



## **NSBS Annual Meeting**

Nova Scotia Barristers' Society  
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NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

**ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 21, 2024 AT 12:00 PM  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Scott, KC  
Morgan Manzer  
Bryan Darrell  
Frank DeMont KC  
Desireé Jones-Matthias  
Robert Kennedy  
Kothai Kumanan  
Jennifer MacDonald  
Fraser MacFadyen  
Robert MacKeigan KC  
Jane O'Neill KC  
Carole Lee Reinhardt  
Patrick Young  
Glenn Hubbard  
Kothai Kumanan  
Jamie Vacon  
Nicole MacIsaac  
Patricia Jones  
Colin Fraser  
Aisha Mustafa  
Paulette Anderson  
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Berli Olivier  
Len MacKay  
Dianna Burns  
Melanie Petrunia  
Amra Selimovic  
Dan Campbell  
Anastacia DesLauriers  
Mary Anne MacDonald  
Martin Herschorn  
Trinda Ernst  
Tess Panzarasa  
Maurice Chiasson KC  
David Hirtle KC  
Susan MacKay

Jordan Furlong

**Staff:**

Marla Brown  
Heather Burchill  
Cheryl Hodder KC  
Jackie Mullenger  
Jennifer Pink  
Tammy Manning  
Jonathan Saumier  
Elaine Cumming  
Catherine Turcotte-Roy  
Kate Shewan  
Wanda Wilson  
(Recording Secretary)

**Keynote Presenter:**

The President Mark Scott, KC, welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and provided a land acknowledgement. Mark also recognized former Presidents of the Society in attendance and thanked them for their service. He confirmed the meeting had quorum.

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 17, 2023**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Jacqueline Mullenger and seconded by Kothai Kumanan that the minutes of the June 17, 2023, Annual Meeting be approved.

***The motion was carried.***

## **2. MATTERS FOR ACTION**

### **2.1 Tabling of Annual Report**

Cheryl Hodder, Chief Executive Officer, tabled the Annual Report pursuant to Section 10(2) of the *Legal Profession Act*. The Annual Report is available to attendees and the Membership on the Society's website. She noted that the report includes a message from the President and from herself as CEO, the Society's financial statements, a section on awards and reports, and a highlight of the past year's membership statistics.

Cheryl thanked Mark Scott for his leadership as President the past year, and acknowledged Council, Committee Members and Staff for all their hard work. Cheryl also welcomed incoming President Morgan Manzer.

### **2.2 Presentation of Financial Statements**

Kate Shewan, Director of Finance & Administration, tabled the audited Financial Statements as approved by the Finance Committee on behalf of Council noting the full Report is published on the Society's website and presented the highlights. Maurice Chiasson KC, Chair, Finance Committee was also available to answer questions.

### **2.3 Appointment of Auditor**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Maurice Chiasson, KC, and seconded by Jennifer Pink that **IT IS RESOLVED**, pursuant to Section 10 (2) (b) of *the Legal Profession Act* that Grant Thornton LLP be appointed auditors for the Society for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2025.

***The motion was carried.***

## **3. REPORTING MATTERS**

### **3.1 Law Foundation of Nova Scotia**

Robert MacKeigan KC, Chair of the Law Foundation Board, tabled the report of the Law Foundation in accordance with the Legal Professional Act and pursuant to Section 75 (5). He noted that the full Annual Report including Financial Audited Statement are available on the Foundations' website. Robert described the purpose of the Law Foundation, its financial position, and the allocations made by the Foundation. Robbie announced his retirement and thanked the Society for their ongoing support. Mark Scott thanked Robert for his long service dedicated to the Law Foundation.

### **3.2 President's Report**

Mark Scott, KC, announced that his term was ending. Mark thanked Chery Hodder for her leadership, education and governance fundamentals that she brought to the Society and to Council. Mark thanked the staff for their hard work during the past year. Mark introduced the incoming President Morgan Manzer.

### **3.3 The Year Ahead**

Morgan Manzer joined the meeting virtually. Morgan remarked on his experience on Council and as a member of the Nova Scotia Bar. He provided his outlook on improvements made during his tenure with the Society. Morgan thanked Mark Scott for his ongoing support and Cheryl Hodder and staff at the Society for their hard work.

## **4. GUEST SPEAKER**

### **Keynote Presentation – Jordan Furlong, Principal, Law21**

Cheryl Hodder introduced Jordan Furlong as keynote speaker. Jordan Furlong discussed the changes and challenges the legal profession is facing.

Mark Scott thanked Mr. Furlong for his presentation.

As the business to be transacted was complete, a motion was requested to adjourn the formal part of the Annual Meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED** and seconded that there being no further business the Annual Meeting be adjourned.