



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2009

I took over as the Chairman of the Adjudication Society in November 2008 and I am therefore half way through a two year term. When I took over, I was keen to develop some clear simple goals for the Society over a five year period. The Society's main objective was and remains:

"To promote for the public and the individual member benefit, education, training, study and research (and publication of the useful results for such research) in the field of adjudication practice and procedure and related subjects worldwide."

My goal was therefore to strive to meet this main objective, which in simple terms is to promote not just for our members, but also for the wider public, education, training, study and research in the field of adjudication practice and procedure. The focus I think should be very much upon education and training internationally, but the Executive Committee wanted to know what the Members thought.

As a result, we carried out a survey of our members during the course of this year. The main summary of the results was posted on the website last month, and a short article from me together with a more detailed article from Liam Holder and Stephen Clarke appears in the most recent newsletter.

I am also very pleased to report that Professor Phillip Capper has accepted a request to become our Honorary President. The executive committee was unanimous in its decision to ask him if he would fulfil that role, and I am very pleased to report that he has agreed to do so.

In addition, we have entirely updated the Adjudication Society's website has been recently launched after consultation with members. All the feedback so far has been extremely positive. Edward Peters, the Adjudication Society's webmaster, will be available throughout the day to demonstrate the new website and answer questions.

The conference continues to grow from strength to strength. There are 165 booked delegates of which 63 are King's College students. This is a record turnout for the Adjudication Society.

Stephen Clarke, the Honorary Secretary, has listed and provided copies of reports from the other honorary members on the Adjudication Society. Those officers and I should be pleased to answer questions at the AGM.

Finally, my proposed agenda for the AGM is:

- 1 Chairman's report and general introduction;
- 2 Treasurer's report;
- 3 Secretary's report;
- 4 Regional Coordinator's report;
- 5 Appointment of the Honorary President - Professor Phillip Capper;
- 6 Elections - Executive Committee (Honorary Officers and Ordinary Members);
- 7 Member's survey;
- 8 Towards a five year plan (education, training, study and research);
- 9 New sub-committees and their purpose:
  - 9.1 Awards (Universities and prizes) - Bob Davies and Edward Quigg;
  - 9.2 Communications (IT and Web services) - Nicholas Gould, Glenn Godfrey and Edward Quigg;
  - 9.3 Training - Liam Holder, Ben Beaumont and Hamish Lal;
  - 9.4 Guidance and Standards - chair to be appointed from the Executive Committee, upon offers from the members to assist;
  - 9.5 Legislative - Tim Willis;
- 10 Any other business;
- 11 General thanks to all members, Executive Committee, Conference organisers and Professor Phillip Capper.

**Nicholas Gould**  
**Chairman, Adjudication Society**  
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