



**LAW SOCIETY**  
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**MINUTES**

Law Society of the Northwest Territories  
Law Society Training Room  
October 30, 2018

**Attendance:**

Alex Godfrey, President  
Tracy Bock, Vice President  
Ian Rennie, Secretary  
Mike Reddy, Treasurer  
Candace Seddon, Member at Large  
Heather Chang, Layperson (by teleconference)  
Karen Wilford, FLSC Representative

Glenn Tait, Executive Director (by teleconference)  
Bob Wilson, Communications and Planning Coordinator

**Call To Order:**

President Alex Godfrey called the meeting to order at 11:37 AM.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

There were requests to add three items to the Agenda under New Business:

1. Department of Justice Family Law Representative
2. Articles variance request- Lawson Lundell
3. RAC approval- Lotery

MOVED BY: Tracy BOCK  
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

***CARRIED***

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

MOVED BY: Tracy BOCK  
SECONDED BY: Candace SEDDON

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**Reports:**

- 1) The Executive Director's Report was presented for information. Glenn Tait spoke to the written report. There were no questions

**Finance:**

- 1) The Variance Report to date for fiscal year 2018 was provided to the Executive Committee. There were no questions.
- 2) Mike Reddy presented the draft budget for 2019.

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE  
SECONDED BY: Tracy BOCK

THAT the draft budget for 2019 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Discipline:**

- 1) Glenn Tait reported on the current state of disciplinary complaints and proceedings. An individual from outside the jurisdiction has sent numerous email complaints about the conduct of various members. These materials have been determined not to constitute a complaint.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- 1) Glenn Tait presented a verbal report detailing ongoing updates to the Find a Lawyer section of the Law Society website.
- 2) Glenn Tait provided an update on the Revisions to the Legal Profession Act Committee.

**Rule/Policy Amendments:**

- 1) Changes to the Discipline Disclosure Policy-

MOVED BY: Tracy BOCK  
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the draft changes to the Discipline Disclosure Policy be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

- 2) Policy on members moving from Inactive to Active status- Tabled.
- 3) Policy 19- Quebec civil law graduates- Tabled.
- 4) Policy on sexual relations with clients- Tabled

**New Business:**

- 1) Appointment to Legal Aid Commission.

MOVED BY: Tracy BOCK  
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT Paul Falvo be appointed to the Legal Aid Commission.

**CARRIED**

- 2) Territorial Civil Bench and Bar appointment.

MOVED BY: Tracy BOCK  
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT Sarah Kay and Neesha Rao be appointed to the Territorial Civil Bench and Bar Committee for two year terms, expiring in December 2020,

AND FURTHER that the membership of Betty Lou McIlmoyle on the Territorial Civil Bench and Bar Committee be extended until March 2019.

**CARRIED**

- 3) Purpose of the bar admission exam.

The Executive Committee provided guidance to the Bar Exam Revision Committee. Times should be standardized, questions should not be repeated, and each instance of the examination should be equally difficult.

- 4) Christmas Party. Glenn Tait reported that the date and venue for the Christmas Party had to be changed, as the venue which was booked had cancelled our booking in favour of a more lucrative one. The membership will be notified that the Christmas Party will now be on Friday, December 14.

- 5) Money laundering rules.

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE  
SECONDED BY: Tracy BOCK

THAT the money laundering rules approved by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada be passed to the Rules Committee for implementation in 2019.

**CARRIED**

- 6) Family law advisory group. The GNWT Department of Justice is seeking a member from the private bar to sit on a Federal advisory committee on family law. Margo Nightingale has been contacted to make recommendations.

- 7) Articles variance request- Lawson Lundell. Lawson Lundell has asked for a variance to the Articles for one of their students, under Section 18 of the *Legal Profession Act*, to allow her to complete part of her Articles in Nunavut. This has been tabled pending an update from the Law Society of Nunavut.

8) RAC approval.

MOVED BY: Tracy BOCK  
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the application for a Restricted Appearance Certificate for Benjamin M. Lotery, acting in R v Cassius Zane Paradis, Court file # T1-CR-2018-002001, be approved.

***CARRIED***

**Federation of Law Societies of Canada:**

Karen Wilford provided a verbal report on the FLSC conference and Council meeting in Charlottetown in October. CanLII is interested in having Continuing Professional Development presentations developed in the NWT available on their website.

**Meeting Dates:**

LSNT Executive: November 28, 2018 at 12:00. PM

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:35 PM.

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Alex Godfrey, President

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Ian Rennie, Secretary