



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met Friday, April 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM and conducted the following business:

### 1 Introductory Matters

- 1.1 **Call to order and Introductory Remarks** – First Vice President Melanie Petrunia called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

### 2 Discussion of key issue

- 2.1 **Approval of the Budget & LIANS Levy** – Council Approved the Budget, LIANS Levy and Schedule A – Society Fees and Assessments.

### 3 Policies/Processes

- 3.1 **Activity Plan Check-in** – Jackie Mullenger provided an update on progress on Council's 2021-2022 Activity Plan. She noted some aspects of the activity plan would be on hold until after staff vacancies are filled.

- 3.2 **Governance Report Update** – Bryan Darrell, Chair of the Governance Committee, provided Council with additional information regarding the governance report provided at the last Council meeting. He noted the purpose of the report was to summarize feedback from current and former members of Council rather than to provide a full governance review as has been done in other jurisdictions.

- 3.3 **Training for Council – Leadership, EDI & Governance Update** – Melanie Petrunia reported that Council will be provided governance training through the Institute of Corporate Directors. She also noted that planning is underway for a training retreat for Council members in October, which would include substantive training on leadership, governance, and EDI.

- 3.4 **Alternative Fee Arrangements** – Jackie Mullenger introduced a memo to Council providing an environmental scan of alternative fee arrangement in other jurisdictions, and sought Council's direction on next steps for the Society. Council agreed that staff should prepare a draft plan for a pilot project.

- 4 **In camera** – Five items were discussed in camera.

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

5.1 Minutes of March 25, 2022 Council Meeting

5.2 Resignations: Mr. Pir Moshin Ali Rashdi, Mr. Sanjeev Sahrawat, Ms. Cynthia Marietta Thomas

5.3 Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission Reappointment of Oliver Janson

5.4 Nominating Committee Terms of Reference

### 6 Items for information

- 6.1 2020-2021 Council Calendar

**6.2** President's Report

**6.3** Executive Director's Report

**6.4** Legal Services Support Monitoring Report

**6.5** Equity & Access Monitoring Report

**6.6** Finance Statement

**6.7** REC Progress Report

**6.8** Bourinot's Quick Reference Guide

Council's next meeting is Friday, May 20 at 9:00 AM in person and via videoconference.