



NOVA SCOTIA  
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

## Council Highlights – September 2021

The Society's Council met **Friday, September 24, 2021**, at 9:40 AM in person and via videoconference and conducted the following business:

### 1. Introductory Matters

**1.1. Call to order and introductory remarks** – President Tuma Young QC called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to Mi'kma'ki and acknowledged the land and treaties. The President noted that the meeting is hybrid today.

### 2. Discussion of key issue

**2.1. Cultural competence education options** – a memo outlining the proposed educational options was tabled. Council discussed the memo and provided recommendations.

### 3. Policies/Processes

**3.1. Update from the Equity and Access office** – Jennifer Dickson, Equity and Access Manager, provided a detailed overview of the update tabled from the Equity and Access office.

**3.2. Update from the TRCWG** – a report was tabled and Jamie Vacon, Co-Chair of the TRCWG, highlighted the upcoming education session, [Trauma-Informed Lawyering: The Duty to Do Better in the Era of Truth & Reconciliation](#) held on September 29. Council discussed the report and upcoming [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) on September 30

**3.3. Disability Equity Committee (DEC) proposal** – following discussion Council approved the creation of a Disability Equity Committee (DEC).

**3.4. LIANS' Semi-Annual Report** – Council received LIANS' Semi-Annual Report (January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021) and Lawrence Rubin, LIANS' Director of Insurance, presented the highlights for Council. Council agreed that Lawrence Rubin will present a report at a future meeting.

**3.5. Professional Standards (Wills, Powers of Attorney and Personal Directives) Committee** – Council approved the new Income Tax Act Standard and Revocation Standards.

**3.6. Review of the updated Activity Plan** – Jacqueline Mullenger, acting Executive Director, presented the activity plan and highlighted that the MDPs work is progressing, Law Office Standards Committee have been prepared a standard which is going through equity consultation and will be coming to Council at the next meeting, staff are preparing a survey for members regarding Alternative Fee Arrangements and the Rural Practice Working Group have been meeting.

**3.7. Council In Camera and Conflict of Interest Policy** – a memo was tabled outlining the policy. Council agreed to request Governance committee review the conflict-of-interest policy.



**4. In camera**

4.1. One item was discussed in camera.

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

**5.1. July 23, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes**

**5.2. Committee Resignations:**

Professional Standards (Law Office Management) Committee - Raffi Balmanoukian

**5.3. FLSC – Appointment of Frank DeMont QC**

**5.4. Resignations:**

Ms. Margaret S. Howie

Ms. Tanvi Ronak Nagda

Mr. John David Plowman, QC

Ms. Gagandeep Kaur Randhawa

**6. Items for information**

6.1. 2021-2022 Council Calendar

6.2. Presidents Report

6.3. Executive Directors Report

6.4. Executive Committee Approve July & August Minute

6.5. Bournoit's Quick Reference Guide

6.6. Elizabeth Fry Society - Record Suspension and Vital Statistics Clinic Funding Request

Council's next meeting is **Friday, November 26 at 9:00 AM**. The location is to be confirmed.