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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO held May 8, 2019 at 5:15 P.M. in the LAMONT LEARNING CENTRE, OSGOODE HALL, TORONTO.

The Treasurer welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer recognized that today's meeting is in Toronto which is a Mohawk word that means "where there are trees standing in the water". The Treasurer acknowledged that today's meeting is held on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation, and acknowledged the Haudenosaunee, and also recognized the long history of all of the First Nations in Ontario and the Métis and Inuit peoples, and thanked the First Nations people who lived and live in these lands for sharing them with us in peace.

The Treasurer called the meeting to order.

1. The Treasurer (Malcolm Mercer) introduced a number of people present at the meeting: Diana Miles, Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society, Teresa Donnelly, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, Brenda Albuquerque-Boutilier, Chief Financial Officer of the Law Society and James Varro, Director, Office of the CEO and Corporate Secretary at the Law Society; from LAWPRO, Dan Pinnington, President and Chief Executive Officer and Steve Jorgensen, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Hawtin of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Law Society's auditors.

2. **NOTICE**

The Secretary reported that notice of the Annual General Meeting was given in accordance with By-Law 2, by way of publication in the March 8, 15, 22, April 5, 19 and May 3, 2019 editions of the Ontario Reports.

The Secretary advised that a quorum was present.

The Treasurer declared the Annual General Meeting to be regularly called and duly constituted for the transaction of business.

3. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held on May 9, 2018 were confirmed.

4. **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

The Treasurer delivered his report on the affairs of the Law Society for the year ended December 31, 2018.

5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Teresa Donnelly, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, presented the Law Society's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

7. **MOTION**

The Treasurer advised that prior to the meeting, the motion delivered to the Secretary on March 29, 2019 had been withdrawn.

8. Members were invited to bring any matter of professional interest directly related to the work of the Law Society before the meeting.

The Treasurer and the CEO responded to questions of licensees on:

- Transparency of Law Society committee work and public disclosure of issues discussed at committees
- Transparency of the Proceedings Authorization Committee process
- The availability of more detailed statistics on the demographics of the Ontario legal professions
- The Law Society's efforts to address with the Ontario government the cuts to Legal Aid Ontario funding particularly with respect to immigration and refugee matters
- Protecting Law Society licensees from unscrupulous licensees
- Legal Aid Ontario granting certificates to licensed paralegals for the provision of legal services with their scope of practice
- Possible changes to Law Society By-Law 4 to permit paralegals to provide legal services on immigration matters

9. **THE MEETING WAS TERMINATED.**

James Varro
Secretary