



NOVA SCOTIA
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Society's Council met on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference and conducted the following business:

Consent Agenda—Council approved the following consent agenda matters:

- Minutes March 22, 2024
- Resignations:
Bryan Darrell - Racial Equity Committee
- Committee Appointments:
Bryan Darrell - Complaints Investigation Committee
Kothai Kumanan - Racial Equity Committee
Colin Fraser - Criminal Standards Committee, Family Standards Committee, Supreme Court Liaison (Family) Committee, Nominating Committee
Nicole MacIsaac - Supreme Court Liaison (Family) Committee
Patricia Jones - Fitness to Practice Committee, Provincial Court Liaison Committee, Gender Equity Committee
Glenn Hubbard - Complaints Investigation Committee
Andrew Skinner-Ryan - Law Office Management Standards Committee
- LOMSC Technology Competence Standard

New Business

- **Discussion of EDI Education** —Marla Brown, Director of Equity and Access led a discussion from the Harvard Business Review article presented to Council in January (Recognizing and Responding the Microaggressions at Work).
- **LIANS Insurance Levy for 2024-2025** Lawrence Rubin, Director of LIANS, presented a memo regarding the 2024-2025 Insurance Levy. He noted that the per lawyer cost of the insurance levy increased from last year due to the actuary's analysis of multiple factors to operate the program. Council approved the 2024-2025 LIANS Insurance Levy.
- **2024-2025 Budget**— Kate Shewan, Director of Finance & Administration, introduced the budget with implemented feedback from the March Council meeting. Council Approved the 2024-2025 budget as presented.
- **Review of ALR**— Kate Shewan, Director of Finance & Administration, introduced the 2024 Annual Lawyer Report and the proposed recommendations. Council approved the Annual Lawyer Report.

- **Disciplinary Resignation: Thomas James (TJ) McKeough: Complaints Investigation Committee.** Council discussed the process with respect to consent to resignation for discipline. Council approved the resignation of Thomas James McKeough.
- Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the President informed Council that he did a site visit with the project manager in charge of the renovation of the Law Courts. After subsequent discussions with Michelle Axworthy, President of the CBA, a joint letter was sent to the Minister of Justice and Mayor Mike Savage for assistance to resolve the accessibility issues at the Law Courts. A response was received that it will be looked into.
- Meeting concluded at 11:00 am. – Council did not meet In Camera