

THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA

MOTION TO BE MOVED AT THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION ON FEBRUARY 26, 2015

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

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

DRAFT

MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

Thursday, 29th January 2015
8:45 a.m.

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Janet E. Minor), Anand, Armstrong (by telephone), Backhouse (by telephone), Boyd (by telephone), Braithwaite, Bredt, Burd (by telephone), Callaghan, Campion, Corsetti, Dickson, Doyle, Earnshaw, Elliott (by telephone), Epstein, Eustace (by telephone), Evans, Falconer, Ferrier, Finkelstein (by telephone), Furlong, Go, Gold (by telephone), Goldblatt, Gottlieb, Haigh, Hare, Horvat (by telephone), Krishna (by telephone), Lawrie, Leiper, Lem, Lerner, Lippa, MacLean, Manes (by telephone), McGrath, Mercer, Murchie, Pawlitza, Porter, Potter, Rabinovitch, Richardson (by telephone), Richer, Ross, Rothstein, Scarfone (by telephone), Schabas, Sheff, Sikand, Silverstein, H. Strosberg, Sullivan, Swaye, Wardle, Wright (by telephone) and Yachetti (by telephone).

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Secretary: James Varro

The Reporter was sworn.

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TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer welcomed viewers watching the webcast of Convocation.

The Treasurer expressed condolences to the family of Edward L. Greenspan, Q.C. who passed away on December 24, 2014.

The Treasurer acknowledged the 40th anniversary of lay benchers as members of Convocation, and referred to a paper on the website on the history of lay benchers at Convocation.

The Treasurer noted the bencher election webcast held on January 19, 2015 which attracted over 600 viewers.

The Treasurer reminded benchers that tomorrow is the close of nominations for the Law Society awards.

The Treasurer reminded Convocation of the upcoming event on February 12, 2015 to present the inaugural Human Rights Award to The Honourable Irwin Cotler, PC, O.C., M.P.

The Treasurer updated Convocation on the work of the Working Group on Challenges Faced by Racialized Licensees.

The Treasurer congratulated the new lawyers called to the Bar in Toronto on January 23, 2015 and congratulated The Honourable Karen M. Weiler, the honorary Doctor of Laws recipient.

The Treasurer announced the following as luncheon guests: The Honourable Alexandra Hoy, Associate Chief Justice of Ontario, James Kirkpatrick Stewart, Deputy Prosecutor Elect of the International Criminal Court and Arif Virani, Counsel at the Ministry of the Attorney General in the Constitutional Law Branch.

The Treasurer advised that the Government and Public Affairs Report would be deferred to February Convocation.

MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA

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

Carried

DRAFT MINUTES OF CONVOCATION – Tab 1.1

The draft minutes of Convocation of November 28, 2014 were confirmed.

MOTIONS – Tab 1.2

Motion - Appointment – Tab 1.2.1

THAT Barbara Murchie be appointed to the Access to Justice Committee.

Carried

Motion – Annual General Meeting – Tab 1.2.2

THAT Convocation approve Wednesday May 13, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto as the time and place of the 2015 Annual General Meeting, in accordance with Section 5 of By-Law 2 [Corporate Provisions].

Carried

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SECRETARY'S REPORT TO CONVOCATION – Tab 1.3

Re: Conduct of the 2015 Bencher Election

THAT Convocation appoint W. A. Derry Millar to preside over and exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Treasurer in the 2015 bencher election, pursuant to By-Law 3.

Carried

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETENCE – Tab 1.4

THAT the Report of the Director of Professional Development and Competence listing the names of the call to the bar candidates be adopted.

Carried

TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Anand presented the Report.

Re: Proposal for Three-Year Review of Tribunal Model

It was moved by Mr. Anand, seconded by Ms. Leiper, that Convocation approve the proposal set out in the Report respecting the three-year review of the Tribunal model required in the 2012 Tribunal Report to Convocation.

Carried

Mr. Anand provided a report for information on the activities of the Law Society Tribunal.

For Information

- Tribunal Office Quarterly Statistics

PARALEGAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Corsetti presented the Report.

Re: Ending of Two Licensing Exemptions

It was moved by Ms. Corsetti, seconded by Ms. McGrath, that Convocation approve the amendments to By-law 4 set out in the motion at Tab 3.1.1 to end the licensing exemptions for:

- a. the Canadian Registered Safety Professionals; and
- b. Appraisal Institute of Canada.

Carried

EQUITY AND ABORIGINAL ISSUES COMMITTEE/COMITÉ SUR L'ÉQUITÉ ET LES AFFAIRES AUTOCHTONES REPORT

Mr. Schabas presented the Report.

Re: Human Rights Monitoring Group Requests for Intervention

It was moved by Mr. Schabas, seconded by Ms. Potter, that Convocation approve the letters and public statements in the following cases:

- a. Lawyer Narges Mohammadi – Iran – letters of intervention and public statement presented at Tab 4.1.1.
- b. Lawyers Vitaliy Moiseyev and Tatiana Akimtseva – Russian Federation – letters of intervention and public statement presented at Tab 4.1.2
- c. Lawyer Dr. Amin Mekki Medani – Sudan – letters of intervention and public statement presented at Tab 4.1.3.

Carried

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Ms. Ross rose on a point of personal privilege to acknowledge the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Re: Reports for Information

Ms. Leiper spoke to the Public Education Equality and Rule of Law Series Calendar events, and the Diversification of Career Paths in Law Report by Professor Fiona M. Kay, for information.

For Information

- Report of Professor Fiona Kay, *The Diversification of Career Paths in Law Report*
- Public Education Equality and Rule of Law Series Calendar 2015

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Goldblatt presented the Report.

Re: Professional Development and Competence Department Annual Resource and Program Report

Mr. Goldblatt spoke to the Report for information.

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mercer presented the Report.

Re: Alternative Business Structures Working Group Report

Mr. Mercer spoke to the Report for information.

Re: Firm Regulation and Compliance-Based Regulation

Mr. Mercer spoke to the Report for information.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Lapper, Chief Executive Officer, presented his report for information.

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REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- LAWPRO Third Quarter Financial Statements for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014
- LibraryCo Inc. Third Quarter Financial Statements for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Professional Development and Competence Director's Annual Report on Programs and Resources

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- Alternative Business Structures Working Group Status Report
- Entity-Based Regulation Review Status Report

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

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 1:00 P.M.

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That Avvy Go be appointed to the Challenges Faced by Racialized Licensees Working Group.

Tab 1.3

To the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada 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 26th, 2015

ALL OF WHICH is respectfully submitted

DATED this 26th day of February, 2015

CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR
February 26th, 2015

Transfer from another province (Mobility)

Marie-Eve Jacqueline Sylvie Gingras
Thomas Alan Pearse
Stephania Ann Sikora

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Yanick Joseph Daniel Martin Charbonneau
Sarah Beatrice Leonne Fortier

Licensing Process

Laura Marguerite Graham
Manpreet Kaur Hansra
Laurianne Penn
Elaine Tan