**MINUTES**

Executive Committee Meeting

Law Society of the Northwest Territories

Law Society Training Room and ZOOM

November 27, 2020

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

Glenn Tait, Executive Director

Bob Wilson, Communications and Planning Coordinator

**Call To Order:**

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

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Moved BY: Christina BROWNLEE

 Seconded BY:  Brad PATZER

 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***

**Federation of Law Societies of Canada:**

Karen Wilford presented an oral report on FLSC activities.

 **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. Glenn Tait gave an update on the Helsby Drake website project. A projected timeline for completion was presented.
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2. MOVED BY: Sheldon TONER

 SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT a Reconciliation and the Law Society Committee be formed to address the Law Society of the Northwest Territories’ response to the Truth and Reconciliation Committee’s Calls to Action and the report from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Response Committee subject to the Terms of Reference as presented.

***CARRIED***

1. Mobility for Federal Government Lawyers- There have been further discussions between the Federation of Law Societies of Canada and the three Territorial law societies. For the three Territorial law societies, the status quo will remain.
2. Search for new Layperson- We have received two applications for the Layperson position.

**Finance:**

1. Glenn Tait presented a Variance Report dated October 19, 2020, for information.

**Discipline:**

1. Glenn Tait reported that there are currently four discipline complaints in progress.  There was a Sole Inquirer hearing on September 1, and we await a written decision.

**Rule/Policy Changes:**

1. The proposed policy on staffing and benefits was tabled to the January meeting.

**New Business:**

1. The Executive Committee discussed proposing changes to the CBA regarding the criteria for presenting the Presidents’ Award. Glenn Tait will approach the CBA-NT with a proposal to remove the residency requirement for the award.
2. The Executive Committee agreed that membership fees for new applicants who were not able to be called due to COVID-19 be pro-rated.
3. The Executive Committee decided to respectfully decline the offer of law books from the GNWT Department of Justice.
4. Karin Taylor gave an update on the activities of the Access to Justice Committee.
5. Civility Committee- (Tracy Bock left the meeting for this discussion).

 MOVED BY: Christina BROWNLEE

 SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT Tracy Bock and Sukham Dhindsa be approved as members of the Civility Committee.

***CARRIED***

**Meeting Dates:**

LSNT Executive- December 5, 2020

Annual General Meeting- December 5, 2020

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:21PM.

Mike Reddy, President Christina Brownlee, Secretary