

2020-06-15

- Meeting start, 20:30
- Agreed that incoming secretary will take minutes
- Apologies for absence: Zoe Martin.
- SC: Any matters arising from existing minutes?
 - No objections from most
 - SC: we haven't had a new system for the AGM.
 - ML: if a report comes in, we potentially need a way to submit them into evidence rather than just taking them by notes - or alternatively, do we want to make a recording?
- Comments from outgoing Chair, Sarah Couling
 - Member since 2013
 - Thanks to outgoing committee for hard work in the last year - especially in the last few months which have been difficult on everybody. Each and everyone has achieved great things for the society.
 - Achievements: set up a new website this year, raised money in the London Legal Walk, revamped mooted workshops and presented across the country, plus running the Gary Slapper competition, and running people. Set up a pro bono project with OU Open Justice.
 - Welcome and congratulations to the new members.
- Laurie, new chair thanks Sarah
- Comments from outgoing Vice Chair, Michael Linnane
 - Shutdown has caused some issues - London Legal Walk has been delayed. It has been successful in fundraising. In the last few years, we have split money between the London Legal Trust, and the Personal Support Unit (PSU). Happy to continue running the Legal Walk this year, or pass it over to the new Committee.
 - Tom Bingham essay is run with the OU: this has been delayed somewhat by the lockdown. Mike is happy to ensure this is handed over.
 - Wishes best luck to the new committee, and offers help going forward.
 - Mike to follow up with Chair regarding emails and so on.
- Comments from outgoing Secretary, Elizabeth Walker
 - Few comments to add.
- Comments from Treasurer, Mikko Tamminen
 - Current cash balance is healthy - £5,500 in PayPal. Waiting for about £2,700 from the OU.
 - As no new treasurer was elected, Mikko is happy to continue until there is a new treasurer.

- We do not currently have a Systems Manager.
 - SC is happy to continue working on the responsibilities of the Systems Manager.
- Comments from News Editor, Victoria-Jayne Scholes
 - Increase in traffic to web, emails etc.
 - VJS has been trying to make dispatch of the monthly email newsletter more regular.
- Comments from outgoing News Reporters
 - Laurie: advice to news reporters—try and find things to discuss, and plan ahead.
 - Karen: no further comments to add
- Outgoing Scotland Officer and Careers Coordinator not present.
 - SC will contact ZM about careers role. VJS to also contact ZM with some contacts and resources regarding careers role.
- Comments from outgoing Master of Moots, Harrie Austin-Jones
 - Laurie in final for BPP; HAJ and EG in finals for [didn't catch]
 - Advice to incoming: try to get a team for the ICCA/OUP moot
 - Two competitions: the novice competition, and the Gary Slapper.
 - HAJ did it at Lincoln's Inn, happy to handover contacts. Better to host in an Inn of Court.
 - Mooting workshops: reconsider the locations - we didn't have many in Scotland (9-10 people) vs. 30+ in London. Manchester was fine. Reconsider whether Scotland is worthwhile.
 - HAJ happy to come back and judge competitions. Handover has started with new mooting coordinators.
- Matters arising from reports
 - ML: You can get a Supreme Court judge to judge a competition (but you can't get external sponsors). It has been a few years since we got the slot, so you may want to give it a try.
 - ML: Consider using ULaw facilities—arrangement is due to still be in place for one more year.
 - LK: I want to focus on mooting, as well as Street Law.
 - EW: Street Law follow up at the next meeting.
 - SC: happy to pass over Street Law.
- Any Other Business
 - SC: existing roles, please provide handover to new committee.
 - SC: I've got hoodies and merchandise (as does EG), needs to be handed over to new committee.
 - MT: grant deadline for OU money is July 31 - if you have ideas for applying for OU grants, pass ideas on to LK.
 - LK: Need to decide on next meetings.
 - ML: Look into working out a sensible election system. You need to have a registered data officer.

- SC: Will hand over data protection and security stuff.
- ML, LK: Need to work on student engagement.
- Gareth Jones: happy to work on engagement between OULS and OUSA.
- Meeting concluded, 21:33.