

THE GUERNSEY BAR

MINUTES

Of the Annual General Meeting of the Guernsey Bar held at the Dorey Room, St James' Concert and Assembly Hall, St Peter Port Guernsey on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 4.00pm

PRESENT:

Sarah Brehaut (Bâtonnier) (**SB**)
Simon Howitt (Deputy Bâtonnier) (**SH**)
Anthony Williams (Treasurer) (**AW**)
Alasdair Davidson (**AD**)
Christian Hay (**CH**)
Gordon Dawes (**GD**)
Robin Gist (**RG**)

In person:

Tom Carpenter
Adam Cole
Robin Cowling
Thomas Cutts-Watson
Simon Davies
Oliver Fattorini
Candy Fletcher
Catherine Fooks
Chris Green
Louise Hall
Jason Hill
Simon Howitt
Chris Jones
Tony Lane
Hollie Le Cras
Alan Merrien
Matthew Newman
Mark Priaulx
Megan Pullum
Catherine Rabey
Mike Riddiford
Julia Schaeffer
Sam Shires
William Simmonds
William Simpson
James Tee
David Thompson
Laurent Thibeault
Robert Titterington
Alison Wood

By Proxy:

Annette Alexander
Jon Barclay
Chantal Barrett
Gemma Campbell
Edwina Casebow
Paul Chanter
Russell Clark

Craig Cordle
Tim Corfield
Rachel De La Haye
Bryan De Verneuil-Smith
Piers Dereham
Sam Dingle
Konrad Friedlaender
Simon Geall
Elaine Gray
Rachel Guthrie
Alex Horsbrugh-Porter
Karen Hill-Tout
Chris Hutley-Hurst
Christopher Jones
David Jones
Natasha Kapp
Jeremy Le Tissier
Marcus Leese
Wendy Lewis
Charisma Lyall
Sara Mallett
Ben Morgan
Patricia Montgomery
Victoria Pratt
Adrian Sarchet
John Scanlan
Allan Skirrow
Lisa Upham
Sarah Wallis

CHAIRMAN: SB chaired the meeting.

WELCOME: SB welcomed those present and the meeting was declared quorate with the requisite percentage of the practising Bar in attendance in person or by proxy.

1. APOLOGIES: **Received from:**
Andrew Boyce
Tom Carey
Kathryn Christie
Sara Collins
Elizabeth Couch
David Crosland
Rachel Donaldson
Mark Dunster
Christopher Edwards
John Greenfield
Ben Havard
Andrew Laws
Nick Le Poidevin
Tonia Leigh-Morgan
Sarah Martin
Philip Nicol-Gent

Jamie Oldfield
Alison Ozanne
Fredric Raffray
Stephanie Setters
Richard Sharp
Tania Shires
Samuel Steel
Diana Thompson

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM** The minutes of the annual general meeting of the Guernsey Bar held on Thursday 15 October 2019 were approved. (proposed by Anthony Williams, seconded by Alasdair Davidson).
3. **BÂTONNIER'S REPORT** The Bâtonnier's Report for the year 2018/19 was noted. SB then ran through the contents of her report (incorporated by reference into these minutes) and the following points were made:
 - The Bar levy would remain the same at a rate of £800 per Advocate / £400 per non-practising Advocate.
4. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE GUERNSEY BAR** The accounts prepared by Cleland & Co were noted and approved (proposed by Alasdair Davidson, seconded by Simon Davies). (see also below regarding increased levies).
5. **ELECTION OF AUDITORS** Cleland & Co Limited was elected auditor in accordance with section 11 of the Guernsey Bar (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2011 (proposed by Anthony Williams, seconded by Matthew Newman).
6. **ELECTION OF BÂTONNIER** SB noted that she would be standing down as Bâtonnier and Simon Davies was elected as the new Bâtonnier therefore the position was not contested.
6. **ELECTION OF 7 MEMBERS OF THE BAR COUNCIL** SB noted that only seven candidates had been nominated for eight positions and thus, another candidate needed to be elected.

The following candidates were duly elected to the Bar Council:
 - *Tom Carey*
 - *Gordon Dawes*
 - *Alasdair Davidson*
 - *Gavin Farrell*
 - *Robin Gist*
 - *Christian Hay*
 - *Anthony Williams*
 - *Sarah Brehaut*

SB volunteered to remain on the Bar Council until a candidate from a practice comprising four Advocates or fewer was found to replace her. In accordance with the requirements of rule 19(2) of the Guernsey Bar Rules, 2010.

SB would retire from the Bar Council once such a candidate was found.

At a meeting held directly after the AGM, the Bar Council duly elected Simon Davies as Bâtonnier, Tom Carey as Deputy Bâtonnier, Gordon Dawes as Education Secretary, Anthony Williams as Treasurer, Alasdair Davidson as Website Officer, Christian Hay as Bar Secretary and Robin Gist as Social Secretary.

- 7. TO SET THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE** The proposal to set the amount for which practising members shall maintain insurance cover against their professional liabilities arising from practice for the purpose of rule 32(1) of the Guernsey Bar Rules, 2010 at the unchanged amount of £2,000,000 aggregate cover above any excess was approved (proposed by Anthony Williams, seconded by Sarah Brehaut).
- 8A TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYED ADVOCATES** The proposal to set the amount for which Employed Advocates (i.e. those not employed by law firms) shall maintain insurance cover against their professional liabilities arising from practice for the purpose of rule 32(1) of the Guernsey Bar Rules 2010 be reduced to £0, provided only that the Advocate was satisfied that the employer had adequate insurance or that there was statutory immunity, was proposed, seconded and approved.
- 9. SUBSCRIPTIONS** The Bar levy would remain the same at a rate of £800 per Advocate / £400 per non-practising Advocate.
- 10. AOB** Advocate Dawes thanked SB for her past two years as Bâtonnier and all her hard work in that role.

There being no other business, the meeting thanked SB for all her hard work as Bâtonnier and then concluded at 16:15.



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Simon Davies, Bâtonnier