



LAW SOCIETY
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MINUTES

Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
January 9, 2019

Attendance:

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

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

Call To Order:

Vice President Mike Reddy called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Candace SEDDON
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE
SECONDED BY: Candace SEDDON

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Reports:

- 1) The Executive Director's Report was presented for information. Glenn Tait spoke to the written report.

Vice President Mike Reddy passed the Chair to President Tracy Bock.

Finance:

- 1) Glenn Tait informed the Executive Committee that the annual audit will take place from February 11 until February 15, 2019.

Discipline:

- 1) Glenn Tait reported on the current state of disciplinary complaints and proceedings.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- 1) Glenn Tait provided an update on the NWT Law Foundation. A letter will be written to the Foundation requesting reporting in compliance with Section 55 of the *Legal Profession Act*. All of the positions on the Board of Directors of the NWT Law Foundation are up for renewal June 31, 2019.

Rule/Policy Amendments:

There was no business related to Rule/Policy Amendments

New Business:

- 1) The membership will be polled regarding changing the start time for the Annual General Meeting from 9:00 until 10:00, with the first meeting of the new Executive held at 9:00 rather than after the AGM.
- 2) The Past President of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories will be invited to sit as an honorary member of the Executive Committee, per Section 7 of the *Legal Profession Act*.
- 3) The Executive Committee liaisons to standing Law Society committees will be:

Continuing Professional Development:	Ian Rennie
Finance:	Brad Patzer
Rules:	Ian Rennie
Insurance:	Tracy Bock
Legal Ethics and Practice:	Tracy Bock
Admissions:	Mike Reddy
Social:	Candace Seddon
Discipline:	Brad Patzer
- 4) The intention of the rules related to pro-rating membership fees during the last three months of the membership year was clarified to apply only to the membership fee and not to the application fee.
- 5) Questions surrounding the requirements for members who are changing employers and the status of such members in transition were referred to the Rules Committee.
- 6) There was discussion regarding the inclusion of questions about the Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Calls to Action on the Bar Exam, the possibility of extending the current reading requirement applied to applicants practicing Aboriginal and Natural Resources law to all applicants, and requiring a mandatory Continuing Professional Development session on Truth and Reconciliation annually. These were referred to the Bar Examination Committee and the CPD Committee.

- 7) The membership will be canvassed to ascertain the level of interest in the Law Society coordinating a pro bono program and/or the Law Line. The Executive Committee will decide how to proceed once the level of membership interest is ascertained.
- 8) A meeting between the Law Society Executive Committee and the CBA-NT Executive Committee will be arranged to discuss areas of common concern and opportunities for cooperation.
- 9) Glenn Tait gave an update on the Helsby Drake proposal.
- 10) It was requested that Continuing Professional Development sessions restricted to Canadian Bar Association members be clearly indicated as such in the weekly bulletin.
- 11) Glenn Tait gave a report about preparations for the annual Christmas party. The Explorer Hotel has been booked.
- 12) Glenn Tait gave an update on the Universal Certificate of Standing in support of documents provided to the Executive Committee for information.

Federation of Law Societies of Canada:

Karen Wilford provided a verbal report on FLSC activities, including the meeting held in Ottawa in December 2018.

Meeting Dates:

LSNT Executive: February 20, 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 1:45 PM.

Tracy Bock, President

Ian Rennie, Secretary