



**The Law Society
of Manitoba**

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MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Members

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: Law Society Offices, 200 - 260 St. Mary Avenue
and Via Videoconference

Present:

Kyle Dear, President	Sharyne Hamm
Ken Mandzuik, KC, Vice-President	Simon Jack
Gerri Wiebe, KC, Past President	Teresa Jaenen
Carmen Nedohin, Officer-at-Large	Tehani Jainarine
Kassy Baker	Mathieu Lafrenière
Kathrine Basarab	Rhea Majewski
Gordon Daman	Penny Piper
Serena Ehrmantraut	Trent Sholdice
Patrick Fortier	

Regrets:

Kalanit Faingold	Leah Unruh
Dr. Richard Jochelson	Joshua Weinstein
Timothy Kurbis	Deanna Wilson

Guests:

Louis-Martin Beaumont	Anne Gregory
Jacqueline Boily	Jonathan Herman
Markus Buchar	David Krowiak
Cody Buhay	Lynda Troup
Pamela Dupuis	

Staff:

Leah Kosokowsky	Christopher Donaldson
Rennie Stonyk	Linda Fontaine
Sandra Alleyne	Joan Holmstrom
Noelia Bernardo	Deirdre O'Reilly

Pat Bourbonnais
Tana Christianson
Eileen Derksen

Sean Rivera
Alissa Schacter
Simon Young

1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms Dear, President, called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm and welcomed benchers, guests and staff to the meeting. Treaty 1 lands were acknowledged with gratitude.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members of June 27, 2024

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members of June 27, 2024 be approved as presented.

MOVED: Ms Nedohin
Seconded: Mr. Jack
Carried unanimously.

Mr. Lafrenière joined the meeting at 12:45 pm.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3.1 Audited Financial Statements for the Practising Year Ending March 31, 2025

The audited financial statements for the practising year ending March 31, 2025 were presented to benchers by BDO Canada LLP auditor, Pamela Dupuis.

Ms Dear advised that the Audit and Risk Committee and management staff had met with Ms Dupuis on June 17, 2025 to receive the audit report and audited financial statements. The committee had also met with Ms Dupuis in the absence of the management team. Following those discussions, the committee agreed to recommend to benchers that the audited financial statements be approved as presented.

Motion: That the audited financial statements for the practising year ending March 31, 2025 be approved as presented.

MOVED: Ms Wiebe
Seconded: Ms Hamm
Carried unanimously.

Ms Dupuis was excused from the meeting at 1:00 pm. Ms Ehrmantraut joined the meeting at this time.

4.0 ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 Draft Annual Report for the Practising Year Ending March 31, 2025

Benchers received for information the draft Annual Report covering the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Benchers were advised that the Law Society will be working with the Director of Equity Transformation at the Faculty of Law to update and align demographic language and categories. This work will be reflected in future annual reports and will also enable the Society to track the progression of members throughout their legal careers, including during law school and the bar admission program.

The Society has also adopted new data collection practices which will allow it to better assess whether the services and programs provided to the profession have been effective in enhancing lawyer competence.

5.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

5.1 Appointment of Auditors for the 2025/2026 Practising Year

Ms Dear confirmed that at its June 17, 2025 meeting, the Audit and Risk Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of BDO Canada LLP as the Society's auditors for the coming year.

Motion: That BDO Canada LLP - Winnipeg be appointed as the auditors for the Law Society of Manitoba for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

MOVED: Ms Hamm
Seconded: Mr. Lafrenière
Carried unanimously.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms Dear adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.