

# MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

## PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Malcolm M. Mercer), Anand (by telephone), Banack, Beach (by telephone), Bickford, Boyd (by telephone), Braithwaite, Bredt, Burd, Chrétien, Clément (by telephone), Cooper (by telephone), Copeland (by telephone), Corbiere (by telephone), Corsetti (by telephone), Criger, Donnelly, Durcan (by telephone), Earnshaw (by telephone), Epstein, Evans, Falconer (by telephone), Galati, Go (by telephone), Groia, Haigh (by telephone), Hartman (by telephone), Horvat, Howell (by telephone), Krishna, Lawrie (by telephone), Leiper, Lem (by telephone), Lerner (by telephone), Lippa (by telephone), Manes (by telephone), Merali (by telephone), Murchie, Papageorgiou, Porter (by telephone), Potter, Richardson (by telephone), Rock (by telephone), Rosenthal (by telephone), Ross, Ruby (by telephone), Sharda, Sheff (by telephone), Sikand, Spurgeon, C. Strosberg, H. Strosberg, Troister, Udell, Vespry (by telephone), Wardle, Wright (by telephone) and Zordel.

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Secretary: James Varro

The Reporter was sworn.

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## TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer welcomed everyone joining Convocation by webcast.

The Treasurer recognized that Convocation is meeting in Toronto which is a Mohawk word that means "where there are trees standing in the water".

The Treasurer acknowledged that Convocation is meeting on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation and acknowledged the Haudenosaunee, and the long history of all of the First Nations in Ontario and the Métis and Inuit peoples. The Treasurer

offered these remarks in the spirit of reconciliation and the importance of reminding everyone that this land is shared with one another and our Indigenous Peoples.

The Treasurer addressed the protocol for Convocation in the Lamont Learning Centre.

The Treasurer welcomed guests from LAWPRO:

- Daniel E. Pinnington, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Duncan Gosnell, Executive Vice President
- Steve Jorgensen, Chief Financial Officer

The Treasurer expressed condolences to the family and friends of Roger D. Yachetti, Q.C., life bencher, who passed away on September 16, 2018.

The Treasurer advised Convocation of his attendance at the opening of the courts in Toronto and Ottawa on September 13, 2018 and September 26, 2018 respectively.

The Treasurer reminded benchers of the call to the bar on Friday, September 28, 2018, at which Senator Murray Sinclair will be awarded an honorary LL.D.

The Treasurer informed benchers of the launch of the Law Society of Ontario's Public Awareness Campaign on October 1, 2018.

The Treasurer announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Access to Justice Week organized by The Action Group (TAG) on Access to Justice for the week of October 22 to 26, 2018.

The Treasurer reminded benchers of upcoming events:

- Hispanic Heritage Event, October 23, 2018
- Law Society Remembrance Day Ceremony, November 8, 2018

The Treasurer congratulated bencher Dianne Corbiere on receiving a 2019 Indspire Award.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The Treasurer advised that the Report at Tab 1.4 is removed from the consent agenda, and deferred.

The Treasurer agreed to remove item at Tab 1.2 from the consent agenda at the request of Ms. Ross.

MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA – Tab 1

It was moved by Gisèle Chrétien, seconded by Jack Braithwaite that the consent agenda at Tab 1 of the Convocation Materials, as amended, be approved.

Carried

Tab 1.1 – DRAFT MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

The draft minutes of Convocation of June 28, 2018 and August 9, 2018 were confirmed.

Tab 1.3 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE CALLS TO THE BAR

THAT the Report of the Executive Director of Professional Development and Competence listing the names of the call to the bar candidates be adopted.

Carried

Tab 1.5 – SECRETARY’S REPORT

Re: Confirmation of the Recommendation of the Independent Reviewer for the Review Panel

That the Law Society confirm acceptance of the Independent Reviewer’s Recommendations 7 and 8 as set out in the Report.

Carried

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Tab 1.2 – APPOINTMENT

It was moved by Ms. Chrétien, seconded by Mr. Braithwaite, that Michelle Haigh be appointed as the Law Society’s representative on the Council of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, effective November 15, 2018.

Carried

LAWPRO REPORT

Ms. Murchie presented the Report.

Re: LAWPRO 2019 Insurance Program

It was moved by Ms. Murchie, seconded by Ms. Zordel, that Convocation approve the program of insurance offered by LAWPRO for 2019 as set out in the report at Tab 2 of the Convocation Materials.

Carried

GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE 2016 REPORT

Ms. Leiper presented the Report.

Re: Amendments to By-Law 3

It was moved by Ms. Leiper, seconded by Mr. Troister, that Convocation approve amendments to By-Law 3, as set out in the motion at Tab 3.2 (English and French) with respect to a single date for the lawyer and paralegal bench election and the particulars of the term limit for paralegal benchers.

Carried

Ms. Leiper updated Convocation on the work of the Task Force.

EQUITY AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE/COMITÉ SUR L'ÉQUITÉ ET LES AFFAIRES AUTOCHTONES REPORT

Ms. Donnelly presented the Report.

Re: Human Rights Monitoring Group Requests for Intervention

It was moved by Ms. Donnelly, seconded by Ms. Go, that Convocation approve the letters and public statements in the cases set out at subparagraphs a. b. and c. of paragraph 7 of the report.

It was moved by Mr. Galati, seconded by Mr. Sharda, that the motion be amended to provide that the letter and statement set out at paragraph 6 c. of the Report be removed from the motion.

It was moved by Ms. Leiper, seconded by Mr. Strosberg, that the following amendment be made to the Galati/Sharda motion to amend:

That the decision on the letter and statement set out at paragraph 6 c. of the Report be deferred and the motion sent back to the Human Rights Monitoring Group for reconsideration and further report.

Carried

(23 in favour; 16 against)

The motion to amend as amended was lost.

ROLL-CALL VOTE

Anand	For	Horvat	Against
Beach	For	Howell	For
Bickford	For	Krishna	For
Braithwaite	For	Lawrie	For
Bredt	Against	Leiper	For
Burd	Against	Lem	Against
Chrétien	For	Lerner	Against
Clément	For	Lippa	For
Cooper	Abstain	Merali	For
Corbiere	Against	Murchie	For
Corsetti	For	Papageorgiou	Against
Criger	Against	Richardson	Against
Donnelly	Against	Sharda	Abstain
Durcan	Against	Sheff	Against
Earnshaw	For	Sikand	Against
Epstein	For	Spurgeon	Against
Evans	Against	C. Strosberg	Against
Falconer	Against	H. Strosberg	For
Galati	For	Troister	Against
Go	Against	Udell	For
Groia	Against	Wardle	Against
Haigh	Against	Zordel	For
Hartman	For		

Vote: 21 For; 22 Against; 2 Abstentions

The main motion carried.

*For Information:*

- Equity Legal Education and Rule of Law Series Calendar Fall 2018

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*REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY*

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- LAWPRO Financial Statements for the Six Months ended June 30, 2018
- Law Society of Ontario Financial Statements for the Six Months ended June 30, 2018
- LibraryCo Inc. Financial Statements for the Six Months ended June 30, 2018
- Investment Compliance Reports

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Law Society Submission on Bill C-75

PARALEGAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- 2018 Paralegal Annual Report

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- 2018 Lawyer Annual Report

EQUITY AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE/COMITÉ SUR L'ÉQUITÉ ET LES AFFAIRES  
AUTOCHTONES REPORT

- Report on the Activities of the Discrimination and Harassment Counsel, January 1 to June 30, 2018

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 10:58 A.M.