

**Agenda Items for the Meeting of the Benchers
December 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2009
Saskatoon, SK**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
4. **AGENDA ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Enclosed for approval are the Minutes of the meetings held:

- September 16th, 17th and 18th, 2009;
- October 9th, 2009 to discuss *The Legal Profession Act, 1990* amendments;
- October 27th, 2009 to discuss the 2010 budget.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
7. **REPORTS**
 - i. **President's Report**
 - ii. **Executive Director's Report**

8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECISION**

1. **Appointments** (See attached Memo)

- a. **Sask. Legal Aid Commission**

Vic Dietz's term expires January 1, 2010. Bob Kennedy's term expires December 31, 2009. Neither is eligible for reappointment.

- b. **College of Law Endowment Fund**

Tyla Vodon's term expires December 2009. She is eligible for reappointment.

- c. **CANLII**

Craig Zawada's term expires January 1, 2010. He is eligible for reappointment.

d. C. Willy Hodgson Award

Deadline for nominations is November 27, 2009.

2. Rule Amendments

Attached are proposed Rule amendments recommended by the Professional Standards Committee.

3. Admissions & Education Committee

The applications which follow have been considered and reviewed by the Admissions & Education Committee.

a. Application for a Waiver – Kylee Fawcett, Student-at-law

Attached is the application.

b. Application for Reinstatement - Joni MacKay

Attached is the application.

c. Application for Waiver – Kim Lee

Attached is the application.

d. Application for Waiver – Christine Koroll

Memo to follow.

e. National Mobility and the Barreau du Quebec

Attached is the proposed agreement.

4. Bencher Policy Manual (to follow)

The revised Policy Manual should be reviewed and adopted. Individual committees will recommend approval of chapters.

5. Sentencing of Albert Angus

(Friday, Dec. 4th at 10:00 am - 3 hours)

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Election of President and Vice-President

Eileen Libby is the only declared candidate for President. Paul Korpan, Q.C. is the only declared candidate for Vice President.

2. Report from the Chair of SLIA

The Chair of SLIA will present the audited financial statements and make a brief report.

3. Library Committee

Attached is the final report of the Future of the Library Committee, including a report from Toby Willis-Camp on a proposed desktop library program.

4. Future of Legal Education

Attached is a brief memo from Greg Walen, Q.C., which was discussed at the A & E meeting. It is intended that Convocation provide some guidance as to programming for the Legal Education Department.

5. Attendance by the Law Foundation

Katherine Knox and Pat Quaroni will attend.

6. Retreat Review and Planning

Attached are the notes from the retreat and a brief memo. It is intended that the Benchers have further discussion on priorities for future guidance.

7. Role of the Executive Committee

At the retreat, the Benchers had a further opportunity to discuss governance. The Executive has reviewed the strategic planning materials and has identified the need for further research on a variety of issues related to the composition and function of the Executive.

The Executive proposes that the Benchers instruct administration to prepare a Policy Review Paper reviewing the effectiveness/deficiencies of our current model, an analysis of those models employed by other Law Societies, Bencher input from the Swift Current Retreat and any other areas identified by the Benchers from the discussions that will take place at December Convocation.

8. Code of Professional Conduct

Attached is a *revised* Code of Conduct. The Federation adopted the Code. There should be some discussion on the process for adopting the Code.

10. IN CAMERA SESSION – MEETING OF THE BENCHERS

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

These items are submitted for information. However, if any of the Benchers would like to discuss these issues, please advise at the beginning of the meeting.

- i. 2010 Convocation Dates**
- ii. Public Representatives - Final Report**
- iii. Public Representatives – Survey from Winnipeg**
- iv. National Accreditation Report**
- v. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held via conference call on August 27, 2009.**
- vi. Minutes of the Admissions & Education Committee on September 4th, 2009.**
- vii. University of Saskatchewan – College of Law** – letter advising that recipient of the Law Society’s Entrance Scholarship for 2009 - 2010 is Amanda Baron. Rick Danyliuk, Q.C. attended the awards ceremony on September 29, 2009. Also included is a thank you note from Amanda Baron.
- viii. The Federation of Law Societies of Canada**

Attached is a report from Graeme Mitchell, Q.C.
- ix. Report on the Provincial Judicial Council**

Attached is a report from Rick Danyliuk Q.C.
- x. Email from Bob Linney at the Federation regarding the Legal Services Board.**

12. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Convocation is scheduled for February 10th, 11th and 12th, 2010 in Regina. Unfortunately, Justice has advised that the Queen’s Counsel ceremony will take place the following week.