



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Council met **Friday, January 20, 2012** at the Society's offices and conducted the following business:

1. **Welcome to the Hon. Ross Landry** – Council received remarks and a general update from the Hon. Ross Landry, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, followed by a question and answer period.
2. **Appointment to Council** – As a result of the by-election held January 16 to 18, Erin O'Brien Edmonds QC was appointed as a member of Council for Halifax District.
3. **Minutes** – Council approved the November 25, 2011 Council Minutes.
4. **Code of Professional Conduct, 2.04(16)** – Council approved an amendment to Rule 2.04(16) to correct a typographical error.
5. **President's Report** – President Daniel M. Campbell QC provided a written report to Council on his activities, which included a number of Society committee meetings, as well as meetings with Managing Partners and the Federation Delegate, a Bar Admission Ceremony and several events relating to the MOvember fundraising initiative for prostate cancer research.
6. **Executive Director's Report** – Executive Director Darrel Pink provided updates on a number of items including the Organizational Review, the Society's upcoming move to its new location for April 1, streamlining initiatives for regulatory processes, and his participation in developing the program for the March conference of the Federation of Law Societies in Yellowknife, titled "Evolving Structures for Delivery of Legal Services – Implications for Access to Justice and Public Interest Regulation."
7. **Annual Activity Plan 2011-2012** – Council reviewed the Activity Plan 2011-2012, December grid, which can be accessed [here](#).
8. **12-Month Calendar 2011-2012** – Council reviewed the 12-Month Calendar.
9. **Monitoring/Liaison Reports** – Council received a Monitoring Report from the Equity Office, presented by Emma Halpern, Equity Officer.
10. **Lawyers' Fund for Client Compensation** – Council reviewed and dismissed a claim against the former practice of Michael Hayes.
11. **Administration of Justice** – Second Vice-President René Gallant led Council in a discussion on the appropriate role for the Society in improving the administration of justice, which will continue with a workshop following the February meeting of Council.
12. **Implementation of CPD Requirement** – Council approved a recommendation to run the requirements for the Society's new Continuing Professional Development requirement from June 1 to May 31 each year, so they coincide with the membership's fee year. Council also agreed that in the first year of the new requirement, eligible CPD programs completed in March, April and May of 2012 will qualify for reporting in the 2012-2013 year.



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13. **Trust Account Regulations** – Council discussed proposed new Regulations to replace Part 10 of the Society's Regulations and approved consultation with the membership, which will happen shortly.
14. **Professional Standards (Family Law) Committee** – Council approved proposed new standards relating to lawyers' obligations with respect to adoption and with respect to assisted human reproduction. (See www.lians.ca under News and Alerts for more details.)
15. **Amendments to Regulation 4.2.8 – Duty to Report Charges** – Council approved an amendment to Regulation 4.2.8, requiring the reporting of criminal charges, as recommended by the Professional Responsibility Policies and Procedures Committee, to assist the Society in fulfilling its public protection mandate.
16. **Code of Professional Conduct – Conflicts of Interest Rule** – Council approved consultation with the membership regarding the conflict of interest rule recently adopted by the Federation of Law Societies. For complete details, see the Conflicts of Interest notice under Society News in the January 23 edition of *InForum*.
17. **In-Camera Session – Organizational Review – Library & Information Services** – Council approved recommendations to redefine the role of the Library & Information Services department. See the notice in the January 23 edition of *InForum* for details, and view the full report here: <http://nsbs.org/reports-council>.
18. **Council approved the following appointments:**
 - Law Office Management Standards Committee:** Raffi Balmanoukian, Robert Carter, James Dewar QC, Bruce McLaughlin, Mary Jane McGinty, Jamie MacGillivray, David T.R. Parker, Phil Star QC, Elizabeth van den Eynden QC
 - Fitness to Practise Committee:** Heather Totton (to replace Suzanne Kennedy)
19. **Council approved the following resignations:** Meredith Fillmore, Isabelle Schrank
20. **Changes of Category:** November 25, 2011 to January 11, 2012
 - Practising – Non-practising:* Sarah Cassandra Hebb, Kenda L. Murphy, Michel Patrick O'Hara, Reginald Mark Lee Ryer, Peter Joseph Gregory Sullivan, J. Royden Trainor
 - Non-practising – Practising:* Jacqueline Marie Boucher, Leah Diane Rimmer, Mark Jeffrey Walton
 - Retired:* Edward Borden Chase QC, Morris Josef Haugg QC, Walter Owen Newton QC
 - Suspended:* David Benjamin Pink
 - New Articled Clerk:* Graeme Edward Bailey
 - New Calls:* Mitchell Ryan Eliasson, Colette Michelle Goodyear, Mercy Chalwe Mutale Motey, Nicholas Michael Nahas, Jillian Beth Strugnell

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for **Friday, February 24, 2012 at 12:00 noon** at the Society's offices.