



MINUTES
47th Annual General Meeting
Law Society of the Northwest Territories
December 7, 2024

Sandra MacKenzie
Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa
Catherine Haid
Kelly McLaughlin
Jeremy Walsh
Natasha Saunders
Stefanie Laurella
Simon Barry
Dana Webster
Chris Cahoon (Avery Cooper)

Tracy Bock
John Inglis
Tim Syer
Gillian Bourke
Jina Bae
Matthew Yap
Ian Rennie
Candace Lee
Keelen Simpson
Jessica Copple

Zoom :
Christopher Buchanan
Christina Duffy
Amanda Miller-Fleming
Charlene Doolittle
Billi Wun
Austin Marshall

President Christopher Buchanan called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, welcomed everyone to the meeting and delivered a land acknowledgement. He introduced the members of the Executive Committee.

Approval of the Agenda:

MOVED BY: John INGLIS
SECONDED BY: Tim SYER

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.

Approval of the Minutes:

MOVED BY: Keelen SIMPSON
SECONDED BY: Kelly MCLAUGHLIN

THAT the Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting, December 2, 2023, be approved with the following changes:

CARRIED

Christina Duffy was present on zoom

Election of Executive:

The results of the election for new members of the Executive Committee were announced, and Sukhmanpreet Dhindsa and Alex Godfrey are welcomed to the committee.

Business Arising From the Minutes:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

President's Report:

The Report of the President was received by the meeting.

It was then:

MOVED BY: Tracy BOCK
SECONDED BY: Tim SYER

THAT the President's Report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

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

MOVED BY: Candace LEE
SECONDED BY: Tracy BOCK

THAT the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Acceptance of the 2023 Auditor's Report

The audited financial statements of the Law Society of the NWT for the year ending December 31, 2023 as prepared by Avery Cooper LLP were received by the meeting. It was then:

MOVED BY: John INGLIS
SECONDED BY: Tracy BOCK

THAT the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending December 31, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Appointment of Auditors

It was then:

MOVED BY: Keelen SIMPSON
SECONDED BY: Ian RENNIE

THAT Avery Cooper and Company Ltd. be appointed as auditors for the Law Society of the Northwest Territories for the year ending December 31, 2024.

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
- Discipline
- Insurance
- Reconciliation and the Law Society Committee
- Social
- Rules

Rules Committee Report and Rule Changes Ratification

MOVED BY: Ian RENNIE

SECONDED BY: Tracy BOCK

THAT the proposed rule changes proposed in AL-2 and AL-1 be accepted.

MOVED: Ian RENNIE

SECONDED: Tracy BOCK

CARRIED

External Reports

- Report on the Federation of Law Societies of Canada
- Report of the Rural Wills Project (A2J)
- Report of the Law Foundation

Other Business

President Christopher Buchanan announced that he wants to address the recruitment and retention of lawyers and is prioritizing a mentorship program and making the north more attractive for lawyers.

There was no other business.

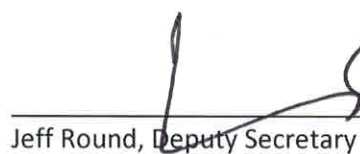
There being no further business of the meeting, it was adjourned at

MOVED BY: Kelly McLAUGHLIN

SECONDED BY- Dana WEBSTER

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED


Sandra Mackenzie, Vice-President
Jeff Round, Deputy Secretary