

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty first Annual General Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Law Society will take place during
the Day Conference at the St Bride's Institute, Fleet Street
on **Saturday 17th March 2018** at noon
for the transaction of the following business

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To approve the Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 1st April 2017 (attached).
3. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Society.
4. To receive a report on the finances of the Society (independently examined Accounts to 30th June 2017).
5. To elect a Committee:

The total number of members of the Committee shall not exceed seventeen. Candidates shall each be proposed and seconded by members of the Society and shall be elected by a vote amongst those members present and voting at the annual meeting. Candidates may be proposed and seconded at the meeting. However, the printed ballot paper will include the names only of those candidates whose nominations are received by the Secretary on or before 12th March 2018. The ballot paper will include blank spaces for electors to write in the names of any additional candidates for whom they wish to vote. In addition, candidates are invited to produce a short election address (no longer than 300 words on one side of A 4 paper). If the Secretary receives candidates' election addresses by 12th March 2018 these will be copied and given out to members attending with their conference papers. Candidates who produce an election address after this date should bring sufficient copies with them to circulate at the meeting

- (a) To elect the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year, viz.:- the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Treasurer.
 - (i) election of Chairman: The Worshipful Professor Mark Hill QC offers himself for election.
 - (ii) election of Vice-Chairman: The Revd Canon John Rees offers himself for election.
 - (iii) election of Secretary: Mrs Elizabeth Wilson offers herself for election.
 - (iv) election of Deputy Secretary: Benjamin Harrison offers himself for election.
 - (v) election of Treasurer: Darren Oliver offers himself for election.

- (b) To elect three members to the General Committee for an ensuing three-year term. The Ven Simon Baker and Judge Mark Emerton retire by rotation and offer themselves for election.
6. The Committee is looking to convert the Society into a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). This was approved at last year's AGM. Incorporation will involve setting up a new CIO and transferring the Society's assets, contracts, employee, liabilities and activities to the new CIO, and then dissolving the Society in accordance with article 15 of its Constitution. A copy of the proposed constitution for the new CIO is attached. It is proposed to apply to the Charity Commission for the registration of the CIO on the basis of the proposed constitution, but the Committee will need some flexibility in case, for example, the Charity Commission asks us to make any changes to it. The AGM is asked to approve the following resolutions:
- (a) **IT IS RESOLVED** to authorise the Committee to apply to the Charity Commission to register the new CIO on the basis of the constitution circulated with the notice of this AGM or with such amendments to it as the Committee reasonably consider to be necessary to secure registration.
- (b) **IT IS RESOLVED** pursuant to article 15 of the Society's constitution to dissolve the Society once the Society has transferred its assets, subject to its liabilities, and its activities to the new CIO, and thereupon to apply to have the Society removed from the Register of Charities.
7. To consider any other resolution of which the Secretary shall have received written notice at least 14 days before the Meeting.
8. To note forthcoming Ecclesiastical Law Society dates:
London Lectures: 3rd July and 10th October 2018 at Winckworth Sherwood, London.
Northern Province Lectures: 24th April (dates are being sought for two more Lectures) at Wrigleys Solicitors LLP, 19 Cookridge Street, Leeds LS2 3AG
Lyndwood Lecture: 7th November 2018 at The Temple Church, London
Residential Conference: 5-7 April 2019 at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor
9. Any other business which the Chairman in his discretion may allow.

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