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LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

MOTION TO BE MOVED AT THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION ON FEBRUARY 22, 2018

MOVED BY: Janis Criger

SECONDED BY: Catherine Strosberg

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

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MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

Thursday, 25th January, 2018
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Paul B. Schabas), Anand, Armstrong (by telephone), Banack (by telephone), Beach, Bickford, Braithwaite, Bredt, Burd, Callaghan, Chrétien (by telephone), Clément, Cooper (by telephone), Copeland (by telephone), Corsetti, Criger, Donnelly, Earnshaw, Epstein, Evans, Falconer (by telephone), Go, Goldblatt, Gottlieb, Groia, Haigh, Hartman (by telephone), Horvat, Howell, Krishna, Lawrie, Lem (by telephone), Lerner, Lippa, MacLean (by telephone), Manes (by telephone), McDowell, McGrath, Merali (by telephone), Mercer, Murchie, Murray, Papageorgiou (by telephone), Pawlitza, Potter (by telephone), Richardson (by telephone), Richer, Rock (by telephone), Rosenthal, Ross, Ruby (by telephone), Sharda, Sheff, Sikand, Spurgeon, C. Strosberg, H. Strosberg (by telephone), Swaye (by telephone), Troister, Udell, Vespry, Walker, Wardle, Wright and Zordel.

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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 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. He also acknowledged the Haudenosaunee and recognized the long history of all of the First Nations in Ontario and the Métis and Inuit peoples. He thanked the First Nations people who lived and live in these lands for sharing them with us in peace.

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

The Treasurer advised that bencher Sandra Nishikawa was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice on January 18, 2018. The Treasurer thanked Justice Nishikawa for her

leadership and guidance over her three years as a bencher. On behalf of Convocation, the Treasurer congratulated Justice Nishikawa on this well-deserved honour.

ELECTION OF BENCHER

It was moved by Ms. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Howell, that, –

WHEREAS Sandra Y. Nishikawa, who was elected from the Province of Ontario “A” Region (City of Toronto) on the basis of the votes cast by all electors, has been appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario; and

WHEREAS upon being appointed a judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario, Sandra N. Nishikawa became unable to continue in office as a bencher, thereby creating a vacancy in the number of benchers elected from the Province of Ontario “A” Electoral Region (City of Toronto) on the basis of votes cast by all electors;

THAT under the authority contained in By-Law 3, Heather Louise Zordel, having satisfied the requirements contained in subsections 43 (1) and 45 (1) of the By-Law, and having consented to the election in accordance with subsection 45 (2) of the By-Law, be elected by Convocation as bencher to fill the vacancy in the number of benchers elected from the Province of Ontario “A” Electoral Region (City of Toronto) on the basis of votes cast by all electors.

Carried

The Treasurer introduced Ms. Zordel and welcomed her to Convocation.

Ms. Zordel addressed Convocation.

The Treasurer reminded benchers of the call to the bar tomorrow, January 26, 2018.

The Treasurer reminded benchers of the close of nominations for the Law Society Awards on January 26, 2018.

The Treasurer congratulated bencher Avvy Go on receiving the 2017 SOAR Medal.

The Treasurer reminded benchers of the upcoming equity events, on January 31, the Day of the Endangered Lawyer and February 12, Black History Month, both of which will also be available via webcast.

MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA – Tab 1

It was moved by Ms. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Mercer, 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 December 1, 2017 were confirmed.

Tab 1.2 – MOTION - APPOINTMENTS

THAT Paul Cooper be appointed to the Law Foundation of Ontario Board of Trustees to replace Ross Earnshaw, who has resigned at his own request.

THAT David Howell and Heather Zordel be appointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term ending May 23, 2019.

Carried

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

REPORT FROM THE LAW FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO

The Treasurer welcomed Linda Rothstein, Chair of the Law Foundation of Ontario Board of Directors to Convocation.

Ms. Rothstein introduced Tanya Lee, Chief Executive Officer of the Law Foundation, and presented the Foundation's 2016 Annual Report.

LEGAL AID WORKING GROUP REPORT

Mr. Callaghan presented the Report.

Re: Report of the Legal Aid Working Group – “An Abiding Interest”

It was moved by Mr. Callaghan, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt, that Convocation approve the Legal Aid Working Group's recommendations in the Report regarding the Law Society's involvement in legal aid in Ontario.

Carried

Ms. Hartman abstained.

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mercer and Mr. McDowell presented the Report.

Re: Revised Supplementary Report to the Seventh Report of the Advertising and Fee Arrangements Issues Working Group

Mr. Mercer presented the Report.

It was moved by Mr. Mercer, seconded by Mr. Lerner, that Convocation approve the recommendations set out at subparagraphs a. through g. of paragraph 3 of the Report.

Carried

Re: Amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct and By-law 7.1 Regarding Electronic Registration of Title Documents

Mr. McDowell presented the Report.

It was moved by Mr. McDowell, seconded by Mr. Troister, that Convocation:

- a. approve amendments to Rules 6.1-5 and 6.1-6 (Electronic Registration of Title Documents) as set out at Tab 4.2.1 (English) and Tab 4.2.2 (French); and
- b. make the amendments to By-Law 7.1 as set out in the motion at Tab 4.2.5 regarding the supervision of assigned tasks and functions and obligations resulting from suspension.

Carried

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. Walker, that Convocation approve the letters and public statements in the cases set out in subparagraphs a. through d. of paragraph 2 of the Report.

Carried

For Information:

- Equity Legal Education and Rule of Law Series Calendar

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REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- LAWPRO Financial Statements for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017
- In Camera Item
- Other Committee Work

REPORT FROM THE ACTION GROUP ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE (TAG)

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 12:48 P.M.

Tab 1.2.1

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

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THAT Convocation approve Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. at Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto as the time and place of the 2018 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.

Tab 1.2.2

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THAT Heather Zordel be appointed to the Audit and Finance Committee and the Government and Public Affairs Committee.

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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 13, 2018 to March 13, 2020:

- S. Margot Blight
- Michelle Lomazzo
- Anna Mascieri-Boudria
- Frederika M. Rotter
- Michelle A. Tamlin

That the following be reappointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from April 25, 2018 to May 23, 2019:

- Robert Burd
- Cathy J. Corsetti
- Marian Lippa

That W. Paul Dray be reappointed to the Hearing Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from April 25, 2018 to March 13, 2020.

APPEAL DIVISION

That S. Margot Blight be reappointed to the Appeal Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from March 13, 2018 to March 13, 2020.

That W. Paul Dray be reappointed to the Appeal Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from April 25, 2018 to March 13, 2020.

That Cathy J. Corsetti be reappointed to the Appeal Division of the Law Society Tribunal for a term from April 25, 2018 to May 23, 2019.

Tab 1.3

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 22nd 2018

ALL OF WHICH is respectfully submitted

DATED this 22nd day of February, 2018

CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR
February 22nd 2018

Transfer from another province (Mobility)

Kathleen Elizabeth Archibald
Givalatha T. Balasingam
Sierra Mary Bilyk
Jason Lindsey Clouston
Emma Ruth Coyle
Graham Michael Jones
Liam Patrick Pottie Kelley
Sean Robert Mason
Brett David Shillington
Katelyn Dorothy Shirley Smith

L3 Licence - Canadian Legal Advisor (Lawyers from Québec)

Valérie Natacha Chénard
Amélie Marie Edith Cournoyer