

GLASGOW BAR ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting
Via Video Conferencing
on
Monday 17 April 2023 @ 5.45pm

MINUTES

- Sederunt – MG, TM, LC, ER, TM, PB, SA, DZ, AL, AH, DF, JM, EG
- Apologies for Absence – PM, JB, LG
- Minutes of Last Meeting – MG proposed, ER seconded.
- Treasurer’s Report – In Credit in main account In Credit in savings Account,
- President’s Report (See Action Points)
 - Custody Court.** Last Tuesday there were issues with the custody court. Access to the cells and delays in case marking main issues. MG wrote to members to ask for specific examples but there has been no response. MG wrote to Sheriff Principal this afternoon to ask what is being done about the issue. SP has previously said they would take on suggestions for us to get greater access to the cells. PB said there was a wait of one hour this afternoon for access to the cells. Court ran until 10pm last Tuesday. Majority of cases are cases which will attract a fixed fee. LC and TM working on case marking and collating the data. Most cases are marked between 2 and 4pm which creates a bottleneck in the cells. TM saying that members are looking to us to address the issues. Paul McCormick has suggested that we decline to appear in cases at 5pm. MG saying that we expect a response from the SP tomorrow. TM and MG suggesting we use the appointment of the new SP to try and create a focus on the issue.
 - SLAB.** We have arranged a zoom consultation with SLAB representative. He has responded to previously allocated questions. TM to chair the meeting.
 - Sheriff Principal’s departure.** GBA will arrange a gift for the SP. New SP will be installed on 19 May 2023.
- **CPD** £1386 made from PM’s CPD. LC has upgraded the Zoom to allow the meeting tomorrow to host over 100 participants. 117 have signed up. Full agenda for the rest of the year. Sheriff Fleming has offered to do CPD for advocacy for newly qualified solicitors or trainees. Criminal Law weekend quote has been provided by Ingliston and a quote has been attached to the email with the link to the CPD.
- **Social Ideas** Karaoke night fixed for June. Another advert can be sent out in May. PF and Sheriff Clerk staff have expressed an interest in participating.
- **LANT Updates.** No further meetings have happened. TM will attend next one.

- **SG Updates** – GBA have two members on the SSBA. MG will be one and office bearers will discuss another member to join it.
- **COPFS Updates** – EG to update later due to audio issue.
- **A.O.C.B** – Ken Waddell’s funeral on 27 April at 3pm in Lynn Crematorium. Andrew Pollock is putting together a tribute which the GBA will contribute to. We will give notice of the funeral tomorrow in an email to members.

Paisley dinner. Members of the committee to attend.

Quiz night. LC asking for the nominated charity from the Semples. LC to speak to LG.

- Current Consultations for Information & Consideration
- Next Meeting – 15 May 2023?

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Action	Owner	Close	Continue
Membership	ALL	Continue to next meeting	2022-2023 membership drive
CPD	Education Sub committee	Continue to next meeting	Update
Social Ideas	Social Sub committee	Continue to next meeting	Monitor