

TREASURER'S REPORT 2014 AGM as at 09.12.2014

I have now been the HRLA treasurer since June 2010.

Bank Account

Both accounts (current account and bursary savings account) are fully up and running and despite a few glitches throughout the year both accounts are functioning well.

Due to the lack of fund raising this year the only amounts in the bursary savings account is interest earnt after this year's bursaries were paid from the held over funds from the SRT.

All issues with regards to the bank account have now been resolved including the unauthorised payments from the account on direct debits.

The balances of the accounts as at 30.11.2014 are as follows:

Current Account £ 11,039.95 Bursary Savings Account £ 0.84

Accounts

All of the accounts are up to date and the bank accounts have been balanced as at 30.11.2014.

Our administrator, Willow Odie, is now the permanent administrator as she has taken over from ARC. Willow was on maternity leave where Jessie Brennan took over on Willow's behalf. Willow returned from maternity leave in July 2014. The HRLA offers thanks to Jessie who took over well and the handover back to Willow went without incident. The administrative costs have remained constant at £10,000pa (actual costs of £9999.96).

The accounts indicate that despite overspending during the accounting period (01.12.2013 to 30.11.2014) by £916.83 the finances maintain in a healthy position. However, I have concern with regards to the funding of bursaries for 2015. This is in particular regard that the corporate sponsorship has decreased during the period.

Corporate members are currently at 12 (4 firms and 8 chambers) totalling £5,250 a decrease from 2012/2013 of £2,000. The full membership has remained static however membership under 5 years' has decreased.

The total income received in 2012-2013, including the SRT grant, is £26,941.35 and increase of 224% from 2012 and an increase of 169% from 2011. The expenses for 2012-2013 is £18,910.84 and when taking the increase in the bursary of £2,000 into account is similar to the expenditure in 2012 despite investing in a new website. However, a contributing factor is that the expenses for the Leeds students' day have not been included in the 2013 accounts. The surplus is therefore £8,030.51 whereas in 2012 there was a deficit of £4,576.25 and in 2011 a deficit of £284.70.

There is still an outstanding issue with regards to the donation from the Peter Duffy Memorial Fund, which Alison Geary considers is £3,000. It has been difficult to locate the relevant person who can issue the cheque to the HRLA for this amount as committee members previously dealing with it are no longer serving members. It is

hoped that this will be resolved in the next few months and therefore there will be a balance in the bursary savings account of £3,000 for the 2015 bursaries. However, it has yet to be determined how this donation will awarded as to whether it will be for one year or over a period for a specific award (the Peter Duffy bursary) or a top for a bursary in recognition of the best application.

Sponsorship/other donations **must** be further targeted both for the bursary and general running costs and for more corporate membership to be granted.

I have included a set of accounts for the period of 01.12.2013 to 30.11.2014 as well as the accounts for 2012/2013 with a set of notes to address any enquiries with regards to the latest accounts and the justification for any differences, positive and negative, from the previous year.

I have also produced a detailed set of accounts that shows each entry into the accounts if you require further information.

If anyone requires further information on the accounts or would like a copy of the detailed accounts please email me on leanne.targett-parker@10kingsbenchwalk.co.uk

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HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2014

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

- 1. The charity income of £150.94 is from the Legal Walk.
- 2. The bursary awards were from the carried over grant from 2012/2013 from the SRT and were awarded to the following:

Miss Nina Dolbaia of £750.00;

Mr Lawrence Corr of £1,000.00;

Miss Laura Paternak of £500.00; and

Mr Adam Harnischfeger of £750.00.

A further award had been carried over from 2013 bursaries for Miss Aleisha Ebrahim however due to the nature of Aleisha's internship (in Israel) she was unable to start the internship. Further, another award was made however the internship was not granted.

- 3. Seminar expenses in 2014 included a drinks reception after one of the seminars.
- 4. The IT and Technical Provisions takes into account the maintenance of the web domain.
- 5. The cost of the Leeds student day for 2013 has been included in these accounts, hence the disparity of the accounts for both years, due to the timing of the claims placed. The expenses for 2013 was at a cost of £703 for travel to and from Leeds for the speakers. Therefore, the cost of the Leeds student day for 2014 was £899.05.
- 6. Due to the refunds from HSBC for the unauthorised payments of direct debits the expenses are a negative. The actual expenses for 2013/2014 is the purchase of a Moot Trophy (£140.00) and the cost of a Middle Temple dinner for a judge after the Mooting competition.
- 7. The increase in the value of stationery is due to the cost of printer cartridges, paper and other sundries provided by the administrator are charged to HRLA whereas when the Bar Council undertook the administration it was an inclusive fee.
- 8. The cost of training was for Willow returning after maternity leave and being updated by Jessie for the handover as administrator.