

As ever, those delegates for whom this was a first visit to the London Colloquium felt compelled to express their admiration for the way it was organised (thanks to Michael Cohen) and to remark upon the unique blend of high quality papers, knowledgeable speakers, lively debate and the general air of warmth and friendliness. For those of us who are regular visitors it proved, as ever, the opportunity to meet old friends and to make new ones.

THE 1987 A.G.M.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Malet Street, London W.C.1. on Thursday 10th September, 1987 at 12 noon.

The Chair was taken by Mr. J.A. Pincott.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were reported from Mr. S.M.F. Harris, Professor A. Diamond, Mr. J.C. Frangoulis, Mr. S.B. Salama and Mr. D. Sasserath.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 16th September, 1986 were approved and signed.

AUDITORS

The recommendation of the Committee that Messrs. Charles, Rippin and Turner should be re-elected was proposed by Bryan Lincoln, seconded by Derek Cole, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION

The Chairman read out the proposed changes in the Constitution relating to Membership as follows:

3. MEMBERSHIP

(1) The following shall be eligible for membership:

- (a) any person with legal qualifications who in the opinion of the Committee is sufficiently connected with, or interested in, insurance.

- (b) any person who is a diploma-holder of the Chartered Insurance Institute, the Institute of Actuaries, the Faculty of Actuaries, the British Insurance Brokers Association or any other such body as the Committee may think fit.
 - (c) Insurers, Insurance Associations, Firms of Insurance Brokers, Adjusters, Solicitors and any other corporate body, organisation or partnership which, in the opinion of the Committee, has sufficient connection with or interest in insurance. Where any such organisation (hereinafter referred to as a "Corporate Member") is admitted to membership it shall be entitled to one vote. A Corporate Member shall be entitled to appoint in writing a person to represent it at any meeting of the Association and such person shall vote on behalf of the Corporate Member and shall be eligible for election to the Committee.
- (2) The Committee may also at its discretion admit to membership other persons engaged in insurance of any kind.
 - (3) Applications for membership shall be in writing and shall be subject to approval by the Committee. In the case of a Corporate Member, the application shall be in the name of the corporate body, organisation or partnership.
 - (4) (a) The Committee may invite any person whose experience and knowledge is considered to be of value to become an honorary member.
 - (b) Honorary membership shall be for such period as the Committee may determine from time to time.
 - (c) An honorary member may hold the office of president, deputy president or vice-president.

Adoption of the change was proposed by Bryan Lincoln, seconded by Dick Hanson-James voted for and, carried unanimously by the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Honorary Secretary's and the Honorary Treasurer's reports together with balance sheet had been sent out with the AGM Notice and there were no questions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Meeting agreed the Committee's recommendation that subscriptions should remain at £12.00 per annum for Individuals and £40.00 per annum for Corporate Members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Nominations had been received for the following:

Chairman:	Mr. J.A. Pincott
Vice Chairman:	Mr. G. Cornish
Immediate Past Chairman:	Mr. J.C. Frangoulis
Honorary Secretary:	Mr. R. Hanson-James
Honorary Scientific Secretary:	Mr. D.G. Cole
Honorary Treasurer:	Mr. R.B. Lincoln
Committee:	Mr. K.M. Davidson
	Miss F.A. Olver
	Mr. S. Salama
	Mr. P.V. Saxton
	Baron C. von Bechtolsheim
	Mr. J. Foster

The above were duly elected.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked for a vote of thanks to be recorded to the retiring Honorary Secretary Ken Davidson and his Secretary Jean Gerrish.

THE 1987 ANNUAL CONFERENCE **Changing Judicial Attitudes in the Field of Insurance Law** **by Professor John Birds,** **University of Sheffield**

Introduction

The topic seems to invite the answers to two principal questions: first, what, if any, changes have there been in judicial attitudes, and second, are such changes to be welcomed? Recent years have seen a number of significant decisions in the insurance law area. Indeed I wonder whether the last, say, five years has not been one of the most significant such periods of insurance case-law development for at least some little time. When I reviewed recent insurance case-law, I thought that, outside the particularly marine insurance area, the cases seemed to fall broadly into three categories: