



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met **Friday, March 26, 2021** at 9:00 AM in person and via conference call and conducted the following business:

1. **Introductory Matters**

- 1.1. **Call to order and introductory remarks** –President Craig Garson QC called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. The President welcomed Bronwyn Duffy Central District and Mark Scott QC incoming 2nd Vice President to their first meeting.

2. **Discussion of key issue**

- 2.1. **Detailed overview of Budget** – Maurice Chiasson QC Chair of the Finance Committee provided an introduction and Kate Shewan, Director of Finance and Administration, provided Council with an overview of forecast for current year and detailed overview of the proposed Budget for 2021-2022. The council agreed to the proposed budget in principal and the final budget would be brought back to Council for approval in April.

3. **Policies/Processes**

- 3.1. **Review** – Council authorize Doug Ruck to Conduct an external review on systemic discrimination at NSBS and to make recommendations to the Society.
- 3.2. **Statement** – Council approved a [statement](#) to be released on April 14, 2021.
- 3.3. **PRPCC Memo re: Request for Retroactive increase to Honorarium (Howe and Rhyno Hearing Panels)** – Council approved the recommendation by PRPCC to not provide retroactive increases to honorariums (Howe and Rhyno Hearing Panels). It was noted that the policy has now been amended to outline increased remuneration for lengthy hearings, preparation time, and writing time.
- 3.4. **Cultural Competence update** – Council approved an enforceable mandatory cultural competence requirement and approved the cost associated with the Cultural Competence Program be added to the budget.

4. **In camera**

- 4.1. One item was discussed in camera.

5. **Consent Agenda** - Council approved the following consent agenda matters:

- 5.1. Minutes of January 21, 2021 Special Council Meeting
- 5.2. Minutes of January 22, 2021 Council Meeting
- 5.3. Minutes of January 28, 2021 Special Council Meeting
- 5.4. Minutes of February 18, 2021 Special Council Meeting
- 5.5. Committee Appointments: Rural Practice Working Group – Kathryn Dumke, Oliver Janson, Claire Levasseur & Candee McCarthy
- 5.6. Resignations: Ms. Korinda Dawn McLaine, Ms. Nadia Arlene Myerthall, Mr. Hugh Paton, Mr. Richard Norman Rafuse, QC & Ms. Emma Mae Wilson



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- 5.7. Committee Work Plans: CIC, CPCC, Finance, GEC, Governance, Professional Standards (Criminal) Committee, Professional Standards (Family) Committee, Professional Standards (Law Office Management) Committee, Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee, Professional Standards (Wills, Power of Attorney & Personal Directives) Committee & REC
- 5.8. LIANS Board Appointments - Approval of Michelle Chai, Jade Pictou and Ivo Winter
- 5.9. Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee - For approval by Council revised standard 1.3 Opinion of Title and Certificate of Legal Effect

6. Items for information

- 6.1. 2020-2021 Council Calendar
- 6.2. 2020-2021 Activity Plan
- 6.3. Executive Director Report of March 17, 2021
- 6.4. Memo re: Mentorship Program from Education & Credentials
- 6.5. Equity and Access - Monitoring Report
- 6.6. LIANS Report to Council - July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020
- 6.7. Lawyers Daily - Nova Scotia law society issues succession planning standard - February 22, 2021
- 6.8. Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee - For introduction to Council revised Standards 1.5 – Documentation of Advice and Instruction, 3.7 - Tax Deeds, 3.8 - Judicial Sales and 3.19 - Quieting Titles Act
- 6.9. Professional Standards (Wills, Power of Attorney & Personal Directives) Committee – New Standard for Introduction - Will Drafting

Council's next meeting is **Friday, April 23rd at 9:00 AM** in person and via telephone conference.