

GLASGOW BAR ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020  
Minutes

- **Sederunt**

- Billy Lavelle, Fiona McKinnon, Craig Dewar, Moira Deeney, Alison Heron, Tracey Mulholland, Lindsay Gaughan, Katy Wilson, David Fiskien, Umar Hussain, Andrew Stevenson, Lorna McCann, Michael Gallen, Jim Bauld, Eddie Gilroy

- **Apologies for Absence**

- Scott Adair

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

- Approved
  - Proposed: FMcK, Seconded: AS

- **Treasurer's Report**

Accounts in credit

- **President's and Chief Executive's Reports (see action points)**

- Membership
  - Membership drive, including corporate Membership, is still continuing, MD will continue with this.
  - **Action:** Sub committee of LM, LG, TM, BL, MD, BL, UH to meet
  - **Action:** Continue to next meeting
- Social Ideas
  - The Karaoke Night arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> February has taken place and was successful. There will be no March event. The next event will be the quiz on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Further events will be planned. Discussion in relation to aspects of the GBA Dinner. There will also be a golf outing and an afternoon tea is also being arranged.
  - **Action:** continue to next meeting
- CPD
  - The programme is being finalised. There will be a focus on Solicitor Advocate CPD too.
  - **Action:** EG, MD to meet with MG
  - **Action:** continue to next meeting

- Case Marking and Stats
  - CD and EG met with the PF and raised a number of issues, including Case marking. Information given in relation to case marking stats was vague.
  - Another issue raised, following a member query, was the return of productions. The PF's office is going to consider another system to see if this will assist
  - CWP letters also discussed; PF requested specific examples.
    - **Action:** take off agenda
  
- Date for next AGM
  - **Action:** Continue to April agenda
  - **Action:** Constitution Committee to meet
  
- Update Constitution
  - **Action:** Continue to April agenda
  - **Action:** Constitution Committee to meet
  
- Membership category for those not now practising
  - **Action:** Continue to April agenda
  - **Action:** Constitution Committee to meet
  
- Staff Contracts
  - BL considering information received.
    - **Action:** continue to next meeting
  
- Judgement re Interest on late Payment of Fees for A&A accounts by SLAB
  - The date for appeal has now passed; FMcK will obtain some further information and prepare a note to be circulated to members.
    - **Action:** continue to next month
  
- TCPD certificate due for renewal
  - The two separate certificates applied for have now been awarded, following MD's successful application.
    - **Action:** Take off agenda
  
- Changes in practice for Civil Practitioners
  - LM has been further liaising with the civil office; the information given at this time is that under no circumstances will copy interlocutors be sent by email, except to secure email.
    - **Action:** LM to liaise further
    - **Action:** continue to next meeting
  
- SLAB Duty Scheme
  - We have received no response in relation to this.
    - **Action:** continue to next meeting

- SLAB Quarterly Meeting
    - A date has now been fixed for this for 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Topics for discussion now requested.
      - **Action:** continue to next meeting
  - School Mock Court Project
    - BL had responded to email received from co-ordinator and has received no response
      - **Action:** continue to next meeting
  - Climate Change Summit
    - **Action:** continue to next meeting
- **Matters Requiring Special Attention**
    - Meeting with SLAB 24/03/20
      - As narrated above; a date has been identified and agreed for meeting and topics are requested from members
    - Independent Review of complaints handling
      - We have received a request to meet with person carrying out same. MD will liaise for time / date
        - **Action:** BL, MD, EG to meet
        - **Action:** continue to next meeting
    - Member's Concern
      - A member raised concerns in relation to the lack of running jury courts
        - **Action:** CD will speak to member
    - Concerns re Deferred Sentences
      - **Action:** to monitor
  - **AOCB**
    - Foodbank Donation Drive
      - We have previously organised a foodbank drive which was very successful. This was some time ago. We are going to arrange another, supporting the Glasgow Mosque foodbank.
        - **Action:** drop off point to be set up in common room
        - **Action:** AH and UH to liaise re publicising same
    - GBA Golf Outing 2020
      - The committee approved funds to be put towards the cost of the annual golf outing. An afternoon tea is also being arranged and will be subsidised for GBA members
        - **Action:** continue to next meeting re afternoon tea

- GBA Charity Choice
  - President BL has chosen the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice as his charity of choice for this year. At each of our events, we will be raising money for donation (except at the Quiz, where donations will be made to a charity of choice by the Semple family – i.e. Shelter). We raised £300 at the Karaoke evening. Further updates on fundraising will be given throughout the year.
    - **Action:** Continue to monitor
  
- Card Reader for Payments
  - Discussion around feasibility of getting a card reader for payments. This has been looked at previously where costs proved prohibitive, however, investigations will be made
    - **Action:** FMcK and MD to investigate, LM and JB can submit information in their possession.
    - **Action:** continue to next meeting
  
- Billy Smith
  - Comments made by Mr Smith were recently made known to the committee. The GBA promptly contacted Mr Smith in relation to same, to raise concerns in relation to the content of his comments. An apology was received and has been published in the GBA website. The matter is now resolved.
  
- Andrew Stevenson
  - The serving immediate past president has now stepped down from the committee as he has accepted a role as the Secretary of SLAS.
  
- **Current Consultations**
  - Scottish Sentencing Council
    - Action: BL and LM to investigate
  - Fee Review
    - FMcK recently co-ordinated a response to same
  
- **Next Meeting**
  - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 1745