

## Summary of telephone discussion between LAG 'steering committee' members, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Present: Murray Heining, Sue Nash, Linda Kann, Amanda Barnett and Kim Fensom. Tracey Jack unable to attend.

1. Murray was asked formally if he would lead the group and agreed to do so.
2. The position re Roy Pain and the query line (round robin emails) was discussed – if the ACL forum was used then it would not be open to non ACL members – some people were not bothered by that. Finally agreed that for now the ACL Forum would be used and monitored by Murray and Tracey (and possibly a third person known by Linda).
3. Sue reported on her discussions with Carol Storer of the LAPG who are going to discuss and alliance/ membership by the group of the LAPG in principle next week. If we are a proper special interest group of the ACL (as is planned) and we joined the LAPG (for a fee now suggested as £2,000) we would get the LSC updates the LAPG receives and would be able to attend the courses they run at members prices and we would be able to join discussions on their website forum. They in turn would be able to attend our seminars at members' prices. Proposals to be made to the ACL by Murray and Sue.
4. General discussion as to what ACL members would be charged for legal aid seminars and what non ACL members would have to pay. Figures of £75 for members and £150 for non members mooted.
5. Discussion as to holding seminars in London, MK, Manchester/Birmingham/Leeds. Also discussion as to need for sound system which can add up to £1,000 per seminar and there being a need for a sound engineer. Linda and Amanda to investigate venues and whether sound systems available.
6. Discussion as to getting something in the next Costs Lawyer magazine and agreed that this time it would be just a brief article as to what is happening re the group. Kim to draft.
7. If ACL is running the LAG then people must apply to the ACL for membership of the group. Discussion as to the fact that we already pay as ACL members £250 a year and that should help fund admin of the group, setting up of seminars etc. Discussion as to how many people might leave the ACL now they do not have to be members to get a practising cert.

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