



Patron: The Rt Hon. Dame Elizabeth Gloster DBE

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
[FINAL DRAFT FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT AGM]**

Thursday 25 April 2019 (6.15 pm)
Oxford & Cambridge Club, 71-77 Pall Mall, St. James's, London SW1Y 5HD

The Chair, Paul Rose, welcomed members to the AGM. 55 members of the Branch were in attendance.

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from a number of members (see Annex 1). The Chair received these apologies on behalf of the Branch.

2. **To approve the minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting (2018)**

The draft minutes had been made available prior to the AGM on the Branch website. The minutes were approved by show of hands, having been proposed by Daniel Djanogly and seconded by Michael Kulwin.

3. **Matters arising the 28th Annual General Meeting (2018).**

None.

4. **To receive from the Chairman his Report on the Branch's activities since the last Annual General Meeting.**

The meeting received the Chairman's Report (see Annex 2).

5. **To note the Financial Statement of the Branch for the financial year ended 31st December 2018**

The Financial Statement was presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Andrew Kasriel, and noted by the meeting.

6. **To receive the results of the election of members of the London Branch Committee for the forthcoming year.**

The Chair informed the meeting that the election notice had been sent out on 25 February 2019 in accordance with the Rules of the Branch.

Four elected committee member are retiring this year, namely Daniel Djanogly, Ben Giaretta, Grant Jones and Amanda Lee. In addition, the two committee members who had been co-opted during the course of the year, James Clanchy and Abigail Day, had come to

the end of their period of co-option on the date of the AGM. This meant that there were six spaces available on the Branch Committee.

As at the deadline for nominations (13 March 2019), six nomination forms had been received by the Honorary Secretary, Ben Giaretta. Five of those nomination forms were complete and one was incomplete. Further, one of the complete nomination forms was later withdrawn.

Since there were more spaces available than nominations, there was no need for a contested election. The four people who had submitted complete nomination forms were therefore declared elected, namely: James Clanchy, Abigail Day, Ben Giaretta and Jean-Francois Le Gal.

The elected members of the Branch Committee for 2019-20 are therefore: Professor Graham Chase, James Clanchy, Dr Sean Cotter, Andrew Davis, Abigail Day, Ben Giaretta, Tim Hardy, Andrew Kasriel, Dr Michael Kulwin, Jean-Francois Le Gal, Emmanuel Odigie, Paul Rose and Nicholas Stewart QC.

The Branch Committee shall select the Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Public Relations Officer for the year 2019-20 at its next meeting (due to take place on 2 May 2019) in accordance with the Branch Rules.

7. Any Other Business

There no other business.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.35pm.

2 May 2019

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ANNEX I

Apologies received

1. The Rt Hon. Dame Elizabeth Gloster DBE (Patron)
2. Ravi Aswani
3. Margaret Bickford Smith QC
4. Professor Graham Chase*
5. Michael Cover
6. Jackie Elliman
7. Kim Franklin QC
8. Tim Hardy*
9. Daniella Horton
10. Edward Iredale
11. Professor Grant Jones*
12. Pam Macdougall
13. Peter McQueen
14. Emmanuel Odigie*
15. Emilia Onyema
16. Martin Potter
17. Nicholas Stewart QC*
18. Jon Spain
19. John Wright

*London Branch Committee member

ANNEX 2

Report of Branch Chair, London Branch For the year to 25 April 2019

1. First, I would like to thank my predecessor, our previous chairman, Irvinder Bakshi who served the branch for three years as Chair and has given me support and encouragement throughout my term. My first year as Branch Chairman has been exciting, enjoyable and also hard work. Notwithstanding it has been an honour and a privilege to serve the Branch as it delivered a full and interesting programme.
2. Our 2018/2019 programme of events included informative seminars and workshops as well as social events such as the visit to the Finsbury Park Theatre with an excellent performance of “Honour” followed by nibbles.
3. The London Branch Committee meets regularly and, almost without exception, in advance of every Branch Meeting. The theatre visit was appreciated to the extent that we will look for a suitable opportunity to organise another such outing. Any suggestions from Branch members will be most welcome.
4. The educational programme was full and varied, designed to cater for all levels of membership and to interest those practising both domestically and internationally. The support for our programme by you, the members, is greatly appreciated as is the sponsorship given to us by the various host firms who continue to show unparalleled levels of generosity in terms of providing speakers and venues, and also fabulous receptions in splendid surroundings. It goes without saying that the Branch is incredibly fortunate to garner such support as it enables us to put on quality events, usually packed to full capacity, with waiting lists of those hoping to secure a place.
5. It has been a busy term for me as Chairman. As well as attending each of the London Branch events during the year and chairing a significant number of those, in May 2018 I represented the Branch at the UK Branch Chairman’s Forum in Edinburgh where the chairmen from the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands met with the Director-General and the Director of the UK branches and Global Membership and others to consider the strategy for the Institute over the next few years with particular reference to the new CIArb website and financial reporting and budgeting requirements as well as to discuss matters of mutual interest. Between 12th to 15th November 2018, again representing London Branch, I attended the Institute’s biennial Congress in Atlanta Georgia.
6. London Branch continues to cooperate and collaborate not only with the Institute at Bloomsbury Square but also with others interested in arbitration and alternate dispute resolution. In September 2018 we held the 15th Annual Joint Seminar with the London Court of International Arbitration on the subject of complexity of Diversity in International Arbitration, that resulted in heated debate long into the reception that followed. On 14th February 2019 we held a joint seminar with Tecbar on the hot topic of disclosure that followed from the then newly published Disclosure Pilot Scheme for the Business and Property Courts. Our relationship with Bloomsbury Square goes from strength to strength and we are grateful for the support that we receive from them. Not only did they host our workshop on interlocutory problems on 4th October 2018; but they support our events whenever they can. Neil Newman is a frequent attendee at seminars which means that

London Branch members also have an opportunity to regularly meet with members of the executive in a relatively informal setting.

7. Last month, as always, London Branch hosted a dinner to thank our host firms and speakers for the contributions to the London Branch programme.
8. The full detail of London Branch events from the last AGM is as follows:

2018	
26 th April	<p>AGM and Annual Keynote Address: Transparency in Arbitration – The growing scrutiny</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: John Tackaberry QC</p> <p><i>Hosted by CI Arb LB</i></p>
17 May	<p>Seminar: Managing Investment Risk in Emerging Markets: From structuring to enforcement.</p> <p>Speakers: Sylvia Tonova, Michael Black QC, Noor Kadhim, Aravind Ramanna, Barnaby Stueck.</p> <p>Convenor: Daniel Djanogly</p> <p><i>Hosted by Jones Day</i></p>
19 June	<p>Seminar: Conflicts of Interest and Traffic Lights</p> <p>Speakers: Adam Rosenthal, Shane Gleghorn, Professor Graham Chase.</p> <p>Chair: Paul Rose</p> <p><i>Hosted by Taylor Wessing</i></p>
5 July	<p>15th Annual Mediation Seminar: Mediating Construction Disputes</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Robert Gaitskell QC, Anthony Albertini, Ben Mellors.</p> <p>Chair: Paul Rose</p> <p><i>Hosted by Clyde & Co</i></p>
11 September	<p>14th CI Arb LB/LCIA Joint Seminar:</p> <p>The complexity of Diversity in International Arbitration.</p> <p>Speakers: The Hon. Dame Linda Hobbs DBE, Dr. Jacomijn van Haersolte-van Hof, Professor Kate Malleson, Jonathan Wood.</p> <p>Chair: Irvinder Bakshi</p> <p><i>Hosted by Mishcon de Reya</i></p>
4 October	<p>Arbitration Workshop – “What goes on inside and Arbitrator’s Head?”</p>

	<p>Leaders: Nicholas Stewart QC, Tim Hardy. Chair: Paul Rose</p> <p><i>Hosted by CI Arb</i></p>
29 November	<p>Seminar: ADR in the Crypto-Currency Age.</p> <p>Speakers: Marcus Killick OBE, Grant Jones, Clive Freedman, Christopher Wray, David McIlwaine. Convenor: Daniel Djanogly</p> <p><i>Hosted by Pinsent Masons</i></p>
2019	
14 February	<p>Seminar; New Approaches to Disclosure: Saving Costs vs. Reducing Transparency?</p> <p>Speakers: The Hon. Mrs Justice O'Farrell, Rachell Ansell QC, Rebecca Shorter.</p> <p>Convenor: Andrew Kasriel</p> <p><i>Hosted by White & Case LLP</i></p>
7 March	<p>Speakers' Dinner</p> <p><i>Hosted by CI Arb LB</i></p>
14 March	<p>Seminar: The Use of ADR in Professional Indemnity Claims</p> <p>Speakers: Sir Rupert Jackson, Perry Granof, Andrew Davis. Chair: Paul Rose</p> <p><i>Hosted by DWF LLP</i></p>

9. There is little doubt that London Branch is one of the most active branches of CI Arb and that its high-calibre programme and networking opportunities give encouragement to those working in dispute resolution to be part of this vibrant community and to join the Institute. We now have over 1600 members of the circa 15,000 members across 37 branches in 120 countries.
10. The popularity and strength of London Branch is due, in no small part to the time and effort put into it by the Committee members, all with busy practices of their own and yet still finding the energy and commitment to serve the Branch and its members, and who assist in organising events, often without any public recognition. I would like to take a moment to thank each of them and to single out the officers: our Vice Chair, Daniel Djanogly, whose support for me and assistance in programming events has been invaluable; for our Honorary Secretary, Ben Giaretta for his support and help in ensuring the smooth running of the committee; for our Honorary Treasurer Andrew Kasriel for whose support and handling of the accounts, I am most grateful. I must also thank Sean Cotter for his work on the website; and last but by no means least Abigail Day who, having been co-opted last November, has been outstanding in her dedicated and effective performance as our Public Relations Officer.

I am personally delighted that she will be an elected member of committee next term. Whilst not a committee member, Elinor Pritchard continues as our administrator and, as ever, a strong and invaluable part of the team. I have been greatly assisted by the professional and personal support I have received from team around me. I hope that you will agree that the 2018/19 successes of London Branch speak for themselves.

11. I repeat my thanks to the Committee. This is the Branch members' opportunity to also thank the Committee for its efforts over the last year.

Paul Rose
Branch Chairman

25 April 2019