views of court users and professionals will be taken in to account in the evaluation. A full evaluation will be conducted by an independent organisation.

The effect on Experts is not yet clear but for those juggling a professional practice with expert witness work this could be a positive move.

Minutes of 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 2018

Present: S Clarke – Chairman, in the Chair and Members

Apologies: The President, Vice Presidents, Messrs Allen, Ballamy, Bayram, Canham, Cock, Dan, Espinasse, Gardner-Thorpe, Groux, Kelly, McReath, Maunder-Taylor, Newman, Rowe, Sherlock, Skilton, and Walbridge.

The Chief Executive welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

1 Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 11th October 2017

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 stated that over the course of the year a number of reports had been published in 'update'. The next edition of 'update' would also have a report on the year. There were no questions to the Chairman.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts and reported that it has been a strong year for The Academy which had seen an increase in reserves. It was noted that on page 5 of the audited accounts there was a typographical error and that the balance sheet was for the year ended 28th February 2018 and not 2017 as stated. The Chief Executive was requested to have the auditors make the appropriate amendment. There were no questions to Treasurer.

The adoption of the annual accounts was proposed and they were adopted by the meeting nem con.

5 To appoint the Auditors for the year 2018-2019

The Treasurer 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. The meeting agreed nem con that Greenaways be reappointed as auditors.

6 Election of Officers

The Secretary stated that nominations had been received as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairman	Simon Clarke
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They were declared elected unopposed.

7 Election of Council Members

The Secretary stated that there were 4 vacancies for Council. 3 nominations had been received at the close of nominations. The following were duly elected.

- Fiona Hotston Moore
- Dave Owen
- Shaun Walbridge

The Secretary stated that there was one vacancy and after the close of nominations Kieran Dineen had submitted a nomination. There being no other nominations Dr Dineen was duly elected.

8 Subscriptions

Council had considered the matter of subscriptions. It was Council's recommendation that the annual subscription should be increased by not more than 5% rounded. This was agreed.

9 Any Other Business

The Chairman thanked all members of the Council and in particular those retiring from office for their contribution over the last year.

The meeting closed.

DIARY, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Evening Meetings

12th December

The Disclosure Pilot Scheme – What it means for experts

David Bridge

From 1 January 2019 the Disclosure Pilot Scheme will apply to most proceedings in the Business and Property Courts across England and Wales. This marks a dramatic change to the approach of the courts to the way in which parties will be ordered to disclose contemporaneous documents to each other, aimed at reducing the scope of searches parties will have to carry out and reducing the costs of an exercise that, in the era of electronic data, has become what often proves to be the single biggest cost of civil litigation.

Traveling Scholarship

The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators invites applications for two Travelling Scholarships each of £5,000.00 (or more if a suitable case can be made) to enable the recipients to travel to Hong Kong in order to investigate aspects of the Private Dispute Resolution process in that part of the world and to report back to the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators by way of a paper which will be published by WCA once approved.

Applications are invited from private dispute resolution practitioners and academics at any stage of their career who have links to the dispute resolution community in London and the UK.

Membership Renewals

Membership Renewals fall annually on 1st March. Now in November we are still making calls and sending statements to outstanding members. This is a costly and time consuming process.

- Members paying by Direct Debit receive a discount
- If you are not intending to renew please do let us know
- Membership subscriptions can be offset against UK tax

TEDR - War Stories

The next edition of The Expert and Dispute Resolver is nearing completion. In the last edition we started a new section drawing on Members' experiences. This has met with great success and will be continuing in the next edition.

If you have an interesting story that other Members would be interested in hearing please drop us a line.

Diary Dates

November	
Monday-Tuesday	5-6 ➤ Foundation Course (2 Days)
Wednesday	7 ➤ Council Meeting
Thursday	8 ➤ ICAEW Forensic Conference
Wednesday	14 ➤ Role & Responsibilities - Hong Kong
Thursday	15 ➤ The Expert's Report - Hong Kong
Tuesday	20 ➤ Into Court
Tuesday	20 ➤ Member Drinks - Hong Kong
Wednesday	21 ➤ Going Into Court - Hong Kong
December	
Wednesday	12 ➤ Evening Meeting
Thursday	20 ➤ Gray's Inn Hall closes for Lunch
Friday	21 TAE Office Closes
Tuesday	25 Christmas Day
January	
Tuesday	1 New Year's Day
Wednesday	2 TAE Office Reopens
Tuesday	8 ➤ Gray's Inn Hall reopens for Lunch
Monday-Tuesday	21-22 ➤ Foundation Course (2 Days)
Friday	25 ➤ Seminar TWYTW
Friday	25 ➤ Chairman's Lunch
February	
Wednesday	6 ➤ Into Court
Wednesday	13 ➤ Evening Meeting

Unless otherwise shown all courses/meetings will be held in London
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➤ Academy Courses
➤ Academy Events & Meetings
➤ External/Joint/Supported Events



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25th January 2019