

THE CITY OF LONDON SOLICITORS' COMPANY



JOHN WOTTON
MASTER

Dear Member

Annual General Meeting 2020

The time is approaching when we would normally be sending out notices of our AGM, fixed in our calendar for 15th June. Although the Government is considering a further relaxation of the lockdown in June, we do not at this point believe it would be responsible for us to invite members to travel by car or public transport so as to attend an AGM on that date.

Fortunately the Court of Aldermen has advised all Livery Companies that, so long as the present restrictions on meetings in person remain in force, they are free to make reasonable variations to provisions in their Bye-laws concerning the location and timing of any meeting and the election, installation or admission of any members or officers. Moreover, at a full meeting on 16th March the Court was able to pass a number of resolutions which allow our General Purposes Committee to authorise any action designed to allow our business to proceed.

In these circumstances the GPC has decided that the AGM should be held by Zoom at 5.30 pm on 15th June 2020 and this notice convenes the meeting. A minimum of six members must take part, this being the minimum number required by our Bye-laws. The members attending will include the outgoing Master, the incoming Master and Wardens, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Solicitor. However, any other members are welcome to take part. Please notify the Clerk at clerk@citysolicitors.org.uk not later than 12th June 2020 if you would like to attend. As numbers permit, she would try to fit you in, giving priority to Court members and other Liverymen.

Accounts & Auditors

We can inform you that our auditor has reported on our accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019. We hope that she will be able to take part in the AGM and to make her report in person.

The AGM will be asked to approve the reappointment as auditor of Jane Lowden of F.W. Smith Riches & Co.

Appointment of Officers

At the AGM it will be formally proposed that the following officers should be installed:

<i>Master</i>	Robert Bell
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Tony King
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Sarah de Gay

and the following appointments will be confirmed:

<i>Stewards</i>	Edmund Parker & Virginia Cannon
<i>Full Assistants</i>	Simon Ward Davis & David Lee McLernon

The following will be co-opted to the Court for a period of two years:

<i>Additional Assistant</i>	Laura Devine & Tristan Philippe Feunteun
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Announcement of prizes

At the AGM the Master will announce the winners of the Distinguished Service Award and the Company Prize.

Distinguished Service Award – Edmund Parker

Company Prize – Jessica Kung, trainee at Clifford Chance LLP

Outgoing Master's report

The outgoing Master will deliver his report at the AGM a copy can be read at this link

<https://www.citysolicitors.org/news/news/outgoing-masters-statement---june-2020>

Statement from the Master 2020/2021

The newly installed Master will make a statement. His comments will be circulated to all members following the AGM and he will continue to make regular updates to the Company while we are unable to meet in person.

Questions

If you should have any questions that you would like us to discuss at the AGM, please send them to clerk@citysolicitors.org.uk. Our staff are working from home at the moment but emails to this address should get through.

The future

If possible we hope to be able to organise an EGM later in the year when we would seek ratification of decisions taken at the AGM. We would announce our plans for the future, present the Company Prize and the Distinguished Service Award. We would hope to follow the meeting with a champagne reception. We will circulate a revised diary of events as soon as we can do so.

Social media

Please engage with our social media platforms. This is the best way to get the most up to date information about what's going on in the Company and with our members.

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