



**The Law Society
of Manitoba**

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Annual Meeting of Members

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2020

Time: 12:45 pm

Location: Via Video and Teleconference

Present:	Lynda Troup, President Grant Driedger, Vice President Anita Southall, Past President Susan Boulter, Officer-at-Large Broadfoot, Mason Miriam Browne Paul Grower Tehani Jainarine Ashley Joyce Anthony Kavanagh Patricia Kloepfer Anna Maria Magnifico	Kenneth Mandzuik Brian McLeod Christian Monnin Anu Osborne Joelle Pastora Sala Sacha Paul Jason Poettcker Kelli Potter Jessica Saunders Gerri Wiebe
Regrets:	Dr. Jonathan Black-Branch Wayne Onchulenko	Vincent Sinclair
Guests:	Dr. Amarjit Arneja Neil Cohen Morgan Cooper Jonathan Herman	Suzanne Holatko David Swayze Erin Wilcott

Staff:	Kris Dangerfield	Eileen Derksen
	Leah Kosokowsky	Colleen Malone
	Noelia Bernardo	Deirdre O'Reilly
	Pat Bourbonnais	Sean Rivera
	Tatiana Bubnowicz	Darcia Senft
	Tana Christianson	

1.0 President's Welcome and Treaty Acknowledgement

Ms Troup, President, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm and welcomed the benchers, guests and staff to the meeting. Treaty Territories 1, 2 and 5 were acknowledged with gratitude.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members of June 27, 2019

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members of June 27, 2019 be approved as presented.

MOVED: Ms Southall
 Seconded: Mr. Paul
 Carried.

3.0 Approval of Audited Financial Statements

3.1 Audited Financial Statements for the Practising Year Ending March 31, 2020

Ms Holatko, Deloitte LLP Director of Audit & Assurance, presented the audited financial statements of the Law Society of Manitoba for the practising year ending March 31, 2020.

Benchers were advised that the audited financial statements will continue to be presented by the auditors in the future so that benchers are able to satisfy their obligations as represented within the financial statements and, in particular, as they relate to the declaration regarding the risk of fraud affecting the Law Society.

Motion: That the audited financial statements for the practising year ending March 31, 2020 be approved as presented.

MOVED: Ms Boulter
 Seconded: Mr. Grower
 Carried.

4.0 Annual Report

4.1 Consideration of the Draft Annual Report for the Practising Year Ending March 31, 2020

Benchers received for information the draft Annual Report covering the period April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

Benchers wondered whether it would be possible to include additional demographics data which demonstrates where women and members who have self-identified are employed. Ms Dangerfield advised that this information could be compiled from the Annual Member Report data and added to the Annual Report before it is posted on the website.

Benchers also requested that staff consider whether there is other demographics data which could be collected through the Annual Member Report which would assist the Law Society in identifying resources which would be of value to members.

5.0 Appointment of Auditors

5.1 Appointment of Auditors for the 2020/2021 Practising Year

Motion: That Deloitte LLP be appointed as the auditors for the Law Society of Manitoba for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

MOVED: Ms Southall
Seconded: Ms Magnifico
Abstention: Ms Boulter
Carried.

6.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.