CLIG AGM 2025 – MINUTES

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked members, committee members and sponsors for their continued support, with a reminder of the AGM social event at The Grapes, sponsored by CRO Info and Lexis.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 AGM

The 2024 minutes were proposed by Jas Breslin and seconded by Jordan Murphy.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair raised the following facts:

1) Following four committee members stepping down at the previous AGM, the committee was reduced to six members, with Cameron Eeles appointed Treasurer but the Web Editor role remaining vacant. Shortly after the AGM, Tim Coppen responded to the vacancy and was appointed Web Editor.

2) CLIG continued to use a mixture of online professional development events and in-person social/networking events, which enabled professional sessions to reach members and colleagues beyond the City of London and even outside the UK. The Chair thanked Lexis, CRO Info and vLex for their sponsorship throughout 2025, which helped the social events remain as popular as ever. Members were encouraged to continue suggesting topics and events to the committee.

3) CLIG again offered its sponsored place at the BIALL Conference. Two eligible members applied and the bursary was awarded to Fiona Salt of Charles Russell Speechlys, who had not attended the conference before. The Chair encouraged members to remember that the bursary is a benefit of membership and that applications are judged fairly against transparent criteria. As in previous years, the Chair also attended the BIALL Conference as CLIG representative, liaising with vendors, sponsors and representatives of the legal information profession.

4) The committee had increased the social event sponsorship budget from £1,200 to £1,500 per sponsor (or £750 per co-sponsor) following the previous AGM. Sponsors had been supportive of the change and co-sponsoring had become increasingly common. Although venue, food and drink prices continued to rise, the committee did not consider a further increase in sponsorship contributions justified at this stage and continued to look for affordable central London venues.

5) The CLIG website, following the previous update to its content management system, had operated with almost no glitches over the previous 17 months. The Chair noted that the website's appearance had not been updated since 2009. The committee would consider a visual update, but did not intend to take action until sometime in 2026, mainly for financial reasons.

Full list of events for 2024-25:

- November 2024 "Companies House changes" webinar – with Liz Kinsey (CRO Info)
- February 2025 CLIG New Year's Party – Co-sponsored by CRO Info and vLex
- March 2025 An introduction to legal process improvement webinar – with Antony Smith (Legal Project Management Ltd)
- May 2025 CLIG Spring Party – Co-sponsored by vLex and LexisNexis
- October 2025 CLIG AGM & Party – Co-sponsored by LexisNexis and CRO Info

The Chair noted that another webinar with Liz Kinsey of CRO Info was planned for November 2025, with a proposed Lexis webinar and the postponed treasure hunt being considered for spring 2026. As CLIG would turn 50 in 2026, the committee was also considering turning the Spring Party into an Anniversary Party.

4. Notification of Officers and Committee Members for 2025 – 26

The Chair thanked the committee for their work over the past year and noted that without their contribution none of the opportunities or events offered by CLIG would have been possible.

Poppy Rigby of Leigh Day had joined the committee as an ordinary member shortly after the BIALL Conference.

The Chair announced that Vice Chair Chrissy Street had stepped down during the summer after becoming President Elect of BIALL. As the Vice Chair role remained vacant, the committee agreed that Zoltan Csirko would continue as Chair for another year, entering his third year of service. The Chair thanked Chrissy for her work and ideas over the previous year and a half and wished her well in her new role.

The Chair also announced that Membership Secretary Caroline Asbjorsen was stepping down after two and a half years and thanked her for maintaining CLIG's membership records and for her wider contribution. Ordinary member Alfred Ye had also stepped down earlier in the year after taking up a non-legal role at the House of Lords.

It was noted that the committee had initially been unable to find a successor to the Membership Secretary and had been forced to consider hibernating CLIG, as the organisation could not operate

without someone managing memberships. Magdalena Folga of Farrer was subsequently appointed and had already taken over the Membership Secretary role.

The Chair noted that the committee would operate with seven members, which was considered sufficient for the time being, although members interested in joining as ordinary members were encouraged to come forward. Members unable to commit to committee membership were also encouraged to continue suggesting events and initiatives.

Proposed Committee for 2025-26

Chair: Zoltan Csirko

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Cameron Eeles

Membership Secretary: Magdalena Folga

Website Editor: Tim Coppen

Ordinary Member: Poppy Rigby

Ordinary Member (Supplier): Tim Palmer

This was proposed by Fiona Fogden and seconded by Blayne Bellot.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the bank balance at 8th October 2025 was £4,670.98. It was noted that the relatively low balance was due to some sponsors not yet having paid the agreed sponsorship amounts.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Jas Breslin and seconded by Fiona Fogden.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

The membership stated that the membership as of the date of this meeting (23rd October 2024) was 161.

The Membership Secretary's Report was proposed by Rob Hooton and seconded by Jordan Murphy.

7. AOB

The committee proposed a change to membership formats and fees from April 2026, noting that the annual membership fee of £25 had not changed since before the Covid period while the costs of running networking events had continued to increase. It was proposed that members could choose either a one-year membership at £35 or a two-year membership at £50. The Chair noted that the change would better position CLIG to meet event costs and a possible website update.

Several members commented that the proposed changes to the annual membership fee would require further consultation with the membership before being introduced. It was suggested that the committee arrange a separate consultation, for example by way of a members' call, at which the details of the proposed fee structure could be discussed. Any final proposal would then need to be put to members for approval and voted on at the next AGM.