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Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel
Newsletter No. 2

A few words from the President

Greetings to all founder-members of the Association, and welcome to those who have been admitted to membership since last September.

I have been keeping in touch by letter with the six other members of the Council, though the uncertainties of the postal system make communication difficult at times.

As was mentioned in Newsletter No. 1, we have agreed on a logo in the form of a loophole, and have found an English firm (recommended by Mr Jeremy Pope of the Commonwealth Secretariat) who are all set to manufacture ties and scarves with a design incorporating the logo. As the Association has no funds, it will be necessary for members to send firm orders for these desirable articles of adornment to the Secretary, together with a sum of money sufficient to cover the price of the goods ordered plus postage from England. This will give us an idea of how many ties and scarves to order from the manufacturer in the first instance, and will enable us to pay the manufacturer for the goods on delivery without delay. A note by the Secretary inviting orders and remittances appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Preparations for the 1986 Commonwealth Law Conference in Jamaica have already begun. The Chairman of the Organising Committee is Mr K.C. Burke, who is also President of the Jamaican Bar Association. After consulting the other members of the Council I wrote to him in March, on behalf of the Association, to say that we would like to see included in the Conference programme a major session, or a day, on aspects of the preparation of legislation - not least because this important aspect of the law-making process was hardly touched on in Hong Kong. I said that we would like the programme to include at least one session on a topic of fairly general interest to do with legislative drafting, and mentioned as a possible topic the pros and cons of adopting a more "continental" style of drafting as advocated (briefly) by Sir Patrick Neil in his paper to the last Conference (Papers of the Commonwealth Law Conference, pp.429-30). I did however make clear that this was only one suggestion, and said that we might wish to put forward other topics for the Committee's consideration in due course. I invite members of the Association to send me or the Secretary other suggestions for suitable topics.

I also asked Mr Burke to mention to the Committee that we would like them to arrange the Conference programme so as to enable the Association to hold its General Meeting at a time which does not clash with other events of particular interest to drafters. As I see it, we will need at least two hours for the general meeting itself, after which the members of the Association attending the Conference will want time to discuss topics of general interest to the members. I have therefore said that we probably need a whole afternoon about half-way through the Conference.

I have received an encouraging reply from Mr Burke, who says that the Committee would like to decide on the topics for discussion at the Conference as early as possible. So now is the time for you to send me or the Secretary your suggestions, for consideration by the Council, who will then be able to put forward definite proposals to the Organising Committee.

We would also like to receive suggestions for topics to be discussed among ourselves after the conclusion of the General Meeting. This, rather than a Conference session, is perhaps the best forum for a discussion about the use of word-processors in drafting and about computerisation of the law - though if either or both of these topics were to be the subject of a Conference session, I would expect members of the Association to have much to contribute.

I look forward to hearing from you.

George Engle

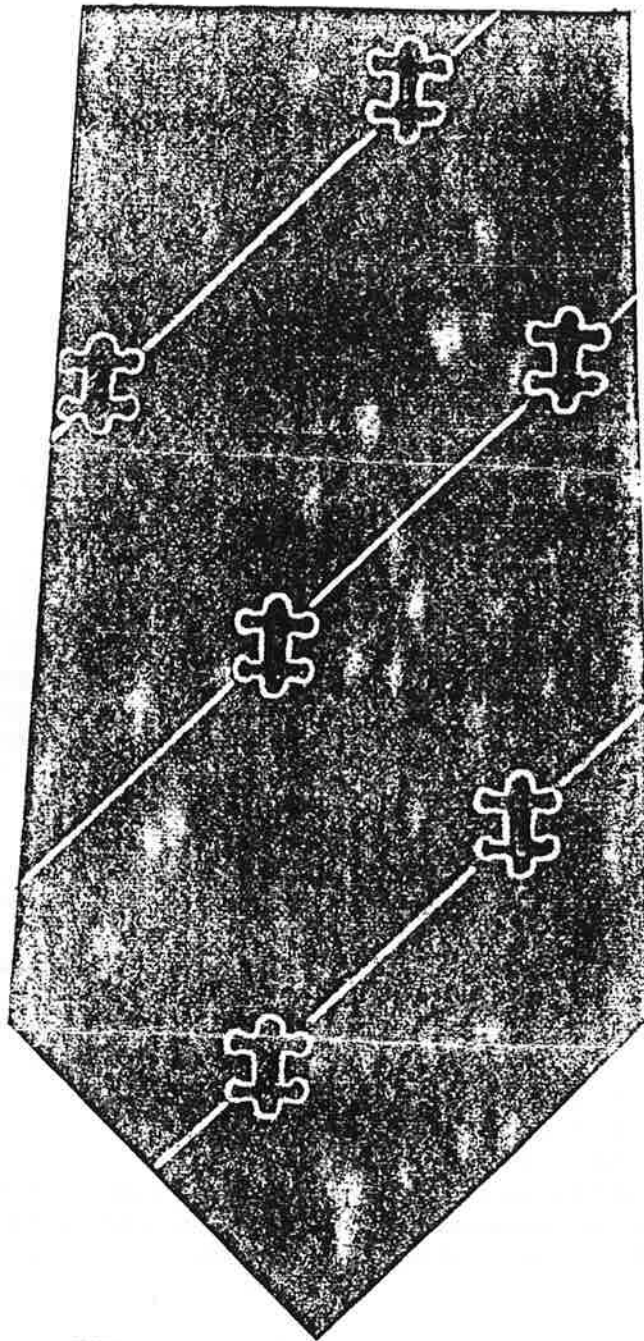
Ties and Scarves

As mentioned above by Sir George Engle, the Council has decided, if enough members respond to this invitation, to arrange for ties and scarves to be produced on which will be printed a simple, uncluttered design incorporating the Association's logo.

The design will be in gold on dark blue woven polyester. The size of the scarves will be 68cm x 68 cm or 27" x 27".

An illustration of the design (and the Secretary apologises for the poor quality of the illustration, but it is a photocopy of a photocopy) is shown on the following page.

In order to make it possible for the Association to order the ties and scarves, members will need to send the Secretary or the President firm orders and remittances in advance. The cost of a tie is UK £5.00 and the cost of a scarf is UK £6.00.



Those members who wish to order ties or scarves, or both, should place an order on the order form attached to the end of this newsletter before 31 August 1984.

Those ordering from outside the United Kingdom should send their orders to:

The Secretary
Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel
c/- Office of Parliamentary Counsel
Robert Garran Offices
Kings Avenue
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Australia

New Members

CALC is extremely pleased to welcome the following new members. Would other members please add the following names and addresses to their list of members of CALC.

Mr K.H.J. Ireland Mr F.L.A. Waterman	Attorney General's Chambers Hamilton Bermuda
Ms R.M. Bradley	Legislative Counsel Alberta Legislative Counsel Office 9833-109 Street Edmonton Alberta, Canada T5K 2E8
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Miss P.I. Senavatne	Legal Draftsman Ministry of Justice Colombo Sri Lanka

CALC TIES AND SCARVES

ORDER FORM FOR CALC MEMBERS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Please post to : Sir George Engle
Office of the Parliamentary Counsel
16 Whitehall
LONDON SW1A 2AY

Name :

Address :

I would like to order -

_____ ties (please state the number)

_____ scarves (please state the number)

Enclosed is my cheque for UK £

The price for each tie, together with postage is UK £5.50
The price for each scarf, together with postage, is UK £6.50

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Name :

Address :

I would like to order -

_____ ties (please state the number)

_____ scarves (please state the number)

Enclosed is my cheque/bank draft/money order for

UK £ (members in countries other than Australia)

Aust \$ (members in Australia may convert pounds
sterling to Australian dollars)

The price for each tie, together with airmail postage, is UK £6.50
The price for each scarf, together with airmail postage, is UK £7.50

