



MINUTES

Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
June 19, 2019

Attendance:

Tracy Bock, President
Mike Reddy, Vice President
Ian Rennie, Secretary
Brad Patzer, Treasurer
Candace Seddon, Member at Large
Heather Chang, Layperson (by teleconference)
Glenn Tait, Executive Director
Bob Wilson, Communications and Planning Coordinator

Regrets:

Karen Wilford, FLSC Representative
Alex Godfrey, Past President

Call To Order:

President Tracy Bock called the meeting to order at 12:07PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Candace SEDDON
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Candace SEDDON
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Finance:

- 1) The Variance Report to date for 2019 was presented for information.

- 2) The balances of LSNT investment accounts were presented for information.

Discipline:

- 1) A report on Discipline cases in progress was presented for information.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- 1) Glenn Tait gave a progress update on the activities of the committee working on revisions to the *Legal Profession Act*. The Committee has completed their discussions, and a discussion paper is being prepared to present to the Executive Committee.
- 2) The Thentia/Helsby Drake Open Regulate business roadmap has been received and is being reviewed. The website design process continues.
- 3) The contract with the Law Society of Alberta to purchase licenses for their Adjudicator Training Course has been signed, effective date September 1, 2019.
- 4) The new Education Plan was presented for review.

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE
SECONDED BY: Mike REDDY

THAT the new Education Plan be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 5) The project to replace of the LSNT telephone system is continuing. The telephones have been received, and will be installed in early July.

Rule/Policy Amendments:

- 1) Policy Change- Proof of Identity

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE
SECONDED BY: Candace SEDDON

THAT a new policy be added to the LSNT Policy Manual requiring new applicants for membership in the Law Society of the Northwest Territories to provide a notarized copy of Government issued photo identification, and, if necessary, proof that they can legally work in Canada.

CARRIED

- 2) Policy Change- Proof of Insurance

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT a new policy be added to the LSNT Policy Manual requiring new applicants for membership in the Law Society of the Northwest Territories to provide proof that they have liability insurance.

CARRIED

3) Policy Change- Letters of Good Character

MOVED BY: Candace SEDDON
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the policy regarding Letters of Good Character be amended as presented.

CARRIED

New Business:

- 1) Staff are directed to advertise for Expressions of Interest for LSNT members interested in being considered for the vacant alternate position on the Judicial Council.
- 2) The weeks of October 14 or 21 were suggested as the date range for the Autumn Member Reception.
- 3) The referral categories for the Lawyer Referral Service maintained by the LSNT were discussed. Currently there are 71, compared to 20 for the Law Society of Alberta. The referral categories will be reviewed as we transition to the new website.
- 4) The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Call to Justice aimed at Law Societies was presented for information. The Law Society is exploring several options in response, including a Continuing Professional Development session aimed at cultural competency.
- 5) A letter from the Department of Justice reporting on the Legal Resource Centre was presented for information.
- 6) Glenn reported on the Young Lawyer Initiative. President Tracy Bock and Executive Director Glenn Tait have met with two articling students over lunch to acquaint them with the Law Society and explain what the Law Society can do for them.
- 7) The University of Alberta Student Recruitment Session was cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 8) The lease for the Law Society offices expires on July 31, 2020. The existing lease was for a five year term, with an option to renew for a further five years, which was exercised. Staff are directed to invite requests for proposals to find out what spaces and costs are available.

Meeting Dates:

LSNT Executive: June 19, 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 1:15 PM.

Tracy Bock, President

Ian Rennie, Secretary