



MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
Law Society Training Room
September 6, 2022

Attendance:

Sheldon Toner, President
Christina Duffy, Vice President
Matthew Yap, Treasurer
Karin Taylor, Member at Large
Jessica Copple, Executive Director
Karen Wilford, FLSC Representative

Regrets: Paul Andrew, Layperson

Call To Order:

President Sheldon Toner called the meeting to order at 12:08pm

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: Sandra MACKENZIE
SECONDED BY: Christina DUFFY

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended with the addition of item #3 Meeting with the Minister of Justice.

CARRIED

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

MOVED BY: Karin TAYLOR
SECONDED BY: Sandra MACKENZIE

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved with the removal of Item #3 from the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

CARRIED

Federation of Law Societies of Canada:

Karen Wilford gave a report on what is happening with the Federation of Law Societies

- 1) Amendments to the Model Code of Professional Conduct regarding discrimination have been presented for approval
- 2) The Federation is looking to populate committees for the incoming year.
- 3) The theme of the annual Federation Conference will be competency, particularly cultural competency.

Business Arising from the Minutes:**Finance:**

Jessica Cople reported on the Income Statement and Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2022. The Executive moved to have Jessica Cople added as a signatory for both CIBC Business Investment Account and RBC Investment Account.

MOVED BY: Karin TAYLOR

SECONDED BY: Matthew YAP

Discipline:

- 1) Jessica Cople reported that there are currently 7 discipline complaints in process and an additional 6 complaints that are under review from one complainant that are being reviewed separately by the Chair of Discipline and Craig Boyer.
- 2) The ruling of the Judicial Review regarding the dismissal of the complaints against Keelen Simpson and Ken Kinnear took place on July 15, 2022 and the application for a review was dismissed. A bill of costs was filed with the Supreme Court.
- 3) A pre-hearing conference was held on August 29th regarding the complaint against Glen Tait. A Judicial Review Hearing will be held on November 8, 2022.

Rule/Policy Changes:

After reviewing the RAC Membership request from Resolute Legal Disability Lawyers regarding providing free consultations, the following decisions were made:

- 1) If the individual is not practicing Law and are information-gathering, they may continue their work;
- 2) If they crossing into providing legal advice or practicing law, they must become a member of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories
- 3) If they become a member, they can be added to the list of lawyers on the LSNT website.

New Business:

- 1) 2022 Presidents Dinner – Justice Martin will be in Yellowknife September 30 – October 2. An itinerary will be sent to the Executive.
- 2) Strategic Plan – Session Scheduled for November 1, 2022 following the Executive meeting. The ED will provide materials prior to the session for review and feedback.
- 3) Meeting with the Minister of Justice R.J. Simpson on September 12, 2022. Agenda Items discussed were

- Access to Justice / Legal Aid Wills Program
- Legal Profession Act
- Recruitment of and Retention of Staff
- Importance of maintaining our role as a self-governing body

Meeting Adjourned: 1:27PM.

Next Meeting: October 4th with the CBA-NT at 11:30am

Sheldon Toner, President

Sandra Mackenzie, Secretary