



LAW SOCIETY
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
May 11, 2022

Attendance:

Sheldon Toner, President
Christina Duffy, Vice President
Matthew Yap, Treasurer
Karin Taylor, Member at Large
Paul Andrew, Layperson
Jessica Copple, Executive Director

Regrets: Sandra MacKenzie, Secretary
Karen Wilford, FLSC Representative

Call To Order:

President Sheldon Toner called the meeting to order at 12:10pm

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Matthew YAP
SECONDED BY: Christina DUFFY

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Karin TAYLOR
SECONDED BY: Matthew YAP

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Federation of Law Societies of Canada:

Sheldon Toner gave a verbal report on the Federation Meeting that he attended in April.

Items to consider

- 1) Larger jurisdictions are afraid of losing their ability to appoint regulators. There was discussion regarding the number of laypersons who were appointed and a potential need for more representation. There were questions about what role the Law Societies will have in appointments in the future.
- 2) Mental Health Review – It was found that depression was higher in Lawyers than the general population, particularly in new calls. The Society needs to address this and focus on increased Continuing Professional Development around Mental Health and Wellness.
- 3)

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Law Office Search Guidelines – Sheldon will forward to Chief Judges. Afterwards, we can post in the Bulletin.

Finance:

Jessica Cople reported that there were no new financial records due to her not having access to CIBC accounts.

Discipline:

- 1) Jessica Cople reported that there are currently 7 discipline complaints being investigated, and one that is currently being reviewed.

Rule/Policy Changes:

New Business:

- 1) Planning the Golf Tournament and Presidents' Dinner. Will have a discussion with the CBA Executive.
- 2) Will defer the meeting with the Minister until the fall when members are able to attend.
- 3) NWTHC application – the Executive decided that they would review this issue and vote via email once they had more information. Will decide prior to June 10th.

The meeting moved in camera.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:17PM.

Next Meeting: July 5, 2022. Moving forward, meetings will occur on the first Tuesday of the month.

Sheldon Toner, President

Sandra Mackenzie, Secretary