



LAW SOCIETY
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Via Zoom
April 23, 2020

Attendance:

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

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

Regrets:

Tracy Bock, Past President

Call To Order:

President Mike Reddy called the meeting to order at 12:05PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Heather CHANG
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Heather CHANG
SECONDED BY: Christina BROWNLEE

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Federation of Law Societies of Canada:

Karen Wilford gave a report on the Federation of Law Societies of Canada business meeting in Montreal. The next scheduled meeting will be in June.

Karen Wilford left the meeting.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- 1) Glenn Tait gave an update on the Helsby Drake website project. We have received new wire frames in response to our edits. We are seeing progress.
- 2) Glenn Tait gave a report the proposal from Olthuis Kleer Townsend for a cultural competency course. Scheduling of the course is being discussed.
- 3) The renewal cycle is complete. Six members (five active, one inactive) were suspended for non-renewal; none were resident members.
- 4) Appointments to External Committees was deferred to the in camera session at the end of the meeting.

Finance:

- 1) Glenn Tait presented a Variance Report dated April 15, 2020, for information.
- 2) Glenn Tait gave an update on current Law Society investments, for information.

Discipline:

- 1) A report on Discipline cases in progress was presented for information. There is currently one discipline complaint in progress. In addition, there is one complaint which is proceeding to a Committee of Inquiry.
- 2) MOVED BY: Heather CHANG
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT Glen Rutland be appointed as Chair of the Discipline Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT Sarah Kay, Tracy Carroll and Michelle Theriault be appointed as Vice Chairs of the Discipline Committee.

CARRIED

- 3) The Executive Committee recommended that a custodian be appointed for a member who has been administratively suspended.

Rule/Policy Changes:

- 1) Letters of Good Character:

MOVED BY: Christina BROWNLEE
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the recommendations of the Rules Committee related to Letters of Good Character be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

New Business:

- 1) The Executive Committee discussed a proposal from Magnolia Unka-Wool to create a law school in the Northwest Territories, and agreed that further exploration was warranted. It was felt that it was important to develop a partnership with an established law school if the idea moves ahead. A meeting with Magnolia Unka-Wool will be arranged to discuss the proposal.
- 2) Glenn Tait reported that the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association mandatory levys were set to increase in the next period, and suggested that the Law Society was in a financial position to keep the premiums for members the same as last year.

MOVED BY: Sheldon TONER
SECONDED BY: Brad Patzer

THAT the CLIA premiums charged to insured members be maintained at \$2000.00 for 2020.

CARRIED

- 3) MOVED BY: Heather CHANG
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT Gary Magee be approved for Active Membership in the Law Society of the Northwest Territories.

CARRIED

Meeting Dates:

May 19, 2020, 12:00PM- Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 PM.

Mike Reddy, President

Christina Brownlee, Secretary