



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met Friday, May 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM via videoconference 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. He also recognised and congratulated Melanie Petrunia on becoming the new [Second Vice President](#) and Patrick Young for being the first ever crown prosecutor to win the prestigious [John Dunlop Memorial Award](#).

### 2 Discussion of key issue

- 2.1 **Activity Plan Check In and look ahead to 21/22** – Council approved rolling over all outstanding items to 2021/2022 activity plan. No new items were identified at this time. Due to Covid interfering with completing some of the priorities it was suggested that the Strategic Plan be extended 2023 which would mean consultation would be delayed from November 2021 to November 2022. Council agreed to extend the plan by a year.

### 3 Policies/Processes

- 3.1 **[External Independent Review](#)** – The terms of reference provided by Doug Ruck QC were approved by Council.
- 3.2 **Draft Equity Consultation Process** – Policy & Process were approved as amended by Council.
- 3.3 **Differential Fee Models** – Kate Shewan, Director of Finance and Administration provided an update on the work done to date by the Finance Committee including an overview of the memo provided to Council. It was agreed that a survey of the membership and a needs assessment should be completed to confirm what alternate fee arrangements should be considered.
- 3.4 **Education & Credentials Monitoring Report** – Jackie Mullenger, Acting Executive Director presented highlights of the report.
- 3.5 **Professional Responsibility Monitoring Report** – Andrew Taillon, Director of Professional Responsibility presented highlights of the report.
- 3.6 **Commitment Letter** – Council approved Commitment letter recommended by Governance Committee with one amendment.
- 3.7 **Council Evaluation** – Council asked to complete year end evaluations on receipt next week.
- 3.8 **Upcoming Events** – Due to current public health guidelines Council agreed all upcoming in person events (Call to the Bar, Orientation and Annual Meeting) would have to be held virtually.

### 4 Consent agenda – Council approved the following consent agenda matters:

#### 4.1 Minutes of April 23, 2021 Meeting

#### **4.2 Minutes of May 4, 2021 Meeting**

#### **4.3 Recommended Regulation Amendment regarding “cash”**

#### **4.4 Draft Annual Lawyer Report with addition of comment box to question 4 page 84**

#### **4.5 Committee Resignations:**

- LIANS Board - Raffi Balmounikian
- Nominating Committee – Ann Levangie, Dr. Rod Wilson and Jamie Vacon

#### **4.6 Resignations:**

- Ms. Ishrath Muneer Ahmed
- Subodhini David
- Mr. Daniel Ross Jones
- Mr. Robin Shilp Sharma
- Ms. Katrina Anne Trask

**5 In camera** – One item was discussed in camera.

### **6 Items for information**

#### **6.1 2020-2021 Council Calendar**

#### **6.2 Federal of Law Societies Update**

Council's next meeting will be following the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM via video conference.