

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Members

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024

Time: 12:30 pm

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

and Via Videoconference

Present: Gerri Wiebe, KC, President

Christian Monnin, Vice President Wayne Onchulenko, Past President

Carmen Nedohin, Officer-at-Large

Kassy Baker Kathrine Basarab Gordon Daman

Kyle Dear Serena Ehrmantraut Patrick Fortier

Sharyne Hamm

Teresa Jaenen

Tehani Jainarine Dr. Richard Jochelson

Timothy Kurbis Mathieu Lafrenière Kenneth Mandzuik, KC

Penny Piper Kelli Potter Trent Sholdice Leah Unruh Deanna Wilson

Simon Jack

Regrets: Mason Geddes Joshua Weinstein

Guests: Pamela Dupuis Noah Lesiuk

Kalanit Faingold

Dominique Gibson

Jonathan Herman

Lynda Troup

Erin Wilcott

James Wood

Erin Kleisinger, KC

Staff Present: Leah Kosokowsky Elaine Kinchen

Rennie Stonyk Sharon Kravetsky

Sandra Alleyne Kathy Levaque
Pat Bourbonnais Deirdre O'Reilly
Tana Christianson Richard Porcher
Eileen Derksen Ronald Rarama
Linda Fontaine Sean Rivera
Joan Holmstrom Simon Young

1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms Wiebe, President, called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm and welcomed new benchers, guests and staff to the meeting. Treaty Territory 1 was acknowledged with gratitude.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members of June 22, 2023

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members of June 22, 2023 be approved as presented.

MOVED: Mr. Onchulenko Seconded: Mr. Lafreniére Carried.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3.1 Audited Financial Statements for the Practising Year Ending March 31, 2024

The audited financial statements for the practising year ending March 31, 2024 were presented to benchers by BDO Canada LLP auditor Pamela Dupuis.

Mr. Wood joined the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Motion: That the audited financial statements for the practising year ending March 31, 2024 be accepted as presented.

MOVED: Ms Nedohin Seconded: Ms Unruh Carried. Ms Dupuis was excused from the meeting at 1:00 pm.

4.0 ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 Draft Annual Report for the Practising Year Ending March 31, 2024

Benchers received for information the draft Annual Report covering the period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. It was suggested that consideration be given to updating and expanding the terminology used to identify diversity within the profession to align with new language being adopted by the Federal Government. It was also suggested that consideration be given as to how the data could reflect individuals who might identify in multiple categories of diversity.

5.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

5.1 Appointment of Auditors for the 2024/2025 Practising Year

Benchers were advised that this was the first year that BDO Canada LLP had conducted the Society's annual audit and while it had resulted in a significant amount of work to provide the information needed by the auditors to complete their review, it had been completed on time. It was recommended that the firm be reappointed for the upcoming fiscal period.

Motion: That BDO Canada LLP - Winnipeg be appointed as the auditors for the Law Society of Manitoba for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

MOVED: Ms Unruh Seconded: Mr. Mandzuik Carried.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms Wiebe adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm.