



LAW SOCIETY
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MINUTES

Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
February 24, 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)

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

Regrets:

Karen Wilford, FLSC Representative

Call To Order:

President Mike Reddy called the meeting to order at 2:10PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Karin TAYLOR
SECONDED BY: Sheldon TONER

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Brad PATZER
SECONDED BY: Karin TAYLOR

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as amended to reflect Ramona Sladic changed her status to Inactive.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- 1) Glenn Tait reported that the Revisions to the Legal Profession Act Committee Discussion Paper was ready to be presented to the Executive Committee for review. He will conduct a Doodle poll to arrange a meeting.
- 2) Glenn Tait gave an update on the Helsby Drake website project. We have reviewed the wire frames for the Applicant Portal, and are preparing our response and edits.
- 3) Glenn Tait gave a report the proposal from Olthuis Kleer Townsend for a cultural competency course. We are waiting for details regarding the various modules.
- 4) Currently we have completed approximately 20% of the membership renewals for 2020.
- 5) Glenn Tait reported that the Law Society has received responses from Public Prosecution Services of Canada and the GNWT Department of Justice indicating their nominations for external committees. We are awaiting nomination forms from the general membership of the Law Society for seats that will be nominated by the Law Society. These will be provided for review at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Finance:

- 1) Glenn Tait presented a Variance Report dated February 20, 2020, for information.

Discipline:

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

New Business:

- 1) Glenn Tait provided an update on the CPLED/PREP appeal process. The administrators of the CPLED program will add one Northwest Territories representative to the Appeal Panel.
- 2) Margo Nightingale is resigning as the Law Society representative to the Access to Justice Committee. The membership will be canvassed for expressions of interest for the position.
- 3) Expressions of Interest from members for the Territorial Court Judicial Appointments Committee will be invited through an email invitation and through the weekly bulletin.
- 4) Glenn Tait gave a report from the Legal Ethics and Practice Committee.

MOVED BY: Sheldon TONER
SECONDED BY: Karin TAYLOR

THAT the changes recommended by the Legal Ethics and Practice Committee to Rule 3.1-2 of the Code of Conduct be approved as presented.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Brad PATZER
SECONDED BY: Sheldon TONER

THAT the recommendations of the Legal Ethics and Practice Committee regarding additions to Rule 5.2.1 be accepted.

CARRIED

The Committee also recommends that the membership be consulted regarding conflicts when appearing before and at the same time advising tribunals. The membership will be canvassed through Glenn Tait's newsletter.

The Committee has no concerns with the rule changes to Rule 6.3.

- 5) The Executive Committee considered changes to the policy on Law Society acceptance of credit cards for payment. No changes will be made at this time.

Meeting Dates:

Executive Committee Meeting with Minister Cochrane- February 28, 3:00PM

LPA Discussion Paper- March 24, 12:00PM

LSNT Executive: March 31, 12:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 3:40 PM.

Mike Reddy, President

Christina Brownlee, Secretary