

## MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020  
9:00 a.m.  
Via Videoconference

### PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Malcolm M. Mercer), Adourian, Alford, Banack, Braithwaite, Brown, Charette, Chiummiento, Conway, Cooper, Corbiere, Corsetti, Desgranges, Donnelly, Epstein, Esquega, Fagan, Falconer, Ferrier, Graham, Groia, Horgan, Horvat, Klippenstein, Krishna, Lalji, Lau, Lean, Lewis, Lippa, Lockhart, Lomazzo, Lyon, Marshall, Merali, Minor, Murray, Painchaud, Papageorgiou, Parry, Pineda, Poliacik, Pollock, Prill, Rosenthal, Sellers, Sheff, Shi, Shin Doi, Shortreed, Spurgeon, Strosberg, Troister, Walker, Wellman, Wilkes, Wilkinson and N. Wright.

Secretary: James Varro

The Reporter was sworn.

### IN PUBLIC

#### TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer welcomed those joining Convocation by videoconference.

The Treasurer advised that the session is being recorded.

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

When Convocation meets in Toronto, the Treasurer advised that he acknowledges that Convocation meets on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation. He also acknowledges the Haudenosaunee. He advised that for this Convocation, benchers are participating across the province and perhaps elsewhere, and across many First Nations territories. He recognized the long history of all of the First Nations in Ontario and the Métis and Inuit peoples and thanks the First Nations people who lived and live in these lands for sharing them with us in peace.

The Treasurer spoke to the unusual circumstances of Convocation's meeting today as a result of the COVID-19 emergency measures, and its effect on the Law Society's operations and Ontario's Justice System.

The Treasurer expressed condolences to the families of the victims of the tragedy in Nova Scotia.

The Treasurer noted on the postponement of the Law Society's annual general meeting, with a new date to be determined as the COVID-19 situation evolves.

The Treasurer congratulated all recipients of the Law Society Awards. The Treasurer advised that the ceremony is postponed until the COVID-19 situation is resolved.

The Treasurer addressed the protocol for Convocation by videoconference.

MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA – Tab 1

It was moved by Ms. Corsetti, seconded by Ms. Horvat, that Convocation approve the consent agenda set out at Tab 1 of the Convocation Materials.

Carried

Tab 1.1 – DRAFT MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

The draft minutes of Convocation of February 27, 2020 were confirmed.

Tab 1.2 – MOTIONS

Re: Tab 1.2.1 – Motion to Ratify the Annual General Meeting Postponement

THAT, further to the Secretary's published notice of the postponement of the Law Society of Ontario's Annual General Meeting set by Convocation on February 27, 2020 for Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Convocation ratify the postponement with its determination of a new date for the Annual General Meeting to follow at the appropriate time.

Carried

Re: Tab 1.2.2 – Motion to Ratify the 2020 Annual Fee Deferral

THAT Convocation ratify the Law Society's decision to allow licensees who have not paid their 2020 annual fee to defer payment of the annual fee without administrative penalty to June 1, 2020, and the Law Society's decision to defer until June 2020 the April and May withdrawals for licensees enrolled in the Pre-Authorized Monthly Payment Plan for the 2020 annual fee, in recognition of the financial strain caused by COVID-19.

Carried

Re: Tab 1.2.3 – Tribunal Appointments

HEARING DIVISION

THAT the following be reappointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term expiring June 24, 2022:

Eva Krangle  
Sabita Maraj  
John Spekkens  
Marilyn Thain  
Eric Whist

APPEAL DIVISION

THAT the following be appointed to the Appeal Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term expiring May 28, 2021:

C. Scott Marshall  
Geneviève Painchaud  
Lubomir Poliacik

Julia Shin Doi  
Megan Shortreed

THAT Michelle Lomazzo be appointed to the Appeal Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term expiring March 11, 2022.

THAT Eric Whist be appointed to the Appeal Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term expiring June 24, 2022.

Carried

Tab 1.3 – TREASURER’S REPORT

Re: LawPRO Annual Shareholder Resolutions

THAT Convocation authorize the Treasurer to sign the shareholder resolutions for the Lawyers’ Professional Indemnity Company (LawPRO) set out at Tab 1.3.1.

Carried

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ms. Miles presented the CEO’s report for information.

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 9:24 A.M.