



The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys

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TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Member,

The 777th Ordinary General Meeting of the Institute will be held in the Institute Hall at 4:30pm on Wednesday, 25th November, 2009. It is hoped you will be able to attend.

Yours faithfully,
M.C. RALPH
Secretary.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the 776th OGM (*see attached sheet*).
2. “*How the patents system can contribute to fostering the development of green technologies.*” A talk by special guest speaker, Alan South, Chief Innovation Officer of Solarcentury. Solarcentury supplies solar energy solutions for the built environment.
3. Award of Examination Prizes
4. Announcements, communications and questions.
5. Introduction of Members.
6. Any other business.

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MINUTES

The 776th Ordinary General Meeting of the Institute was held in the Lowry Hotel in Manchester at 5:15pm on Friday, 9th October, 2009.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Alasdair Poore, took the Chair. 26 other members were present.

The **Minutes** of the 775th Ordinary General Meeting, held in the Institute Hall on Wednesday, 1st July, 2009 were approved and signed.

Subscription Increases: The Vice-President referred to the Explanatory Memorandum giving the background to the proposed increases in the subscriptions to be effective from 1st October, 2009.

The following resolutions, were then proposed and seconded as noted below and were passed by the members present:

- (1) that in accordance with Bye-law 24 the annual subscription as a Fellow be altered to £371 with effect from 1st October, 2009 - proposed by the Vice-President and seconded by Mr. P.M. Dixon (Fellow) - carried by 20 votes to 0 with 4 abstentions.
- (2) that in accordance with Bye-law 24 the annual subscription as an Associate be altered to £285 with effect from 1st October, 2009 - proposed by the Vice-President and seconded by Mr. B.G.R. Jones (Fellow) - carried by 23 votes to 0 with 3 abstentions.
- (3) that in accordance with Bye-law 24 the annual subscription as a British Oversea Member be altered to £371 with effect from 1st October, 2009 - proposed by the Vice-President and seconded by Mr. B.G.R. Jones (Fellow) - carried by 20 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions.
- (4) that in accordance with Bye-law 24 the annual subscription as a Foreign Member be altered to £371 with effect from 1st October, 2009 - proposed by the Vice-President and seconded by Mr. P.M. Dixon (Fellow) - carried by 22 votes to 2 with 1 abstention.
- (5) that in accordance with Bye-law 24 the annual subscription as a Student be altered to £163 with effect from 1st October, 2009 - proposed by the Vice-President and seconded by Mr. T.Z. Gold (Fellow) - carried by 24 votes to 5 with 1 abstention.
- (6) that in accordance with Bye-law 24 the Entrance Fee payable on first election as a member of the Institute be altered to £25 and the Entrance Fee payable on election to a different class of membership be altered to £12.50 with effect from 1st October, 2009 – proposed by Vice-President and seconded by Mr. T.Z. Gold (Fellow – carried by 24 votes to 0 with 3 abstentions.

Award of Examination Prizes: The Vice-President then presented the following prizes:

Drafting Prize for 2009 to Paul Misselbrook of Appleyard Lees as the candidate passing Paper P3 with the highest mark;

Michael Jones Prize for 2009 to Michael Anthony Holmes, of Appleyard Lees, as one of the candidate passing Paper P4 with the highest mark, the prizes having been awarded jointly to Jonathan William McCartney, of Haseltine Lake.

The President announced that as a result of the ballot held during the meeting, the following members had been elected:

As **Fellows:** Emma Marie BASSINDER (*Windlesham*), Monique CHONG (*London*), Emer CLIFFORD (*London*), Richard Spencer COOKE (*London*), Isobel Clare DAVIES (*London*) Annabel Sian HAMPSHIRE (*London*), Emma Elizabeth JOHNSON (*Birmingham*), Catherine Margaret Timmis LICHOTA (*Rotherham*), Nicholas Michael MALDEN (*Southampton*),

Joanne MILES (*London*), Damien John O'FARRELL (*London*), Daniel PORTCH (*Sevenoaks*)
Gemma Claire RICKMAN (*London*), Deborah Anne SELDEN (*London*), Benjamin Thomas Fletcher
SNIPE (*London*), David Ralph STANNERS (*London*), Gillian TAYLOR (*London*), Glyn John
TRUSCOTT (*London*)

As **Associates:** Andrew ALLAN-JONES (*Bristol*), Caroline Ann AVERSA (*Derby*), Howard Edgar
BLOW (*Birmingham*), Sarah Jayne DOUGHTY (*Nottingham*), Stefano Pasquale JOHN (*Bath*)
Minna Maarit LUOSTARINEN (*Belgium*), Victoria McCARTHY (*Bristol*), Geraldine Johan
NANTAIS (*Cambridge*), Claire Grainne O'BRIEN (*Birmingham*), James PICKFORD (*Belgium*)
Claire WESTON (*London*)

Introduction of new Members: Andrew Fearnside (Fellow) and Philip French (Fellow) signed the
Register of Members and were introduced to the meeting.

Mr. P.M. Dixon, the Chairman of the joint CIPA/ITMA Business Practice Committee and the Vice-
Chairman of the Institute's Press & PR Committee, gave a brief talk on recent activities of these
Committees.

The Vice-President closed the meeting at 5.45 p.m.