

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

MOTION TO BE MOVED AT THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020

MOVED BY: Robert Burd

SECONDED BY: Sidney Troister

THAT Convocation approve the consent agenda set out at Tab 1 of the Convocation Materials.

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MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

Friday, 29th November, 2019
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

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Secretary: James Varro

The Reporter was sworn.

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TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer welcomed those joining Convocation by public 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 thanked the First Nations people who lived and live in these lands for sharing them with us in peace.

The Treasurer also acknowledged that November 4, 2019 marked the fourth annual Treaties Recognition Week, and advised that promoting awareness and understanding of treaties helps to advance and support reconciliation.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CEREMONY

The Treasurer welcomed Elder Myeengun Henry to Convocation.

Elder Henry performed a ceremony acknowledging the relationship between the Law Society of Ontario and the Indigenous community.

Elder Henry performed a smudging ceremony and performed a ceremony to polish the eagle feathers and a pipe ceremony.

The Treasurer expressed his gratitude to Elder Henry for honouring Convocation with a ceremony that represents the strong partnership between the Law Society and the Indigenous community.

TREASURER'S REMARKS

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

The Treasurer expressed condolences to the family of former bencher Thomas G. Heintzman, O.C., Q.C., LL.D. who passed away on October 24, 2019.

The Treasurer advised Convocation of the launch of an access to justice survey in early 2020 respecting legal services in French, and referred benchers to the Diligent Boards Resource Centre for more information about the survey.

The Treasurer noted the reception held last evening to welcome newly licensed paralegals to the Law Society.

The Treasurer noted the fourth annual Access to Justice week that occurred at the end of October and the various programs associated with the event.

The Treasurer reminded benchers that nominations for the Law Society Awards close on January 20, 2020.

The Treasurer congratulated bencher Tanya Walker on being named the recipient of the 2019 Alumni Gold Key for Osgoode Hall Law School. The Treasurer also congratulated bencher Atrisha Lewis on being named one of Lexpert's Rising Stars in 2019.

The Treasurer highlighted information reports in today's agenda from the Compensation Fund Committee and the Technology Task Force.

MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA – Tab 1

It was moved by Ms. Lomazzo, seconded by Mr. Poliacik, 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 October 24 and November 6, 2019 were confirmed.

Tab 1.2 – MOTION - APPOINTMENTS

THAT Jack Braithwaite be appointed to the Professional Development and Competence Committee.

THAT Gina Papageorgiou be appointed to the Treasurer's Appointments Advisory Group.

THAT Jonathan Rosenthal be appointed to the Access to Justice Committee, the Professional Regulation Committee and the Program Review Task Force.

THAT Jonathan Rosenthal and Doug Wellman be appointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term ending May 28, 2021.

THAT Harvey Strosberg be appointed to the Technology Task Force.

Carried

Tab 1.3 – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETENCE

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 1.4 – AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Re: Errors & Omissions Insurance Fund Banking Resolution

THAT Convocation approve an update to the banking resolution in respect of the bank account for the Law Society's Errors and Omissions Insurance Fund, approving LawPRO's President & CEO; Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Privacy Officer; Chief Financial Officer; Vice President, Claims; Vice President, Underwriting & Customer Service and Secretary; Vice President, Public Affairs; Vice President, TitlePLUS; and Controller as signing officers.

Carried

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Miles presented the Report.

Re: Transition from LibraryCo to LIRN Inc. (Legal Information and Resource Network)

It was moved by Mr. Troister, seconded by Ms. Donnelly, that Convocation approve the structure of LIRN Inc. (Legal Information and Resource Network), a corporation that will continue the work of the former LibraryCo Inc. to deliver legal information and library services to licensees, and approve the nominations of a skills-based Board of Directors to oversee the corporation, and specifically, approve

- an amended and restated Unanimous Shareholder Agreement (USA);
- signing authority for the Treasurer and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to enter into an amended USA;
- the amendment of Law Society By-Law 13, as set out in the motion at Tab 2.1; and
- the appointment of a new Board of Directors.

Carried

TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Merali presented the Report.

Re: Rules of Practice and Procedure

It was moved by Ms. Merali, seconded by Ms. Shin Doi, that Convocation revoke, effective January 1, 2020, the current Law Society Tribunal Hearing Division and Appeal Division *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and the forms under those rules.

That Convocation make, to be effective January 1, 2020, the Law Society Tribunal *Rules of Practice and Procedure* in English and French and corresponding forms, as set out at Tabs 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 in English and 3.1.3 and 3.1.4 in French, pursuant to s. 61.2 of the *Law Society Act*, RSO 1990, c. L. 8.

Carried

For Information:

- Third Quarter Law Society Tribunal Statistics for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2019

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Horvat presented the Report.

Re: Amendments to the Law Society's By-Laws – Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

It was moved by Ms. Horvat, seconded by Mr. Brown, that Convocation approve:

- (a) amendments in principle to the Law Society's By-Laws 7.1 and 9 to adopt changes that have been made to the Model Rules to Fight Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing approved by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, subject to (b) below; and
- (b) the establishment of a working group of interested benchers to work with the Professional Regulation Committee including its Chair and Vice-Chair on the proposed by-law amendments.

Carried

TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Re: Third Quarter Law Society Tribunal Statistics

Ms. Merali addressed a question from Mr. Esquega about the statistics.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Third Quarter Law Society Financial Statements for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2019
- Investment Compliance Reports

COMPENSATION FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

- Compensation Fund Overview Report

FEDERATION OF LAW SOCIETIES OF CANADA UPDATE

TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE REPORT

- Update Report

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 11:28 A.M.

Tab 1.2.1

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

MOTION TO BE MOVED AT THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2020

THAT Convocation approve Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto as the time and place of the 2020 Annual General Meeting, in accordance with Section 5 of By-Law 2 [Corporate Provisions].

Explanatory Note:

Section 5 of By-Law 2 requires that Convocation determine the time and place of the Annual General Meeting each year:

Meeting of members to be held annually

5. A meeting of members shall be held annually at a time and place determined by Convocation.

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HEARING DIVISION

That the following be reappointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from March 14, 2020 to March 11, 2022:

- S. Margot Blight
- Barbara A. Laskin
- Michelle Lomazzo
- Anna Mascieri-Boudria
- W. Andrew Oliver
- Maurice A. Portelance
- Frederika Rotter

APPEAL DIVISION

That S. Margot Blight and Frederika Rotter be reappointed to the Appeal Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from March 14, 2020 to March 11, 2022.

Tab 1.3.1

To the Benchers of the Law Society of Ontario Assembled in Convocation

The Executive Director of Professional Development and Competence reports as follows:

CALL TO THE BAR AND CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS

Licensing Process and Transfer from another Province – By-Law 4

Attached is a list of candidates who have successfully completed the Licensing Process and have met the requirements in accordance with section 9.

All candidates now apply to be called to the bar and to be granted a Certificate of Fitness on Thursday, February 27th, 2020.

ALL OF WHICH is respectfully submitted

DATED this 27th day of February, 2020

CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR
February 27th, 2020

Transfer from another province (Mobility)

Martin Paul Bourgeois
Kevin Joseph Bourque
Geneviève Marie Rita Isabelle Gosselin-Tardif
Vincent Rodrigue Lalonde
Alin Mayer
Michael Terrance Murphy
Carly Allison Peddle
Lampros Stougiannos

Licensing Candidates

Sunpreet Bhatti
Erica Keating

Transfer Candidates (from Quebec)

Véronique Véronica Fannie Fortin-Latreille
Vincent Retrouvey

FOR INFORMATION
CANDIDATES CALLED TO THE BAR
January 31st, 2020

Transfer from another province (Mobility)

Courtney Adele Campbell
Mandeep Chaudhery
Victoria Ann Di Iorio
Howard Michael Dolson
Carrie Michelle Herman
Robyn Elizabeth Helen Kennedy
James Jerome LeMoine
Colleen Diane Ma
Craig Steven MacMillan
Amanjit Singh Syan
Leah Nicole Whitworth

Licensing Candidates

Mariya Azbel
Embury Alaina Kaleb Blashill
Michael David Braun
Avineet Kaur Cheema
Adam Francis Edgerley
Andrew James Lequyer
Abhimanyu Mehul Rathod
Ti-Anna Wang

Transfer Candidates (from Quebec)

Caroline-Ariane Yang Yuqian Bernier
Arielle Corobow
Julia Rebecca Knafo
Calvin Leung Lung Yuen
Laura Gianna Pietrantonio

L3 Licence - Canadian Legal Advisor (Lawyers from Quebec)

Antoine Joseph Jean-Paul Pierre Desaulniers
Sébastien Joseph Jacques Harvey
Noha Kamal Muhieddine

Academic Call

Ronnie Levi