



LAW SOCIETY OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MINUTES
Annual General Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
December 1, 2018; Katimavik D Room, Explorer Hotel

ATTENDANCE:

Alex Godfrey
Tracy Bock
Mike Reddy
Ian Rennie
Brad Patzer
Heather Chang (Telephone)
Karen Wilford
Tim Syer
Michael Woodward

Edward Gullberg
Dana Webster
Sandra Aitken
Mark Aitken
Elaine Keenan Bengts
Sarah Kay
Louis Sebert
Austin Marshall

Geoff Wiest
Matthew Yap
Alyssa Holland
Gabriel Byatt
Toby Kruger
Jinal Shah- Crowe Mackay
Glenn Tait
Liz Jackson
Bob Wilson

Call To Order:

President Alex Godfrey called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and welcomed Minister of Justice Louis Sebert to the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Kelly MCLAUGHLIN
SECONDED BY: Sandy AITKEN

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Meeting Notice:

The Executive Director confirmed the Notice of the Meeting and Notice of Election had been distributed to the membership in accordance with the Rules of the Law Society of the NWT.

Election of Executive:

The new member of the Executive Committee, Brad Patzer, was introduced to the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes:

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MOVED BY: Sarah KAY
SECONDED BY: Elaine KEENAN-BENGT

THAT the Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting of December 2, 2017, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Business Arising From the Minutes:

None

President's Report:

The Report of the President was received by the meeting.

It was then:

MOVED BY: Kelly MCLAUGHLIN
SECONDED BY: Sarah KAY

THAT the President's Report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Mark Aitken asked for information on the Helsby Drake proposal, which was provided.

Treasurer's Report:

The Report of the Treasurer was received by the meeting. It was then:

MOVED BY: Michael WOODWARD
SECONDED BY: Tim SYER

THAT the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Acceptance of the 2015 Auditor's Report

The audited financial statements of the Law Society of the NWT for the year ending December 31, 2017 as prepared by Crowe MacKay LLP were received by the meeting. It was then:

MOVED BY: Sarah KAY
SECONDED BY: Sandy AITKEN

THAT the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Appointment of Auditors

It was then:

MOVED BY: Kelly MCLAUGHLIN
SECONDED BY: Sarah KAY

THAT Crowe MacKay LLP be appointed as auditors for the Law Society of the Northwest Territories for the year ending December 31, 2018.

CARRIED

Executive Director's Report

The Report of the Executive Director was received as information.

Committee Reports

The following Committee Reports were received by the meeting:

- Admissions- Austin Marshall
- Continuing Professional Development- Tim Syer
- Discipline- Sarah Kay

Having all of the Committee reports presented, it was then:

MOVED BY: Elaine KEENAN-BENGT
SECONDED BY: Kelly MCLAUGHLIN

THAT all Committee reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Rules Committee Report and Rule Changes Ratification

Matthew Yap gave the Rules Committee Report and outlined the rule changes recommended by the Rules Committee, proposed in AL-2, AL-3 and AL-4.

Proposed Rule Changes AL-2 and AL-3 were removed from the motion pending amendments to be presented for ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

MOVED BY: Matthew YAP
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT the proposed rule changes proposed in AL-4 and be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

External Reports

- Report of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada- Karen Wilford.
- Report of the Law Foundation of the Northwest Territories (Oral) - Michael Woodward. Elaine Keenan-Bengts asked about the absence of a written report from the Law Foundation of the Northwest Territories, and noted the absence of one last year as well.
- Report of the Access to Justice Committee (Oral, supplementing the report posted on the LSNT website) – Mark Aitken

Other Business

There was discussion regarding moving the time of the Annual General Meeting to 10:00 AM. This will be discussed by the Executive Committee.

There being no further business of the meeting, the President asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:10 AM.

MOVED BY- Kelly MCLAUGHLIN
SECONDED BY- Sarah KAY

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alexander P. Godfrey, President

Ian Rennie, Secretary