

Standing Committee on Policy and Resources

The Standing Committee on Policy and Resources is responsible for formulating and supervising policy and administration for The Law Society and exercising management and control of The Law Society's finances. Matters of policy and finance are thus discussed by the Standing Committee and in appropriate cases referred to the Council for decision.

During the year the Standing Committee met 13 times. Major issues considered by the Standing Committee included:

- Consideration of the Law Society's annual budget and monitoring of income, expenditure and investments on a monthly basis.
- Recommendation to the Council and thereafter to the Chief Justice in relation to the annual Practising Certificate and membership fees.
- Review of the senior posts in the Secretariat and appointment of a Deputy Secretary General.
- Approval for creating the post of Assistant Prosecutor.
- Review of the salary and performance of the staff and recommendations to the Council for a salary increment and payment of incentive bonus for outstanding performance.
- Approval of establishing loyalty awards for staff and awarding gold coins to staff who had worked for the Law Society for more than 10 years.
- Appointment of Council members to the Standing Committees and monitoring the attendance at Law Society meetings.
- Arrangement of professional indemnity cover for the Council and committee members in connection with their activities on behalf of the Law Society.
- Approval of the construction of a website www.choosehklawyer.org to assist members of the

public to find solicitors and law firms which had volunteered to provide an initial free legal consultation not exceeding 45 minutes.

- Approval of the renewal of the agreement for the publication of *Hong Kong Lawyer* with *LexisNexis* for three years.

The membership of the Standing Committee on Policy and Resources comprises the President, three Vice-Presidents, chairmen of the other Standing Committees and senior members of the Council.

Members of the Standing Committee:

Peter C.L. LO (*Chairman*)

Junius K.Y. HO

Raymond C.K. HO

Lester G. HUANG

IP Shing Hing

Michael J. LINTERN-SMITH

Billy W.Y. MA

Patrick R. MOSS

WONG Kwai Huen

Secretary: Assistant Director, Administration

ANNUAL COCKTAIL RECEPTION



Over 220 members and guests attended the Annual Cocktail Reception held on 13 November at the Hong Kong Club. The Chief Justice and Secretary for Justice were invited as the Guests of Honour. Chairmen and members of The Law

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Society committees were specifically invited in appreciation of their contribution to The Law Society.

THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The objects of the *Law Society of Hong Kong Educational Trust* includes the provision of financial support to residents of Hong Kong in furthering their studies in law; and the promotion, organisation and provision of financial support for research projects, publications, seminars, conferences and any other educational and charitable activities to promote the study of law and legal education and the understanding of legal systems in Hong Kong.

The trustees are the members of the Standing Committee on Policy and Resources.

The trustees granted a number of sponsorships during the year:

- One member received sponsorship to be a speaker at the *LawAsia Labour Law Conference* in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 10 to 12 August;
- One member received sponsorship to attend the *International Bar Association Conference* in Chicago, U.S.A. from 17 to 22 September;
- One member received sponsorship to attend the *6th*

China Lawyers' Forum in Taiyuan, China from 23 to 24 September;

- One non-member received a subsidy for text and reference books to study for a Bachelor of Laws degree at the *London School of Economics*; and
- In conjunction with *Bloomsbury Book Shop*, eight PCLL students received book prizes.

The balance of the trust fund as at 31 December was \$19,415,703.95 (2005: \$13,061,164.71).

LAW SOCIETY CLUBHOUSE

Ip Shing Hing succeeded Herbert Tsoi to become the Chairman and Melissa Pang was co-opted to become a member in March. The Committee discussed ways to attract more members to the Clubhouse and decided to organise a Board Games' Night and a Gathering for the Appointed Civil Celebrants of Marriages. Three Wine Tasting Nights were also organised and the five events attracted more than 140 members in total.

Members of the Committee:

IP Shing Hing (*Chairman*)
Helen Y.H. KONG
Herwin M.W. LEE
Patrick T.C. LEONG
Patrick R. MOSS
Melissa K. PANG
William H.C. TSUI
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