

## MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015  
9:30 a.m.

### PRESENT:

The Treasurer (Janet E. Minor), Anand, Armstrong, Backhouse, Boyd (by telephone), Braithwaite, Bredt, Burd, Callaghan, Campion, Copeland (by telephone), Corsetti, Doyle, Earnshaw, Elliott, Epstein, Evans (by telephone), Falconer, Ferrier, Finkelstein (by telephone), Furlong, Go, Gold (by telephone), Gottlieb, Haigh, Halajian, Hartman, Horvat, Krishna, Lawrie, Leiper, Lerner, Lippa, MacKenzie, McDowell, McGrath, Mercer, Murchie, Murray, Pawlitzka, Potter, Pustina, Rabinovitch, Richardson (by telephone), Richer, Ross, Rothstein, Sandler, Scarfone (by telephone), Schabas, Sheff, Sikand, Silverstein, C. Strosberg, H. Strosberg (by telephone), Sullivan, Swaye, 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 viewing Convocation by webcast today.

The Treasurer congratulated bencher Jeffrey Lem who will be receiving the 2015 Honsberger Award from the Toronto Lawyers Association at a ceremony this evening.

The Treasurer congratulated Martin Teplitsky, Q.C., LSM on receiving an honorary LL.D. at a private ceremony on February 4, 2015.

The Treasurer advised that the Law Society's first Human Rights Award was bestowed on The Honourable Irwin Cotler, PC, MP at an event on February 12, 2015. The Treasurer thanked members of the Human Rights Monitoring Group and Equity staff who made the event a great success.

The Treasurer noted a very successful Black History Month event held on February 17, 2015, and her attendance at the Black Law Students conference in Montreal last weekend.

The Treasurer informed Convocation of the following upcoming events:

- a) The Law Society's International Women's Day event, March 5, 2015

- b) Francophone event, March 19, 2015
- c) Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 2015

The Treasurer referred to The Action Group (TAG) report in the Convocation Materials updating Convocation on the activities of TAG.

The Treasurer updated Convocation on the ongoing developments at LibraryCo. Inc.

The Treasurer advised Convocation that planning is well underway for strategic planning later this year following the bench election.

The Treasurer advised that luncheon guests are members of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada Governance Review Committee.

#### MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Bredt, seconded by Ms. Hartman, 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 January 29, 2015 were confirmed.

#### MOTION – Appointment – Tab 1.2

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

Carried

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

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

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 Waleed Abu al-Khair – Saudi Arabia – letters of intervention presented at Tab 2.1.1.
- b. Lawyer Sukhrat Kudratov– Tajikistan – letters of intervention and public statement presented at Tab 2.1.2.

Carried

Ms. Leiper updated Convocation on the Flip Your Wig for Justice event and the consultations of the Working Group on Challenges Faced by Racialized Licensees.

*For Information*

- Public Education Equality and Rule of Law Series Calendar 2015

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mercer presented the Report.

Re: 2014 Annual Report of the Complaints Resolution Commissioner

Mr. Mercer spoke to the Report for information.

Re: Alternative Business Structures Working Group Report

Mr. Mercer presented the Report for information.

Re: Executive Director's Report Regarding Judicial Complaints

Mr. Mercer spoke to the Report for information.

Re: Professional Regulation Division Quarterly Report

Mr. Mercer spoke to the Report for information.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Backhouse presented the Report.

Re: Historic Discipline Data Project Report

Ms. Backhouse presented the Report for information, and commented on other projects of the Committee in past years.

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TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- Tribunal Office Quarterly Statistics

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- 2014 Annual Report of the Complaints Resolution Commissioner
- Alternative Business Structures Working Group Report
- Professional Regulation Division Quarterly Report
- Judicial Complaints Report

HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Report on the Work of the Committee

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

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 12:35 P.M.