

2010

THE LONDON SOCIETY OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 December 2010

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

This has been another successful year for the LSCA and I am honoured to have been President since June 2010.

Review of 2010

In June 2009, when Will Brooks took office as President, with me as deputy, we brought a plan to strengthen the organisation and operations of the LSCA. Our objective was not to dispense with anything that was already happening, but to expand our activities to meet the needs of the varied membership. This plan continued in 2010 with the successful launch of the Canary Wharf Members' Group in September and an enhanced focus on business and younger members, as well as providing more varied events for practice members.

Events

The LSCA remains a very active society holding many successful conferences, seminars and events, from technical to networking to social. I would like to thank the active members of the society's committees, discussion groups and area societies for their contributions and the time they provide in support of the society.

140th anniversary

The Institute of Accountants in London was officially launched on 19 April 1871 with sixty Fellows and 18 Associates. The purpose of the London Institute was "To elevate the attainments and status of professional accountants in London, to promote their efficiency and usefulness and to give expression to their opinions upon all questions incident to their profession". From its modest beginnings the London Society now represents over 32,000 ICAEW members. To celebrate the LSCA's 140th anniversary in April 2011 I was delighted to host a dinner for all but one of the 38 surviving past LSCA Chairmen and Presidents, and some past LSCA Secretaries.

Annual Dinner

Our annual dinner in February 2011 was held at The Brewery with the ICAEW President doing a guest slot as DJ – a unique event that saw the photos reaching the pages of Accountancy Age! Our guest speaker was Barry Hearn, a fellow accountant, most well known as a boxing, darts and snooker promoter and the current chairman of Leyton Orient.

LSCA Training consortium

The training consortium, established in 2007, has now reached its next stage. The 2011 training consortium was launched on 11 April in partnership with First Intuition to develop a programme for smaller firms to train ACAs by providing a programme to allow efficient and cost effective training through weekend and evening courses.

Finally, my warm thanks go to my fellow LSCA Office Holders, the Executive Committee and for the support that I have received from all of the London regional team. The team headed by Ian Strange works tirelessly - without their vital support we would have been unable to offer the full range of support and events to our members.

Samantha Russell
President

TREASURER'S REPORT 2010

The deficit on the Society's activities for 2010 was £14,486, which is significantly lower than the amount anticipated in the budget of £22,481. The principal reasons for this improvement are:

- an additional grant received from ICAEW
- Officers' expenses and member services' costs lower than expected
- seedcorn items in the budget, but not spent
- better net results from the City Lunch and Budget Breakfasts

Against this, the results of the Annual Dinner and Small Practitioners' Conference were disappointing, partly because of the absence of sponsors.

Sponsorship income in total was again down, reflecting the continuing effects of the 2008 financial crisis and the reduction in budgets for our traditional sources in banking, financial services and City recruitment. Indications are, however, that levels of activity are now returning to normal and that 2011 will see sponsors showing renewed interest in our activities.

One of our main items of income is the commission payment received from CCH in respect of their London courses, carrying the LSCA badge. I am pleased to say that this stayed at £40,000 and the same amount is due to be received in 2011.

Part of our function is to ensure that the London area and branch societies, including the new Canary Wharf members' group, have adequate funds to maintain services to their local members and we continue to provide financial and operational support as required.

A few years ago, it was decided that the Society should build up its reserves to enable us to carry on our activities as normal when difficult times came round. This was a sound decision as, in addition to the decline in sponsorship income, our financial assistance from ICAEW has been reduced, as a result of their need to cut costs. We are, however, looking forward to a better result in 2011.

I would like to thank Ian Strange and his London Region team for their support during the year and Regions Finance in Milton Keynes, who are now responsible for the Society's bookkeeping and accounting function.

Ken Solomons
Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of the Main Committee of The London Society of Chartered Accountants

For the year ended 31 December 2010

We report on the accounts of The London Society of Chartered Accountants for the year ended 31 December 2010, which are set out on the attached pages 5 to 8.

This report is made solely to the Members as a body. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members matters we are required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Members for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the statement we have given below.

Respective responsibilities of the members of the Main Committee and examiner

As the members of the Main Committee of the London Society of Chartered Accountants you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You have asked that we carry out an examination and report to you on the Society's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with our letter of engagement. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Society and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as members of the Main Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with the Rules of the Society; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 2010

	Notes	2010	2009
		£	£
INCOME			
London courses programme		40,000	40,000
Income from services, conferences and other events	3	121,082	146,146
Interest receivable	4	4,345	2,534
Corporation tax	5	(912)	(507)
		164,515	188,173
EXPENDITURE			
Direct costs of services, conferences and other events	3	(135,490)	(150,454)
Committee activities, member services and grants to area societies		(20,101)	(8,470)
Seedcorn fund		(9,835)	(24,109)
Administration costs		(13,575)	(1,931)
		(179,001)	(184,964)
(Deficit) / Surplus	8	(14,486)	3,209

Note:

All the Society's activities are classed as continuing, and there were no acquisitions in the year. The Society has no recognised gains or losses in the year other than those shown in the Income and Expenditure Account, and no separate statement has been prepared.

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BALANCE SHEET

for the year ended 31 December 2010

	Notes	2010	2009
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	6	50,166	84,971
Cash at bank and in hand		199,113	192,944
		249,279	277,915
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals	7	(53,101)	(67,251)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		196,178	210,664
TOTAL ASSETS		196,178	210,664

Financed by:

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	8	196,178	210,664
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The financial statements on pages 5 to 8 were approved on 22 February 2011.



Samantha Russell
President



Ken Solomons
Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2010

1 Accounting Policies

- Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

- Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

- Self financing activities**

Fees and direct expenditure on activities are reflected in the year in which the relevant events occur.

- Society's finances**

The ICAEW London Region provides all of the Society's ongoing secretariat support, office and establishment requirements.

The Society operates within its own resources, from surpluses on events and activities, from commission on the London courses programme operated by CCH Wolters Kluwer, from sponsorship and from reserves.

2 Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes the Society will have the ability to continue its operations to its members as a going concern.

3 Services, conferences and other events

The Society carries out certain activities for the benefit of members of the Society, which are financed by participating members or from other sources of income such as sponsorship. Total sponsorship raised in 2010 was £14,875 (2009: £23,615).

	2010			2009		
	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses (Restated)	Net
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Small practitioners' conference	52,056	(51,265)	791	57,744	(50,814)	6,930
Other self financing events	69,026	(84,225)	(15,199)	88,402	(99,640)	(11,238)
	121,082	(135,490)	(14,408)	146,146	(150,454)	(4,308)

4 Interest

	2010	2009
	£	£
Interest receivable		
Short-term deposits	4,345	2,534

5 Corporation tax

	2010	2009
	£	£
Taxation is based on:		
Tax charge for the year	(912)	(507)
Average United Kingdom corporation tax	21.00%	21.00%

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6 Debtors: falling due within one year

	2010	2009
	£	£
Trade debtors	32,538	32,523
Prepayments	17,628	52,448
At 31 December	50,166	84,971

7 Creditors: falling due within one year

	2010	2009
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,301	3,886
Conference/subscription fees received in advance	33,732	46,090
Accruals	14,068	17,275
At 31 December	53,101	67,251

8 Accumulated fund

	2010	2009
	£	£
At 1 January	210,664	207,455
Income and Expenditure Account	(14,486)	3,209
At 31 December	196,178	210,664

9 Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

At 31 December 2010 the Society had no contingent liabilities or capital commitments.

10 Post balance sheet events

At the date of signing these financial statements the Main Committee is not aware of any significant events which would materially affect these financial statements.