

GLASGOW BAR ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 3rd February 2020
Minutes

- **Sederunt**
 - Billy Lavelle, Fiona McKinnon, Craig Dewar, Moira Deeney, Alison Heron, Tracey Mulholland, Lindsay Gaughan, Katy Wilson, David Fiskien, Umar Hussain, Scott Adair, Andrew Stevenson

- **Apologies for Absence**
 - Lorna McCann, Michael Gallen, Jim Bauld, Eddie Gilroy

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**
 - Approved
 - Proposed: FM, Seconded: TM

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Accounts in Credit.

- **President's and Chief Executive's Reports (see action points)**
 - Membership
 - **Action:** Sub committee of LM, LG, TM, BL, MD, BL, UH to meet this week to discuss approach
 - **Action:** Continue to next meeting

 - Cells at GSC
 - BL has spoken to the SP about the ongoing issues and has reiterated concerns.
 - MD has raised at the custody court meeting and has been advised that GeoAmey are trying to recruit more staff
 - **Action:** take off agenda

 - Social Ideas
 - Karaoke Night arranged for 21st February and Quiz arranged for 24th April. More ideas will be sought
 - **Action:** Sub committee of MD, FM, LG, TM and KW to meet this week to discuss plan of events for the year.
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting

 - CPD

- Sub Committee has met today and will meet again ASAP for ideas to be finalised
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting
- Practice Note Summary Procedure
 - Only just commenced and as such will be looked at again in 3 - 4 m time
 - **Action:** take off agenda
- Extension of Civil Assize to Hamilton Sheriff court
 - FM will continue to seek views and information in relation to same and will report when appropriate
 - **Action:** take off agenda
- Case Marking and Stats
 - CD is due to meet with PF shortly and will raise then. FM advises some stats on recent article on SLN. A Member has also raised an issue in relation to the receipt of Pleading diet letters; this will be raised with PF too
 - **Action:** CD to raise with PF
 - **Action;** membership to be asked if any other issues to be raised with PF
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting
- Date for next AGM
 - **Action:** Continue to March agenda
 - **Action:** Constitution Committee to meet
- Update Constitution
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- Membership category for those not now practising
 - **Action:** Continue to March agenda
 - **Action:** Constitution Committee to meet
- Staff Contracts
 - Quotes have been obtained in relation to same. Arrangements will be made to speak to same.
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting
- Judgement re Interest on late Payment of Fees for A&A accounts by SLAB
 - Discussion re same. FM has prepared a draft letter in relation to same and has been liaising with those involved in case. She will speak to them again and correspondence will be issued to members.
 - **Action:** continue to next month
- Member's Query re difficulties accessing PF's Office in SC

- **Action:** take off agenda
- TCPD certificate due for renewal
 - MD has submitted the relevant applications for same. 2 separate certificates have been sought
 - **Action:** Continue to next meeting
- Bail Undertakings
 - CD will raise with PF at next meeting and report if appropriate
 - **Action:** take off agenda
- Changes in practice for Civil Practitioners
 - LM has been liaising with the civil office in relation to same. We have been advised that secure email addresses will be required in order for court to send out email copy interlocutors. We will raise with them that this is not the practice in other jurisdictions.
 - **Action:** LM to liaise further
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting
- **Matters Requiring Special Attention**
 - Practice Note Summary Procedure
 - As above
 - Staff Contracts
 - As Above
 - SLAB Duty Scheme
 - We have been consulted in relation to same and DF and LG will consider. RMcK, previous past past President to be approached to assist
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting
 - SLAB Quarterly Meeting
 - We have not had a meeting with SLAB for some time. This was discussed and it was agreed that the practice of same will be resurrected
 - **Action:** SLAB to be contacted re same
- **AOCB**
 - Karaoke night
 - As above
 - GBA Football Team
 - The GBA football team are looking to recruit more players
 - **Action:** MD will create poster and distribute
 - School Mock Court Project

- An email was received from the organiser of same. This is a project that the GBA have participated in over a few years and we are happy to support again
 - **Action:** BL to contact organisation to see what assistance we can provide
 - Climate Change Summit
 - The GBA wish to be at the forefront of same. As a result of the summit, there may be some changes to the court programme. This was also raised by the SP in his meeting with BL. We will continue to keep members advised re same.
 - **Action:** continue to next meeting
- **Current Consultations**
 - None
- **Next Meeting**
 - Monday 2nd March 2020, 1745