



LAW SOCIETY
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Via Zoom
May 19, 2020

Attendance:

Mike Reddy, President
Brad Patzer, Vice President
Christina Brownlee, Secretary
Sheldon Toner, Treasurer
Karin Taylor, Member at Large
Heather Chang, Layperson
Tracy Bock, Past President

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 12:02 PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Brad PATZER
SECONDED BY: Heather CHANG
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 amended.

CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- 1) Glenn Tait gave an update on the Helsby Drake website project.
- 2) LPA Committee- Glenn Tait has compiled instructions to the drafters of the Legal Profession Act. Mike Reddy and Glenn Tait will meet to discuss a draft legislative proposal to share with the Department of Justice.

Finance:

- 1) Glenn Tait presented a Variance Report dated May 19, 2020, for information.
- 2) Glenn Tait gave an update on the annual audit. A draft is expected by the end of the week.

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.

Rule/Policy Changes:

- 1) Discipline Committee Appointments Policy:

MOVED BY: Karin TAYLOR
SECONDED BY: Christina BROWNLEE

THAT the policy on appointment of Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Discipline Committee be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 2) Videoconference Voting Policy

MOVED BY: Karin TAYLOR
SECONDED BY: Christina BROWNLEE

THAT the policy on remote participation and voting at Executive Committee meetings and Annual General meetings be adopted as presented.

- 3) Termination of Law Practice- The question of when the Law Society should consider that a law firm is considered terminated was tabled.

New Business:

- 1) The Executive Committee decided that when the current inventory of President's Pins was exhausted, no more would be ordered, and that a more personal memento would be given to retiring Presidents moving forward.
- 2) The Executive Committee discussed how long a member's disciplinary history should be available on the Law Society website. This issue is being discussed by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. Glenn Tait will do a jurisdictional scan and report back.
- 3) Members will be invited to submit nominations for the Presidents' Award, using the same criteria as last year.

Meeting Dates:

June 16, 2020, 12:00PM- Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 1:04PM.

Mike Reddy, President

Christina Brownlee, Secretary