



NOVA SCOTIA  
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Council met **Friday, November 25, 2011** at the Society's offices and conducted the following business:

1. **Minutes** – Council approved the September 23, 2011 Council Minutes.
2. **Professional Responsibility Policy *Unauthorized Practice – Injunctions and Prosecutions*** – Council deferred discussion on this item.
3. **Terms of Reference** – Council approved terms of reference for the Law Office Management Standards Committee (See <http://www.nsbs.org/committees.php> for details.)
4. **Annual Meeting** – Council set June 16, 2012 as the date for the next Annual Meeting.
5. **Committee Work Plans** – Council approved the work plan for the Professional Standards (Family Law) Committee.
6. **Trust Account Report Filing Extension (Resolution)** – Council approved extending the deadline for certain form filings from March 31, 2012 to April 15, 2012.
7. **President's Report** – President Daniel M. Campbell QC provided a report to Council on his activities, which included a meeting with judges to discuss expansion of the Family Division, meetings to discuss reform and review of legislative processes, participation in the Organizational Review of Library & Information Services, participation as a judge in the Smith Shield Moot, and meetings with the Department of Justice Liaison Committee, the Governance and Nominating Committee and other groups.
8. **Executive Director's Report** – Executive Director Darrel Pink provided updates on a number of items including the Organizational Review, policies on reporting matters to police, his attendance at the International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives (IILACE) meeting in Adelaide, Australia, and his participation in a Federation of Law Societies project in collaboration with the Bars in five states in Mexico to develop a Code of Conduct.
9. **Annual Activity Plan 2011-2012** – Council reviewed the Activity Plan 2011-2012, November grid, which can be accessed [here](#).
10. **12-Month Calendar 2011-2012** – Council reviewed the 12-Month Calendar.
11. **Monitoring/Liaison Reports** – Council received a report from LIANS (to June 30, 2011), presented by Melanie McGrath, Director, LIANS; and the Admissions Monitoring Report, presented by Jacqueline Mullenger, Director, Admissions & Professional Development.
12. **Administration of Justice Workshop** – Second Vice-President René Gallant led Council in a workshop to discuss the appropriate role for the Society in improving the administration of justice, and to set priorities for this work.



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13. **Territorial Mobility Agreement** – Council passed a resolution requesting that the Council of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, no later than December 31, 2014, revisit consideration of the factors impeding participation by the Territorial Law Societies in the Temporary Mobility provisions of the National Mobility Agreement, and whether there may be solutions to address such factors.
14. **Council Byelection in Halifax District** – Council approved a byelection to fill a current vacancy in Halifax District in time for the January meeting. Nominations are currently being sought from members in Halifax District.
15. **Professional Standards (Family Law) Committee** – Council discussed proposed amendments to the draft Adoption and Assisted Human Reproduction Standards, and requested consultation with the membership. (See [www.lians.ca](http://www.lians.ca) under News and Alerts for details.)
16. **Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee** – Council discussed draft revisions to Standard 3.11 (Bankruptcy and Receivership) and requested consultation with the membership. (See [www.lians.ca](http://www.lians.ca) under News and Alerts for details.)
17. **Council approved the following appointments:**
  - Code of Professional Conduct Working Group:** Kathryn A. Raymond, Chair
  - Professional Responsibility Policies & Procedures Committee:** Raymond Larkin QC

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for **Friday, January 20, 2012 at 12:00 noon** at the Society's offices.