

**THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA**

MOTION TO BE MOVED AT THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION ON SEPTEMBER 24, 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, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2015  
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Janet E. Minor), Anand, Armstrong, Banack, Beach, Bickford, Boyd, Braithwaite, Bredt, Burd, Callaghan, Clément, Conway, Cooper, Corbiere, Corsetti, Criger, Donnelly, Earnshaw, Epstein, Evans, Falconer, Ferrier, Furlong, Galati, Go, Goldblatt, Gottlieb, Groia, Haigh, Hartman, Horvat, Krishna, Leiper, Lem, Lerner, Lippa (by telephone), MacKenzie, MacLean, Manes (by telephone), McDowell, McGrath, Merali, Mercer, Murchie, Murray, Nishikawa, Papageorgiou, Pawlitzka, Porter, Potter, Richardson (by telephone), Richer, Rosenthal, Ross, Schabas, Sharda, Sheff, Sikand, Spurgeon, St. Lewis, C. Strosberg, H. Strosberg, Swaye (by telephone), Troister, Udell, Vespy, Wardle and Wright.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF TREASURER

The Secretary announced that as of the close of nominations at 5:00 p.m. on May 29, 2015, there was one candidate for the election of Treasurer. Janet E. Minor was declared elected as Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer welcomed newly appointed benchers Suzanne Clément, in attendance today, and Gisèle Chrétien to Convocation.

The Treasurer thanked Diana Miles and her staff in the Professional Development and Competence Division for their work in organizing the calls to the bar.

The Treasurer congratulated all recipients of the Honorary LL.D. at the June calls to the bar:

- London Janet E. Stewart, Q. C.
- Ottawa The Honourable Peter A. S. Milliken
- Toronto Julian Porter Q.C.  
Sheila Block  
Jean Teillet  
James Stewart

The Treasurer congratulated Cathy Corsetti on receiving an honorary degree from Humber College at its Convocation on June 16, 2015.

The Treasurer expressed condolences to the family and friends of former bencher Thomas Cole who passed away on March 3, 2015.

The Treasurer was honored to give greetings on behalf of the Law Society at the swearing in of new Associate Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice, The Honourable Peter J. De Fries on June 24, 2015.

The Treasurer advised that The Law Society of Upper Canada will be hosting a display booth at the Canadian National Exhibition this summer.

The Treasurer reminded benchers of the International Legal Regulators Conference co-hosted by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada and The Law Society of Upper Canada to be held on July 27 and 28, 2015 at the Law Society.

The Treasurer advised that she and Robert Lapper attended a dinner hosted by the Barreau du Québec for the newly elected Bâtonnière Lu Chan Khuong.

The Treasurer advised of her attendance at a number of events this month including the Pride Event on June 23, and the Solo and Small Firm Conference reception today.

The Treasurer advised benchers that a list of her activities will be posted each quarter in the Resource Centre on Diligent Boards.

The Treasurer advised benchers of an upcoming Aboriginal Legal Education event on Thursday, September 10, 2015 that will include a focus on the Truth and Reconciliation Report released this month.

The Treasurer advised that the luncheon guests for today are:

- Jack Rabinovitch, former appointed bencher
- Shelley Potter, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier
- Kirsten Mercer, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Premier
- Shane Gonsalves, Chief of Staff, Ministry of the Attorney General
- Susan Kushneryk, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of the Attorney General

MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Horvat, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt, 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 May 28, 2015 were confirmed.

MOTION – Tab 1.2

Re: Committee and Other Appointments

THAT Convocation approve the appointments set out in the motion at Tab 14 and Schedule A to the motion.

Carried

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

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Goldblatt presented the Report.

Re: Competence Enhancement – Law Student Experiential Learning – By-Law Amendments

It was moved by Mr. Goldblatt, seconded by Ms. Murchie, that Convocation approve amendments to By-Law 4 and By-law 7.1 in accordance with the bilingual motion set out at Tab 2.1.1.

Carried

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mercer presented the Report.

Re: Proposed Amendments to the *Rules of Professional Conduct*

It was moved by Mr. Mercer, seconded by Ms. Richer, that Convocation approve the amendments to the *Rules of Professional Conduct* as set out at Tabs 3.1.1, 3.1.3 and 3.1.5.

An amendment was accepted to remove the word “official” from paragraph [3] of the Commentary to Rule 3.2-2B.

The motion as amended carried.

Re: Call for Input on Proposed Amendments to the *Rules of Professional Conduct*

It was moved by Mr. Mercer, seconded by Ms. Richer, that Convocation approve a call for input on proposed amendments to the *Rules of Professional Conduct*, as set out in the Report.

Carried

PARALEGAL STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Haigh presented the Report.

Re: *Paralegal Rules of Conduct* – Language Rights

It was moved by Ms. Haigh, seconded by Ms. McGrath, that Convocation approve the amendments to Rule 3.02 of the *Paralegal Rules of Conduct* as set out in the Report.

Carried

Ms. Haigh spoke to the Report on Paralegals Changing Status for information.

*For Information*

- Report on Paralegals Changing Status
- Paralegal Professional Conduct Guidelines
- Information on Proposed Amendments to the *Rules of Professional Conduct*

TREASURER’S REMARKS

The Treasurer announced that she is establishing a roundtable forum, modelled on the Treasurer’s Liaison Group, to be comprised of lawyers and paralegals who have practised under ten years.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Hartman and Ms. Leiper presented the Report.

Re: Proposed Task Force on Compliance-Based Entity Regulation

It was moved by Ms. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Groia, that Convocation establish a task force to study and make recommendations on a process for professional regulation that focusses on compliance measures for entities through which lawyers and paralegals provide legal services, with membership of the task force and terms of reference as set out in the Report.

Carried

Re: Proposed Task Force to Create a Strategy to Promote Wellness and Address Mental Health and Addictions Issues

It was moved by Ms. Leiper, seconded by Mr. McDowell, that Convocation establish a task force to create a Law Society strategy to promote wellness and address mental health and addictions issues, with terms of reference and membership of the task force as set out in the Report.

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 Request for Interventions

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

- a. Lawyer Mahienour El-Massry - Egypt – letters of intervention presented at Tab 7.2.1; and
- b. Lawyers Valerian Vakhitov and Khusanbay Saliev- Kyrgyzstan– letters of intervention and public statement presented at Tab 7.2.2.

Carried

*For Information*

- Career Choices Study

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Wardle presented the Report.

Re: Transparency and Accessibility of Convocation

It was moved by Mr. Falconer, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt, that Convocation approve regular webcasting of Convocation to ensure the transparency and accessibility of Convocation.

Carried

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*REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY*

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- LibraryCo Inc. Financial Statements for the Three Months ended March 31, 2015
- Other Committee Work

PRIORITY PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Convocation's Priority Planning - Status of Work on Convocation's Priorities

REPORT FROM THE ACTION GROUP ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 1:11 P.M.

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THAT the following be appointed to the Alternative Business Structures Working Group:

Susan McGrath (Co-Chair)  
Malcolm Mercer (Co-Chair)  
Marion Boyd  
Janis Criger  
Carol Hartman  
Jacqueline Horvat  
Brian Lawrie  
Jeffrey Lem  
Jan Richardson  
Joanne St. Lewis

THAT Jack Braithwaite be reappointed as the Law Society's representative on the Canadian National Exhibition Association for a term of one year commencing October 22, 2015.

THAT Gisèle Chrétien be appointed to the LibraryCo Inc. Board of Directors to replace E. Susan Elliot who has resigned.

THAT Joanne St. Lewis be removed from the Mentoring and Advisory Services Proposal Task Force at her own request.

THAT Michael Lerner and Andrew Spurgeon be appointed to the Real Estate Issues Working Group.

THAT Robert Burd be appointed to the Task Force on Compliance-Based Entity Regulation.

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**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:

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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, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

ALL OF WHICH is respectfully submitted

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

**CANDIDATES FOR CALL TO THE BAR**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Transfer from another province (Mobility)**

Ayodele Olawale Akenroye  
Christopher Eric Jon Albinati  
Tarnjit Singh Aujla  
Josée Beaudoin  
Vikram Bhandari  
Jaan Maria Boban  
Ryan Michael Caithness  
Daryl Alain Chicoine  
Angela D'Elia  
Joseph Wilfrid Clarence Fearon  
Amanda Kristin Fowler  
Ainsley Anne Furlonger  
Zachary Max Goldenberg  
Evan Pogust Griffith  
Penny-Ann Harding  
Salma Hussain  
Ari Shaun Kirshenblatt  
Erica Faren Lasker  
Sage Richard Longclaws  
Myron Anthony Mallia-Dare  
James Robert Milne  
Hera Waseem Qazi  
Rachel Helen Virginia Roy  
Harpreet Sachdeva  
Andrew William Schleichkorn  
Brent David Sharpless  
Jessica Elizabeth Sisk Roehle  
Preston Param Walia  
Victoria Yafen Xu

**L3**

Assunta Di Lorenzo  
Louis Joseph Lucien Robert L'Heureux

**Licensing Process**

Harinder Pal Si Bhullar  
Ruth Merrill Bigler  
Hannah Louise Hickey  
Lacey Justine Kassis  
Marcus John Moore  
Robin Wynne Ord