



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 AM 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 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 **Education & Credentials Update** – Jennifer Pink, Acting Director of Education & Credentials, presented a monitoring report describing the work of the Education & Credentials Department and the Credentials Committee over the past year.
- 2.2 **Annual Lawyers Report 2022** – Kate Shewan, Director of Finance & Administration, described this year's changes to the Annual Lawyer Report (ALR). Jackie Mullenger presented the questions regarding Council composition that the Governance Committee is proposing to include in this year's ALR.

3 Policies/Processes

- 3.1 **Institute of Corporate Directors introduction** – Alison Ground and Sheldon Mahabir of the Institute of Corporate Directors provided Council with an overview of the training resources they will receive as members of the Institute.
- 3.2 **June training and orientation session, Council dinner, October retreat** – Melanie Petrunia, First Vice President, provided Council with an update describing the social and training events occurring at the end of the Council year.
- 3.3 **Federation of Law Societies of Canada Update** – Frank DeMont QC, the Society's representative at the Federation of Law Societies of Canada (FLSC) described the work of the Federation and its priorities for this year.
- 3.4 **Gender Equity Committee Harassment & Discrimination Survey** – Michelle Kelly QC, Co-Chair of the Gender Equity Committee updated Council on their progress completing a forthcoming report describing the results of a survey of the membership regarding their experiences of sexual harassment and gender discrimination in legal workplaces.
- 3.5 **Honourary Membership for Brad Johns, Minister of Justice and Attorney General**– President Tuma Young QC presented Brad Johns, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, with a certificate denoting his honorary membership in the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. The Society traditionally bestows honorary membership on any Nova Scotia Minister of Justice who is not already a member.

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

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

5.1 Minutes of April 22, 2022 Council Meeting

5.2 Resignations: Ms. Jennifer Sarah Bond, Ms. Susan C. Brousseau (effective 07/01/2022), Ms. Susan Rita Hope Winfield

5.3 Committee appointments: Jamie Vacon, Nominating Committee; Bruce McLaughlin, Complaints Investigation Committee; Jessica Lyle, Chair, and MJ Saunders, Vice Chair, Wills, POA and Personal Directives Standards Committee

6 Items for information

6.1 2020-2021 Council Calendar

6.2 2021-2022 Activity Plan

6.3 President's Report

6.4 Executive Director's Report

6.5 Consultation Policy

6.6 Law Society of Alberta Benchers Approve Acknowledgment of Systemic Discrimination

6.7 Bourinot's Quick Reference Guide

Council's next meeting is Friday, June 17, 2022 at 1:00 PM in person and via videoconference.