



## **MINUTES**

Law Society of the Northwest Territories  
Law Society Training Room  
April 10, 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  
Alex Godfrey, Past President

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

Regrets- Alex Godfrey, Past President

### **Call To Order:**

President Tracy Bock called the meeting to order at 12:04PM.

### **Approval of the Agenda:**

MOVED BY: Brad PATZER  
SECONDED BY: Mike REDDY

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

***CARRIED***

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

MOVED BY: Candace SEDDON  
SECONDED BY: Mike REDDY

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

***CARRIED***

**Finance:**

- 1) The Variance Report to date for 2019 was presented for information.

**Discipline:**

- 1) A report on Discipline cases in progress was presented for information.
- 2) A peer review report on our disciplinary processes was prepared by Victoria Rees, Director of Professional Responsibility for the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society. It was provided to the Chair of Discipline for review. One of the recommendations in the review was that we engage in adjudicator training. Now that there is a national standard curriculum, Alberta has developed an Adjudicator Training course, which they have made available to other law societies for a fee.

MOVED BY: Brad PATZER  
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the Law Society of the Northwest Territories purchase four interchangeable licenses for Alberta's Adjudicator Training course for a one-time fee of \$2,500.00 per license, with a \$250.00 per year renewal fee per license.

**CARRIED**

- 3) Glenn Tait presented a report on the Spot Audit Program for 2018.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- 1) Glenn Tait gave a progress update on the activities of the committee working on revisions to the *Legal Profession Act*. The Committee has completed its discussions, and a discussion paper is being written to present to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
- 2) The Thentia/Helmsby Drake project discussions surrounding business processes will begin in May.
- 3) There were seven responses from the membership regarding providing *pro bono* services through a coordinated program organized by the Law Society. The response was not sufficient to warrant further action by the Law Society. The names will be forwarded to the Outreach Clinic at Legal Aid, and the seven people interested will be informed that this has been done.
- 4) Glenn Tait has contacted the members of the Law Foundation Board inviting them to re-apply if they were interested in returning as Board members. Unclaimed trust money that the Law Society has been holding since 2013 was transferred to the Law Foundation.

**Rule/Policy Amendments:**

- 1) Money Laundering Rule Changes

MOVED BY: Candace SEDDON  
SECONDED BY: Mike REDDY

THAT the changes to the rules related to money laundering presented by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada be referred to the Rules Committee to be integrated into the Rules of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories verbatim, and that the Rules Committee report back to the Executive Committee with a draft.

**CARRIED**

2) Policy on Disaster Recovery and Succession Planning

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE  
SECONDED BY: Candace SEDDON

THAT the proposed policy on disaster recovery and succession planning be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

3) Unreasonable Complaint Conduct Policy

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE  
SECONDED BY: Candace SEDDON

THAT the proposed policy on unreasonable complaint conduct be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

4) Code of Conduct- Office of the Children's Lawyer

MOVED BY: Mike REDDY  
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the changes proposed by the Legal Ethics and Practices Committee regarding the Model Code of Conduct rules for lawyers representing children be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

5) Sexual Relations with Clients

MOVED BY: Mike REDDY  
SECONDED BY: Brad PATZER

THAT the changes proposed by the Legal Ethics and Practices Committee regarding the Model Code of Conduct rules for sexual relations with clients for lawyers be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED**

6) Change of Title- Model Code of Conduct

MOVED BY: Candace SEDDON  
SECONDED BY: Heather CHANG

THAT the title of the Model Code of Conduct for the Law Society of the Northwest Territories be changed to the Code of Conduct for the Law Society of the Northwest Territories.

**CARRIED**

**New Business:**

- 1) CPD Credit for Executive Committee Members

MOVED BY: Heather CHANG  
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the members of the Executive Committee be credited with three hours of Continuing Professional Development yearly in recognition of their service on the Executive Committee.

**CARRIED**

- 2) CPD Credit for Wellness Events - It was decided that wellness events must have a substantial legal component to be considered for Continuing Professional Development credit.
- 3) A Law Society/CBA-NT social event will be organized to encourage members to become involved in committees for both organizations.
- 4) After conduction an on-line poll, the time of the Annual General Meeting will start at 10:00AM moving forward.

**Federation of Law Societies of Canada:**

- 1) Karen Wilford reported on the FLSC Council Meeting that took place in Montreal on March 4 and 5, 2019, and on two meetings regarding changes to the rules on money laundering.
- 2) There will be a one-day Council meeting in Ottawa in June and a meeting and conference in St. Johns in October.

**Meeting Dates:**

LSNT Executive: May 29, 2019  
LPA Discussion Paper: June 12, 2019 (since cancelled)  
LSNT Executive: June 19, 2019

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:00 PM.

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Tracy Bock, President

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Ian Rennie, Secretary