# Special GENERAL MEETING

Minute (draft) of the Special General Meeting of the Law Society of Scotland held at the Society’s Offices at Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh on Thursday 24 October 2019 at 09:15am.

Present: John Mulholland (President), Amanda Millar (Vice President), George Allen, Susan Carter (Lay Council Member), Emma Crilley, Amanda Davy, Jane Dickers, Louisa Doole, Straun Ferguson, John Forsyth, Lauren Fowler, Christopher Fraser (Lay Council Member), Paul Gostlelow, Siobhan Kahmann, Catriona Maclean (Lay Council Member) , Ruaraidh Macniven, Liam McCabe (Lay Council Member), Claire McCarroll Stephen McGowan, Derek McIntyre (Lay Council Member), David Mair, Euan Mitchell, Susan Murray, Naomi Pryde, Campbell Read, John Reid (Lay Council Member), Sheekha Saha, Serena Sutherland, Patricia Tom, Graham Watson ( Lay Council Member) and Deborah Wilson-McCuish.

In attendance: Lorna Jack (Chief Executive), David Cullen (Registrar), Mark Gray (Lockton) and from time to time other members of the Society’s Executive.

Apologies for absence were intimated from: Gwen Haggerty, Paul Matthews, Elaine Motion, Jim Stevenson and Sheila Webster.

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|  | **WELCOME** The President welcomed everyone to the second Special General Meeting of the Law Society of Scotland held in its 70th year.  |
|  | **PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS**The Registrar ran through the procedural arrangements for this Special General Meeting. The notice for the meeting had been sent out on 2 October 2019  |

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|  | **Draft Practice Rules for Discussion**The President invited Philip Yelland, Executive Director of Regulation to speak to the Draft Practice Rules which the Society needs to put in place due to the United Kingdom’s scheduled exit from the European Union. Ms Hay said that Draft Practice Rules are presented to a General Meeting for Members. Draft Practice Rules are now made by the Regulatory Committee. The Regulatory Committee does take into account comments made on any Draft Practice Rules by members at any General Meeting. The subject matter of these Draft Practice Rules is somewhat complex. The United Kingdom’s exit from the European Union will result in a certain number of changes to the Society’s existing Practice Rules. One specific practice rule area where changes are required is –  * Incidental Financial Business (IFB) - Secondary legislation has also been prepared by the UK Government to take effect on exit day to make amendments to address deficiencies in retained EU Law specifically relating to the Insurance Distribution Directive. These Practice Rule amendments are again required due to the United Kingdom’s scheduled exit from the EU. This secondary legislation requires the appropriate changes to the Society’s Rules on incidental and financial business.

 The meeting was advised at the last Special General Meeting last month that the Society was still in discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) on changes to the draft IFB Rules. This revised set of practice rules take into account required by the FCA. There were no questions on the Draft Practice Rules.  |
|  | **Close of Meeting**The President concluded the meeting by thanking everyone who had attended. The President also thanked everyone at the Society who had been involved in organising today’s meeting. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:20am.  |