

MINUTES OF CONVOCATION

Thursday, 23rd June, 2016
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

The Treasurer acknowledged that the meeting is occurring on the traditional territory of the Mississauga of New Credit First Nations and thanked the First Nations and Métis for sharing their lands with us.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

The Secretary announced the results of the first ballot:

Raj Anand	14
Howard Goldblatt	15
Susan McGrath	4
Paul Schabas	26

The Secretary announced the results of the second ballot:

Raj Anand	14
Howard Goldblatt	16
Paul Schabas	29

The Secretary announced the results of the third ballot:

Howard Goldblatt	21
Paul Schabas	38

The Secretary declared Mr. Schabas elected as Treasurer.

It was moved by Mr. Goldblatt, seconded by Mr. Mercer that the vote in the Treasurer's election be made unanimous.

Carried Unanimously

Former Treasurer Minor congratulated the new Treasurer and addressed Convocation.

Treasurer Schabas thanked Ms. Minor for her service as Treasurer.

The Treasurer invited Mr. Anand, Mr. Goldblatt and Ms. McGrath to address Convocation.

Mr. Goldblatt congratulated the new Treasurer and addressed Convocation.

Mr. Anand congratulated the new Treasurer and addressed Convocation.

Ms. McGrath congratulated the new Treasurer and addressed Convocation.

Treasurer Schabas addressed Convocation.

TREASURER'S REMARKS

The Treasurer welcomed Jeff Hirsch, President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, to Convocation.

The Treasurer thanked Diana Miles and her staff for their work in organizing the calls to the bar this month.

The Treasurer congratulated the recipients of the 2016 honorary LL.D. at the calls to the bar.

The Treasurer congratulated The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, on her call to the bar at the Ottawa call on June 14, 2016, and thanked her for her keynote address.

The Treasurer congratulated the new Attorney General of Ontario, Yasir Naqvi, on his recent appointment.

The Treasurer reminded benchers of the upcoming Indigenous Peoples Event, "What Does Reconciliation Mean to You?" later today in the Lamont Learning Centre at 3:00 p.m.

The Treasurer acknowledged the recent events around the world that have created a heightened awareness of the importance of human rights and the right to personal safety.

The Treasurer reminded benchers of the Pride event on June 28, 2016 hosted by the Law Society and SOGIC, the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Section of the Ontario Bar Association, on the subject of LGBTQ inclusions in sport.

The Treasurer advised benchers that committee appointments will be made at a special Convocation to be held later this summer.

The Treasurer referred benchers to the information report in the material from the Priority Planning Committee and the Chief Executive Officer's Report, which will be spoken to at September Convocation.

REPORT ON THE FEDERATION OF LAW SOCIETIES OF CANADA COUNCIL AND RELATED MEETINGS

Ms. Pawlitza presented the report for information.

MOTION – CONSENT AGENDA – Tab 1

It was moved by Ms. Murchie, seconded by Ms. Corsetti, 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 May 26, 2016 were confirmed.

Tab 1.2 – AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Re: Law Society Auditor

That Convocation appoint PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as auditor for The Law Society of Upper Canada, the Fund of the Pension Plan for the Employees of the Law Society and LibraryCo Inc. for the 2016 financial year.

Carried

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

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

MOTION

Re: Professional Regulation and Proceedings Authorization Committee Appointments

It was moved by Mr. Wardle, seconded by Mr. Mercer, that Jacqueline Horvat be appointed a Vice-Chair of the Professional Regulation Committee to replace Paul Schabas and that Jacqueline Horvat be appointed Chair of the Proceedings Authorization Committee, to replace Paul Schabas, who will continue as a member of that Committee.

Carried

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mercer presented the Report.

Re: By-Law Amendments – Surrender of a Professional Corporation Certificate

It was moved by Mr. Mercer, seconded by Ms. Richer, that Convocation amend By-Law 7 as set out in the motion at Tab 2.1.1 to remove the requirement that a professional corporation provide an accountant's certificate when surrendering a certificate of authorization.

Carried

Re: Advertising and Fee Arrangements Issues Working Group Report

Mr. Mercer presented the report for information.

For Information

- Report of the Advertising and Fee Arrangements Issues Working Group
- In Camera Item

ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Corsetti presented the Report.

Re: Request for Renewal of Law Society Support in Principle for the Mandate of the Law Commission of Ontario

It was moved by Ms. Corsetti, seconded by Mr. Goldblatt, that Convocation approve the Law Commission of Ontario's request for renewal of the Law Society's support in principle for the mandate of the Law Commission of Ontario.

Carried

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

Ms. Donnelly presented the Report.

Re: Human Rights Monitoring Group Request for Interventions

It was moved by Ms. Donnelly, seconded by Mr. Falconer, that Convocation approve the letters and public statements in the cases set out at Tabs 4.1.1 to 4.1.5 of the Report.

Carried

For Information

- Human Rights Monitoring Group Responses to Interventions
- Equity Legal Education and Rule of Law Series Calendar 2016

TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Murchie presented the Report.

Re: Proposed Amendments to the Law Society Tribunal Hearing Division and Appeal Division Rules of Practice and Procedure

It was moved by Ms. Murchie, seconded by Mr. Wardle, that Convocation approve the proposed French and English amendments to the Law Society Tribunal Hearing Division and Appeal Divisions Rules of Practice and Procedure set out in the motion at Tab 5.1.1 of the report.

Carried

Re: Tribunal 2015 Annual Report

Mr. David Wright, Law Society Tribunal Chair, presented the report for information.

Mr. Wright thanked Grace Knakowski, who will be leaving the Law Society shortly, for her outstanding work in the Tribunal Office.

For Information

- Tribunal 2015 Annual Report
- Tribunal 2016 First Quarter Statistics

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Leiper presented the Report

Re: Indigenous Legal Issues Specialty

Ms. Leiper presented the report for information.

Ms. Leiper thanked the staff in the Professional Development and Competence Division for their hard work on this initiative.

Re: Appointments to the Certified Specialist Board

Ms. Leiper presented the report for information, setting out the names of the new appointees to the Certified Specialist Board:

David J. Bannon
May Cheng
Douglas Downey
Donna Shier

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Lapper presented the report for information.

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REPORTS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

FEDERATION OF LAW SOCIETIES OF CANADA UPDATE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Financial Support for the Law Commission of Ontario
- LibraryCo Inc. First Quarter Financial Statements 2016
- Other Committee Work

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT (IN CAMERA)

PRIORITY PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Progress Report on the Law Society's Strategic Plan 2015-2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Indigenous Legal Issues Specialty
- Appointments to Certified Specialist Board

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

TREASURER'S ENGAGEMENT REPORT

CONVOCATION ROSE AT 12:51 P.M.