



LAW SOCIETY
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MINUTES

Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
January 22, 2020

Attendance:

Mike Reddy, President
Brad Patzer, Vice President
Christina Brownlee, Secretary
Sheldon Toner, Treasurer
Karin Taylor, Member at Large
Heather Chang, Layperson (by telephone)
Karen Wilford, FLSC Representative

Glenn Tait, Executive Director
Bob Wilson, Communications and Planning Coordinator

Call To Order:

President Mike Reddy called the meeting to order at 12:10PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Christina BROWNLEE
SECONDED BY: Sheldon TONER

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Sheldon TONER
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- 1) Glenn Tait reported that the Revisions to the Legal Profession Act Committee met on January 16 to review the comments received from the membership on the Discussion Paper. They will be compiled and added as an appendix to the Discussion Paper.
- 2) Glenn Tait gave an update on the Helsby Drake website project. Mike Clory, Vice President, Operations from Thentia reports that work is progressing on the website, with mock-ups being prepared.
- 3) Glenn Tait gave a report on the Request for Proposals for office space. The deadline for submissions was January 17, and the RFP Committee will meet on January 23 to review them and prepare recommendations for the Executive Committee.
- 4) Appointments to External Committees:

MOVED BY: Brad PATZER
SECONDED BY: Christina BROWNLEE

THAT the proposed policy on Applications for External Committees be approved as amended.

CARRIED

- 5) The Executive Committee will meet with the Minister of Justice, Caroline Wawzonek, on February 24, 2020 at 2:00PM.
- 6) Glenn Tait reported that the Law Society has received Responsible Lawyer designations from all who were required to do so.

Discipline:

- 1) A report on Discipline cases in progress was presented for information. There are currently four Discipline Complaints in progress. In addition, there is one complaint which is proceeding to a Committee of Inquiry.

Rule/Policy Amendments

- 1) Room Rental Policy:

MOVED BY: Sheldon TONER
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the proposed amendment to the Room Rental Policy be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- 2) Certificates of Standing: The policy regarding Certificates of Standing from other jurisdictions does not require amendment at this time.

New Business:

- 1) Glenn Tait provided a usage report from Homewood Health, provider of our Lawyer Assistance Program, for information.
- 2) The Executive Committee agreed to allow a variance for a member to forego the provision of Form 2.2.
- 3) A request for Expressions of Interest for candidates for various external Bench and Bar Committees and the Judicial Council will be published in the LSNT Weekly Bulletin.
- 4) Glenn Tait gave a report on proposed changes to the CPLED process, for information.
- 5) Glenn Tait reported that the Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Civility Committee between the Territorial Court and the Law Society was due for renewal.

MOVED BY: Sheldon TONER
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Memorandum of Understanding establishing a Civility Committee between the Territorial Court and the Law Society be renewed until June 30, 2020;

AND FURTHER that Tracy Bock and Paul Parker be recommended for membership on the Civility Committee for the term ending June 30, 2020;

AND FURTHER that applicants be invited to provide Expressions of Interest to serve on the Civility Committee upon renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding at that time.

CARRIED

- 6) The Executive Committee discussed the membership of Law Students working while attending Law School, either through a Co-Op program or as summer employment. The Committee decided that if an employer required the students to give legal advice or in any other way be engaged in the practice of law, they should become Law Society members.

Federation of Law Societies of Canada:

- 1) Karen Wilford gave a report, and discussed the upcoming FLSC Conference in March 2020. She has been re-appointed to the FLSC TRC Advisory Board.

The Committee went In Camera for discussion.

Meeting Dates:

LSNT Executive / FLSC: February 11, 2020

LSNT Executive: February 24, 12:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 1:40 PM.

Mike Reddy, President

Christina Brownlee, Secretary