

# News from the Board

Reflections on our Cardiff Board meeting, 03 May 2022

The pandemic means that it is three years since our Board last met in Wales. So I was delighted to be able to return to Cardiff this month.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/cardiff-april-2022/\]](#) Reflections on our Birmingham Board meeting - Anna Bradley, 12 April 2022

This month's meeting was the first at our refurbished Birmingham office. The switch to hybrid working meant we needed to revamp our office layout to major on collaboration and networking and the Board were fortunate to be able to see the new layout on only the second full day of operation.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/april-2022/\]](#) Reflections on our March Board - Anna Bradley, 28 March 2022

This month's blog focuses on the invasion of Ukraine. The Board has been kept up-to-date with the action the SRA has been taking over the last month, but this was the first chance we have had to discuss the issues together.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/march-2022/\]](#) Reflections on our January Board - Anna Bradley, 04 February 2022

Our Board started 2022 with a face-to-face meeting. I hope this is a good sign for the future! It certainly meant we were able to properly welcome our two new Board members – Lisa Mayhew, Co-Chair of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, and Nicola Williams, who is Legal and Compliance Director and Company Secretary of Welsh Water.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/january-2022/\]](#) Reflections on our December Board - Anna Bradley, 09 December 2021

Our final Board meeting of 2021 was a busy one. Coming so close after our November Compliance Officers Conference in Birmingham, and the week of virtual events that followed it.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/december-2021/\]](#) Reflections on our October Board meeting - Anna Bradley, 25 October 2021

Since lockdown last year I have really missed the opportunity to get away from the screen and talk to people face to face.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/reflections-october-board-meeting-2021/\]](#) Reflections on our September Board – Anna Bradley, 20 September 2021

The SRA Board held a quarterly monitoring meeting this week. Here we explored operational and financial performance, delivery against our business plan and looked at the strategic risk register.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/september-2021-board-meeting-anna-bradley/\]](#) SRA recruiting two new Board members, 17 September 2021

We have launched a campaign to recruit two new solicitor members to our Board.

[\[/sra/news/press/2021-press-releases/board-member-recruitment-2021/\]](#) Reflections on our June Board meeting – Anna Bradley, 10 June 2021

Our June meeting was a real landmark - the first meeting of the Board since SRA Ltd started regulating as a distinct legal entity within the Law Society Group on the 1st of June.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/june-2021-board-meeting-anna-bradley/\]](#) Reflections on our April Board meeting – Anna Bradley, 05 May 2021

One of our most important tasks as a Board is to make sure the current and future activities of the SRA are the right ones. That means we need to keep our 'finger on the pulse' of what is happening in the sector.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/april-2021-board-meeting-anna-bradley/\]](#) Reflections on our March Board - Anna Bradley, 11 March 2021

One of the perennial preoccupations for all boards is whether we are focusing resources on the 'right' things. An important part of this is checking in with stakeholders on what is being planned.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/reflections-march-board-2021/\]](#) Reflections on our January Board - Anna Bradley, 28 January 2021

I was delighted to be joined by four new members for our first Board meeting of the year. Ann, Dermot, Elizabeth and Vikas all bring expertise and fresh perspectives to the table.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/reflections-january-board-2021/\]](#) Reflections on October Board Meeting - Anna Bradley, 22 October 2020

One of the key components of the work of any board is the opportunity to really get to grips with the complexities of the day to day work of the organisation.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/reflections-october-board-meeting/\]](#) Reflections on September Board - Anna Bradley, 18 September 2020

It is now six months since lockdown measures were first introduced as a result of Covid-19. We have all had to adapt and evolve the way we work and the Board had a useful discussion about both the impact of the pandemic on our operational work and on the profession and sector more widely.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/reflections-on-september-board/\]](#) Reflections - Dr Peter Higson, 02 September 2020

At the time I applied to become a member of the Board I had recently finished a five-year appointment as the Chair of a Health Board in Wales.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/dr-peter-higson/\]](#) Reflections - Selina Ullah, 02 September 2020

Through my voluntary and community work I was aware of the impact legal services have on the lives of people and especially vulnerable groups and the importance of access to services and justice.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/selina-ullah/\]](#) Reflection - Tony Williams, 02 September 2020

Getting out of the way is in my view a priority for a modern regulator and doing that effectively means harnessing the views of a range of people.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/tony-williams/\]](#) We are recruiting four new Board members, 02 September 2020

We are recruiting four new Board members - two lay (non-solicitors) and two solicitors, as current members, Dame Denise Platt, David Heath, Elaine Williams and David Willis reach the end of their terms.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/recruiting-four-new-board-members/\]](#) Reflect, develop and progress your firm - race equality, what now?, 30 July 2020

SRA Board Chair Anna Bradley chaired the first of three virtual events we are holding against the backdrop of the wider Black Lives Matter movement.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/reflect-develop-progress-your-firm-race-equality-what-now/\]](#) Reflections on our July 2020 Board - Anna Bradley, 20 July 2020

Our Board is now well practised at coming together virtually and so we tried our hands at a different kind of more strategic discussion at a workshop on strategic risk.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/july-2020/\]](#) Reflections on our June 2020 Board - Anna Bradley, 25 June 2020

We covered a broad range of topics in this week's Board, but of course the impact and implications of Covid-19 was a constant theme.

[\[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/june-2020/\]](#) Reflections on our May 2020 Board - Anna Bradley, 13 May 2020

Yesterday our Board met virtually again. It is strange how quickly you adapt to the new normal. We are now meeting more often, for shorter periods, so there were just two big issues to discuss.

[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/may-2020] Reflections on exceptional March board meeting - Anna Bradley,  
25 March 2020

In these extraordinary times, we held an additional Board meeting to discuss our response to COVID-19. This was our first ever online meeting.

[/sra/how-we-work/our-board/news-from-the-board/reflections-exceptional-march-board-meeting/]