



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met on Friday January 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in person and via videoconference and conducted the following business:

Policies and Processes

- **Courageous Conversations Workshop**—Mante Molepo conducted a workshop to assist Council in identifying and overcoming barriers related to the discussion of race and racism. Discussion topics included matters Council members raised in a survey circulated in the weeks prior to the meeting.
- **Initial Budget Snapshot Introduction**—Kate Shewan, Director of Finance & Administration, introduced a preliminary view of the Society's budget. A detailed departmental review from Management and the incorporation of committee and Council feedback will take place before the budget is presented for approval in March.
- **Model Code Amendments**—Elaine Cumming, Director of Professional Responsibility, brought forward the Code of Professional Conduct Committee's recommendation to align the Society's *Code of Professional Conduct* with amendments made to the FLSC's *Model Code of Professional Conduct*. The amendments were related to discrimination, harassment, and *ex parte* communication. Council adopted the recommendation with an amendment to include trauma-informed language related to harassment.
- **Request for Insurance Exemptions**—Jennifer Pink, Director of Education & Credentials, brought forward a request for an insurance exemption from a member. Council discussed the merit of the request. Lawrence Rubin, Director of LIANS contributed to the discussion. Council adopted a motion to deny the request for an insurance exemption.
- **In Camera:** Two items were discussed in camera.
- **Consent agenda** – Council approved the following consent agenda matters:
 - **Approval of Minutes of Nov 25, 2022, Council Meeting**
 - **Professional Standards (Wills, Powers of Attorney and Personal Directives) Committee Standard** – Planning for Assets in Multiple Jurisdictions
 - **Committee appointments:** Mark Everett, Chair, Credentials Committee; Heather Totton, Chair, Fitness to Practise Committee.
 - **Renewal of appointments to Law Foundation of Nova Scotia:** Margaret MacKenzie and Dwight Rudderham
 - **Resignations:** Chase William Arnesen and Peter David Taaffe Osmond