

MINUTES OF SPECIAL CONVOCATION

Thursday, 27th July, 2023
9:00 a.m.
Via Videoconference

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Jacqueline Horvat), Adourian, Alford, Banack, Banning, Callaghan, Chan, Chugh, Dimokopoulos, Durcan, Emmett, Enejajor, Gold, Hansen, Hrick, Hulan, Kalajdzic, Kitagawa, Klippenstein, Konanur, Levitt, Lewis, Lomazzo, Malette, Merali, Mietkiewicz, Monforton, Moriah, Ouellet, Painchaud, Pawlitza, Radan, Rodriguez, Rosenthal, K. Ross, Q. Ross, Rotstein, Sellers, Shortreed, Siran, Strosberg, Surchin, Sutherland, Troister, Walker, Wardle, Wellman, Whitehead, Wilson and Winward.

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Secretary: James Varro

The Reporter was sworn.

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TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer welcomed everyone to Convocation.

The Treasurer advised that benchers have gathered virtually today, but when gathered at Osgoode Hall in Toronto, it is recognized that Toronto is a Mohawk word that means "where there are trees standing in the water".

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

The Treasurer addressed the protocol for Convocation via videoconference.

The Treasurer noted the email sent to benchers yesterday respecting virtual verification of client identification and advised that a notice to the profession will be issued on this subject this week.

The Treasurer acknowledged the appointed benchers whose terms end on July 31, 2023 and on behalf of Convocation, thanked them for their service:

Dr. Benson Lau
Clare Sellers
Gerald Sheff
Seymour Epstein

The Treasurer offered a special thank you to Seymour Epstein, the longest serving appointed benchner, for his commitment to the Law Society's work over the past 20 years.

The Treasurer advised that the following new appointed benchers will take office on August 1, 2023:

Dr. Louis Gagnon
Sarah Letersky
Frank McCrea
Hassan Pirnia
Trevor Townsend

MOTION – COMMITTEE AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

The Treasurer introduced the motion.

It was moved by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Quinn Ross:

THAT the attached list of appointments under Schedule A be approved.

THAT Shalini Konanur be appointed to the Law Commission of Ontario Board of Governors for a term of three years.

THAT Convocation approve Rebecca Durcan, Heather Hansen, Andrew Spurgeon and Mark Surchin as nominees for election to the LAWPRO Board of Directors.

THAT Jennifer Gold be appointed to the Ontario Justice Education Network Board of Directors for a three-year term.

THAT Robert Adourian and Gerald Chan be appointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term ending June 30, 2025.

SCHEDULE A
COMMITTEE, TASK FORCE, WORKING GROUP AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEES

Access to Justice

Cheryl Siran (Co-Chair)
Doug Wellman (Co-Chair)
Robert Adourian
Paula Callaghan
Neha Chugh
Jennifer Gold
Mitchell Kitagawa
Shalini Konanur
Joelle Malette
Deborah Moriah
Jonathan Rosenthal
Stephen Rotstein

Audit & Finance

Sidney Troister (Chair)
Michelle Lomazzo (Vice-Chair)
Rebecca Durcan
Laura Emmett
Heather Hansen
Howard Levitt
Atrisha Lewis
Hassan Pirnia
Michael Radan
Stephen Rotstein
Mark Surchin
Trevor Townsend

Audit & Finance – Compensation Fund Subcommittee

Laura Emmett (Chair)
Hassan Pirnia
Michael Radan
Stephen Rotstein
Trevor Townsend

Compensation

Jacqueline Horvat (Chair)
Michelle Lomazzo
Geneviève Painchaud
Megan Shortreed
Sidney Troister

Equity and Indigenous Affairs

Catherine Banning (Co-Chair)
Gerald Chan (Co-Chair)
Annamaria Enenajor (Vice Chair)
Neha Chugh
Mitchell Kitagawa
Shalini Konanur
Joelle Malette
Isfahan Merali
Deborah Moriah
Natalia Rodriguez
Kevin Ross
Stephanie Sutherland

Futures

Karen Hulan (Co-Chair)
Quinn Ross (Co-Chair)
Demetra Dimokopoulos
Sarah Letersky
Howard Levitt
Cathi Mietkiewicz
Michael Radan
Natalia Rodriguez
Tanya Walker
Kathryn Whitehead

Paralegal Standing

Michelle Lomazzo (Chair)
Geneviève Painchaud (Vice-Chair)
Paula Callaghan
Demetra Dimokopoulos
Louis Gagnon
Mitchell Kitagawa
Shalini Konanur
Greg Monforton
Deborah Moriah
Michael Radan
Cheryl Siran
Stephanie Sutherland
Doug Wellman

Proceedings Authorization

Jonathan Rosenthal (Chair)
Atrisha Lewis
Frank McCrea
Deborah Moriah
Megan Shortreed
Matthew Wilson

Professional Development and Competence

Atrisha Lewis (Chair)
Jasminka Kalajdzic (Vice-Chair)
Peter Wardle (Vice-Chair)
Paula Callaghan
Gerald Chan
Demetra Dimokopoulos
Karen Hulan
Greg Monforton
Sonia Ouellet
Margaret Waddell
Tanya Walker
Doug Wellman
Michael Winward

Professional Regulation

Megan Shortreed (Chair)
William McDowell (Vice-Chair)
Pam Hrick
Michelle Lomazzo
Cathi Mietkiewicz
Sonia Ouellet
Geneviève Painchaud
Kevin Ross
Quinn Ross
Andrew Spurgeon
Margaret Waddell
Kathryn Whitehead
Matthew Wilson
Michael Winward

Strategic Planning and Advisory

Jacqueline Horvat (Chair)
Catherine Banning
Gerald Chan
Atrisha Lewis
Michelle Lomazzo
Geneviève Painchaud
Jonathan Rosenthal
Megan Shortreed
Cheryl Siran
Sidney Troister
Diana Miles (*Ex-officio*)

Tribunal

Rebecca Durcan (Chair) (*Ex-officio*)
Catherine Banning (Vice-Chair)
Ryan Alford
Paula Callaghan
Neha Chugh
Jasminka Kalajdzic
Murray Klippenstein
Peter Wardle (*Ex-officio*)

TASK FORCES, WORKING GROUPS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Governance Review Task Force

Geneviève Painchaud (Co-Chair)
Peter Wardle (Co-Chair)
Rebecca Durcan
Mitchell Kitagawa
Michelle Lomazzo
William McDowell
Cathi Mietkiewicz
Sonia Ouellet
Hassan Pirnia
Kevin Ross
Megan Shortreed
Andrew Spurgeon

Lawyers Professional Indemnity Review Task Force

William McDowell (Chair)
Pam Hrick (Vice-Chair)
Paula Callaghan
Laura Emmett
Annamaria Enejajor
Louis Gagnon
Karen Hulan
Greg Monforton
Harvey Strosberg
Doug Wellman
Matthew Wilson
Michael Winward

Human Rights Monitoring Group (Equity)

Tanya Walker (Chair)
Annamaria Enejajor
Shalini Konanur
Deborah Moriah
Natalia Rodriguez
Doug Wellman

Law Foundation of Ontario Board

Linda Rothstein (Chair)

Catherine Banning

Gerald Chan

Summary Orders

Tanya Walker

Carried

Prof. Alford and Mr. Klippenstein abstained.

TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer reminded benchers of the strategic planning session in September and advised that, with the exception of the Audit and Finance Committee, there will be no scheduled committee meetings in September.

REPORT FOR INFORMATION ONLY

MOTION – COMMITTEE AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- Schedule B – Other Appointments

CONVOCATION ADJOURNED AT 9:31 A.M.

Confirmed in Convocation this 28th day of September, 2023.

Jacqueline Horvat,
Treasurer